

# Negating Expressions

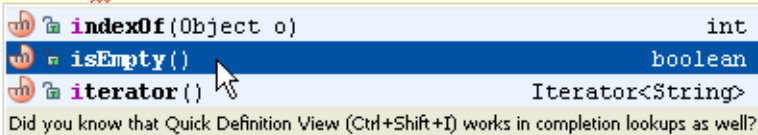
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When you use code completion in Java, you can finish selection from the suggestion list with an exclamation mark. So doing, the exclamation mark will be placed before a Boolean method or variable being completed, thus negating the whole expression.

## To negate an expression

1. Start typing an expression, and press **Ctrl+Space**.
2. In the suggestion list, select the desired part of the expression.

```
void performAction(List<String> strings) {  
    if (strings.i
```



3. Press **!** key. Your expression is completed with negation:

```
void performAction(List<String> strings) {  
    if (!strings.isEmpty())
```

## See Also

### Procedures:

- [Auto-Completing Code](#)

### Reference:

- [Editor. Code Completion](#)

### Getting Started:

- [Familiarize Yourself with IntelliJ IDEA Editor](#)

### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 