


Manipulating the Tool Windows


You can manipulate the [tool windows](#) in various ways to adjust the IntelliJ IDEA workspace to your needs.

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To show a tool window, do one of the following

- In the lower left corner of the workspace, point to  and select the tool window in the menu that is shown.
- Click the corresponding tool window button on the [tool window bar](#).
- Choose **View | Tool Windows | <tool window>** in the main menu.
- If the tool window has an associated quick access number, press **Alt+<number>** (for example, **Alt+1** for the **Project** tool window).

To hide an individual tool window, do one of the following

- Click the corresponding tool window button on the [tool window bar](#).
- Click  on the tool window title bar.
- Right-click the corresponding tool window button and select **Hide** from the context menu.
- Right-click the tool window title bar and select **Hide** from the context menu.
- Choose **View | Tool Windows | <tool window>** in the main menu.
- If the tool window has an associated quick access number, press **Alt+<number>** (for example, **Alt+1** for the **Project** tool window).
- If the tool window you are going to hide is currently active, press **Shift+Escape**.

To hide all tool windows attached to the same tool window bar, do one of the following

- Press and hold the **Alt** key, and click  on the title bar of any of the tool windows attached to the corresponding tool window bar.
- Choose **Window | Active Tool Window | Hide Side Tool Windows** in the main menu. This command hides all the tool windows attached to same tool window bar as the active tool window or the last of the active tool windows.

To hide all the tool windows, do one of the following

- Choose **Window | Active Tool Window | Hide All Windows** in the main menu.
- Press **Ctrl+Shift+F12**.


To switch to the last active tool window, do one of the following

- Choose **Window | Active Tool Window | Jump to Last Tool Window** in the main menu.
- Press F12.


If all the tool windows are currently hidden, the last active tool window will be shown and made active.

To hide or show the tool window bars

You can hide all the tool window bars if you need more space in the IntelliJ IDEA window:

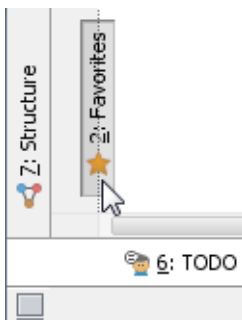
- In the lower left corner of the workspace, click .

If the tool window bars are hidden, you can bring them back onto the screen either permanently or for a short period of time:

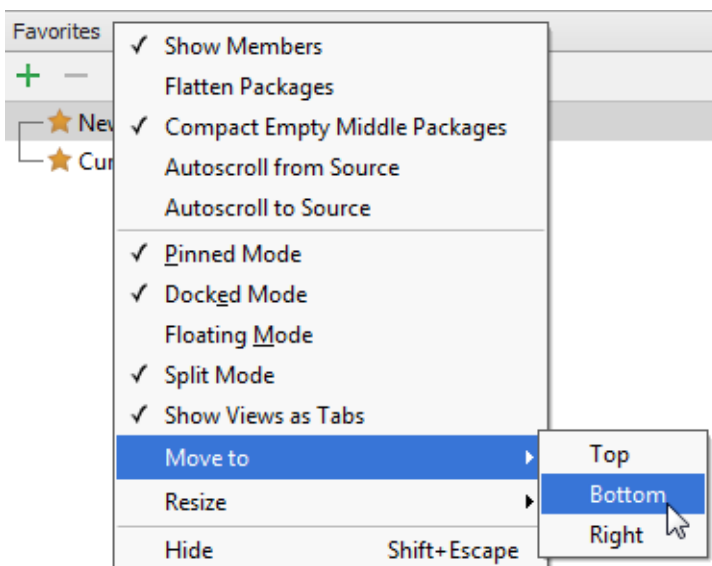
- To restore the tool window bars, click  in the lower left corner of the workspace.
- To see the tool window bars for a short period of time, double-press and hold the Alt key. The tool window bars appear on the screen making the tool window buttons accessible. The tool window bars are hidden again when you release the key.

To attach a tool window to a different tool window bar, do one of the following

- Drag-and-drop the corresponding tool window button onto the desired tool window bar (top, left, bottom or right).



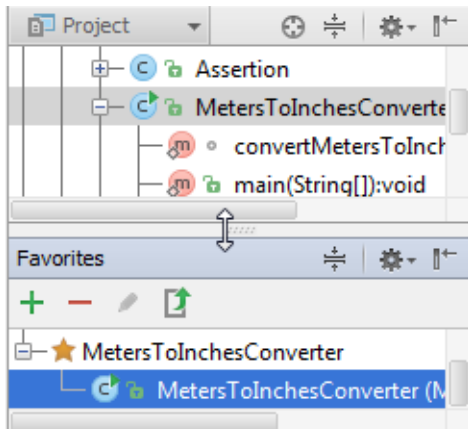
- Right-click the corresponding tool window button or the tool window title bar to open the context menu. Choose **Move to** and then select the destination tool window bar (**Top**, **Left**, **Bottom** or **Right**).



Resizing a tool window

The obvious way to resize a tool window is this:

- Hover the mouse pointer over the tool window border. When the pointer becomes a double-headed arrow, drag the border in the required direction.



You can also resize a tool window by moving its border to left or right, or up or down in steps. The following alternatives are available for doing that:

- Right-click the corresponding tool window button or title bar and select **Resize**. Then select one of the available **Stretch to** options.
- Make the tool window of interest active and do one of the following:
 - Choose **Window | Active Tool Window | Resize**, and then select the necessary **Stretch to** option.
 - Press **Ctrl+Shift** in combination with the corresponding arrow key.

Increasing the maximum number of tool windows to be shown at a time

To increase the maximum number of tool windows to be shown at a time, you should appropriately set the [viewing modes](#) for different tool windows. Consider the following:

- Generally, for a tool window to be visible always (i.e. even when inactive), the tool window should be [pinned](#).
- There are no limiting factors for the number of [floating](#) windows shown simultaneously.
- To be able to see two windows [docked](#) to the same tool window bar at a time (rather than one), one of the windows should have the [split mode](#) off and the other one on.
- Initially, three (out of four) tool window bars are used. You can "activate" the fourth tool window bar (the top one) by [moving](#) certain tool windows to it.

Saving and restoring the arrangement of the tool windows

You can save the way the tool window are currently arranged by choosing **Window | Store Current Layout as Default** in the main menu.

At a later time, you can return to the saved workspace layout by choosing **Window | Restore Default Layout (Shift+F12)**.

See Also

Procedures:

- [Viewing Modes](#)
- [Speed Search in the Tool Windows](#)
- [Specifying the Appearance Settings for Tool Windows](#)

Reference:

- [Keyboard Shortcuts and Mouse Reference](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 