

Plugin Development Guidelines

Before you start

Make sure that the Plugin DevKit [plugin is enabled](#).

Optionally, [download](#) the IntelliJ IDEA Community Edition sources. This will make debugging your plugins much easier.

To develop an IntelliJ IDEA plugin

Follow these general steps:

1. Start IntelliJ IDEA.
2. [Configure IntelliJ IDEA Plugin SDK](#).
3. [Create a project](#) for plugin development.
4. Create the necessary source elements and write the source code.
5. [Run and debug](#) your plugin.
6. [Prepare the plugin for publishing](#).

For more information on IntelliJ IDEA plugin development, refer to the [Writing Plug-ins](#) page.

See Also

Concepts:

- [Plugins](#)

Procedures:

- [Managing Plugins](#)

Reference:

- [New Project Wizard](#)
- [Run/Debug Configuration: Plugin](#)
- [PSI Viewer](#)

External Links:

- [Information for Plugin Developers](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#)