PHP-Specific Command Line Tools

With IntelliJ IDEA, you can use PHP from the command line ⧉ through integration with PHP-specific command line tools. Integration with command line tools is provided at the IntelliJ IDEA level, so once configured, a tool can be used in all your IntelliJ IDEA projects. Just activate or de-activate it when necessary depending on the needs of each specific project.

IntelliJ IDEA supports integration with third-party PHP-specific tools:

1. Symfony ⧉, version 1.1 or higher.

2. Symfony2 ⧉ that incorporates the Twig ⧉ template engine. IntelliJ IDEA supports the official Symfony2 code style for Twig and automatically inserts one space *after* an opening pair of curvy braces and *before* a closing pair of curvy braces in Twig templates:

   ```
   {{ some_variable }}
   ```

3. Zend Framework ⧉.

4. Yii ⧉.

Alternatively, you can create your own tool and populate it with commands that fit your preferences and needs. The available tools are listed in the Command Line Tool Support page of the Settings dialog box.

To work with a PHP command line tool, perform these general steps:

■ Download and enable the required third party tool or define a custom tool.

■ Create and open a Symfony or a Yii project, open it in IntelliJ IDEA, and monitor its structure in the Framework tool window.

■ Customize the tool commands, if necessary, and have the tool definition file validated.

■ Reload the commands from the executable file.

> This functionality is currently available for the Symfony tool only. You can add new tasks to the command definition file and enable IntelliJ IDEA to use them without re-configuring the command line tool, that is, without removing it from the list of available ones and adding it anew.

■ Invoke commands and analyze the results of their execution in the dedicated Command Line Tools Console tool window.

See Also

Procedures:

■ Using Command Line Tools

■ PHP-Specific Guidelines

Reference:

■ Command Line Tool Support

■ PHP

■ Command Line Tools Console Tool Window

Web Resources:

■ Developer Community ⧉