

Run/Debug Configuration: Mocha

To get access to this dialog box:

1. Make sure the *Node.js* plugin is [installed](#) and [enabled](#).

The plugin is not bundled with IntelliJ IDEA, but it is available from the [JetBrains plugin repository](#). Once enabled, the plugin is available at the IDE level, that is, you can use it in all your IntelliJ IDEA projects. See [Installing, Updating and Uninstalling Repository Plugins](#) and [Enabling and Disabling Plugins](#) for details.

2. Download and install the [NodeJS](#) framework that contains the [Node Package Manager\(npm\)](#).




3. Using the *Node Package Manager*, install the [Mocha test framework](#) as described in [Preparing to Use Mocha Test Framework](#).




4. Install and enable the *Mocha* repository plugin.

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In this dialog box, create configurations for running and debugging *JavaScript unit tests* using the *Mocha test framework*.




This section provides descriptions of the [configuration-specific items](#), as well as the [toolbar](#) and [options](#) that are common for all run/debug configurations.

Item	Description
Node.js interpreter	<p>In this field, specify the NodeJS installation home. Type the path to the NodeJS executable file manually, or click the Browse button  and select the location in the dialog box, that opens.</p> <p>If you have appointed one of the installations as default, the field displays the path to its executable file.</p>
Mocha node package	<p>In this field, specify the Mocha installation home <code>/npm/node_modules/mocha</code>. If you installed <i>Mocha</i> regularly through the <i>Node Package Manager</i>, IntelliJ IDEA detects the Mocha installation home itself. Alternatively, type the path to executable file manually, or click the Browse button  and select the location in the dialog box, that opens.</p>
Working directory	<p>In this field, specify the working directory of the application. All references in test scripts will be resolved relative to this folder, unless such references use full paths.</p> <p>By default, the field shows the <i>project root folder</i>. To change this predefined setting, choose the desired folder from the drop-down list, or type the path manually, or click the Browse button  and select the location in the dialog box, that opens.</p>

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Environment variables	<p>In this field, specify the environment variables for the NodeJS executable file, if applicable. Click the Browse button  to the right of the field and configure a list of variables in the Environment Variables dialog box, that opens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To define a new variable, click the Add toolbar button  and specify the variable name and value. ■ To discard a variable definition, select it in the list and click the Delete toolbar button . ■ Click OK, when ready <p>The definitions of variables are displayed in the Environment variables read-only field with semicolons as separators. The acceptable variables are:</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>NODE_PATH</td> <td>A :-separated list of directories prefixed to the module search path.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NODE_MODULE_CONTEXTS</td> <td>Set to 1 to load modules in their own global contexts.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NODE_DISABLE_COLORS</td> <td>Set to 1 to disable colors in the REPL.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NODE_PATH	A :-separated list of directories prefixed to the module search path.	NODE_MODULE_CONTEXTS	Set to 1 to load modules in their own global contexts.	NODE_DISABLE_COLORS	Set to 1 to disable colors in the REPL.
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Test directory	In this text box, specify the full path to the folder where the tests to run are stored.						
User interface	From this drop-down list, choose the interface according to which the tests in the <i>test folder</i> are written. IntelliJ IDEA will recognize only tests that comply with the chosen <i>interface</i> . If during test execution IntelliJ IDEA runs against a test of another <i>interface</i> , the test session will be canceled with an error. This means that all the tests in the specified <i>test folder</i> must be written according to the same <i>interface</i> and this <i>interface</i> must be chosen from the drop-down list.						
Require module	In this text box, specify the full path to the additional libraries under the Node modules node that you use in your tests through the <code>require</code> invocation, see http://visionmedia.github.io/mocha/#require-option for details. Specifying an additional library is helpful if it is used in numerous tests.						



Toolbar


Item	Shortcut	Description
	Alt+Insert	Click this button to add new configuration to the list.
	Alt+Delete	Click this button to remove the selected configuration from the list.
	Ctrl+D	Click this button to create a copy of the selected configuration.
	Edit defaults	Click this button to edit the default configuration templates. The defaults are used for the newly created configurations.

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	Alt+Up or Alt+Down	<p>Use these buttons to move the selected configuration or group of configurations (folder) up and down in the list.</p> <p>The order of configurations or folders in the list defines the order, in which configurations appear in the Run/Debug drop-down list on the main toolbar.</p>
		<p>Use this button to create a new folder.</p> <p>If one or more run/debug configurations have the focus, then the selected run/debug configurations are automatically moved to the newly created folder. If only a category has the focus, then an empty folder is created.</p> <p>Move run/debug configurations to a folder using drag-and-drop, or  buttons.</p>

Common options

Item	Description
Name	In this text box, specify the name of the current run/debug configuration. This field does not appear for the default run/debug configurations.
Defaults	This node in the left-hand pane of the dialog box contains the default run/debug configuration settings. Select the desired configuration to change its default settings in the right-hand pane. The defaults are applied to all newly created run/debug configurations.
Share	<p>Select this check box to make the run/debug configuration available to other team members.</p> <p>If the directory-based project format is used, the settings for a run/debug configuration are stored in a separate xml file in the <code>.idea\runConfigurations</code> folder if the run/debug configuration is shared and in the <code>.idea\workspace.xml</code> file otherwise.</p> <p>If the file-based format is used, the settings are stored in the <code>.ipr</code> file for shared configurations or in the <code>.iws</code> file for the ones that are not shared.</p> <p>This check box is not available when editing the run/debug configuration defaults.</p>

Item	Description		
Before launch	Specify which tasks should be carried out before starting the run/debug configuration. The specified tasks are performed in the order that they appear in the list.		
	Item	Keyboard shortcut	
			Description
	+	Alt+Insert	<p>Click this icon to add a task to the list. Select the task to be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Run External tool. Select this option to run an application which is external to IntelliJ IDEA. In the dialog that opens, select the application or applications that should be run. If the necessary application is not defined in IntelliJ IDEA yet, add its definition. For more information, see Configuring Third-Party Tools and External Tools. ■ Build Artifacts. Select this option to have an artifact or artifacts built. In the dialog that opens, select the artifact or artifacts that should be built. See also, Configuring Artifacts. ■ Run Ant target. Select this option to have an Ant target run. In the dialog that opens, select the target to be run. For more information, see Ant. ■ Generate CoffeeScript Source Maps. Select this option to have the source maps for your CoffeeScript sources generated. In the dialog that opens, specify where your CoffeeScript source files are located. For more information, see CoffeeScript Support. ■ Run Maven Goal. Select this option to have a Maven goal run. In the dialog that opens, select the goal to be run. For more information, see Maven. ■ Run Remote External tool: Add a remote SSH external tool. Refer to the section Remote SSH External Tools for details.
	-	Alt+Delete	Click this icon to remove the selected task from the list.
	Enter	Click this icon to edit the selected task. Make the necessary changes in the dialog that opens.	
	Alt+Up	Click this icon to move the selected task one line up in the list.	

Item	Item	Keyboard shortcut	Description Description
		Alt+Down	Click this icon to move the selected task one line down in the list.
	Show this page		Select this check box to have the run/debug configuration settings shown prior to actually starting the run/debug configuration.