

Navigating to Declaration or Type Declaration of a Symbol

While editing your source code, you might need to navigate to the location where a particular named code reference (a symbol) has been first declared. **Go To | Declaration** command enables you to navigate back to the initial declaration of a symbol from any place in the source code, even if it is from inside another class, or comment.

Navigate | Declaration/Type Declaration

- applies to the symbols of source code, CSS, HTML or XML tags and attributes, DTD and schema elements and attributes, and references in comments.
- does not apply to the primitive types.

To navigate to the declaration of a symbol

1. Place the caret at the desired symbol in the editor.
2. Do one of the following:
 - On the main menu, choose **Navigate | Declaration**.
 - Press **Ctrl+B**, **Ctrl+Button1 Click** or **Button2 Click**.
 - Click the middle mouse button.
 - Keeping **Ctrl** pressed, point to the symbol, and click, when it turns to a hyperlink. You can also see declaration at the tooltip while keeping **Ctrl** pressed.

```
public class DataBean1 {  
    Map root java.util  
    String n public interface java.util.List<E> extends java.util.Collection<E>  
    private List listt;
```

Annotation types are marked in the declaration tooltips with the @ character:

```
[untitled2] aaa  
}/**... public @interface MyAnno  
@MyAnno
```

To navigate to the type declaration of a symbol

1. Place the caret at the desired symbol in the editor.
2. Do one of the following:
 - On the main menu, choose **Navigate | Type Declaration**.
 - Press **Ctrl+Shift+B** or **Ctrl+Shift+Button1 Click**.
 - Press the **Ctrl+Shift** keys and hover your mouse pointer over the symbol. When the symbol turns to a hyperlink, click it without releasing **Ctrl+Shift** keys. The type declaration of the symbol opens in the editor. You can also see the declaration at the tooltip while keeping **Ctrl+Shift** pressed.

```
this.name = n java.lang  
} public final class java.lang.String extends Object  
implements java.io.Serializable, java.lang.Comparable<java.lang.String>, java.lang.CharSequence  
public String getName() {  
    return name;
```

See Also

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