

# Saving and Reverting Changes

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You can save the results of editing yourself, and also configure IntelliJ IDEA to enable automatic saving of changes. This section describes how to:

- [Save changes when done with editing.](#)
- [Alert you about unsaved changes](#) by marking a modified file in the editor tab with an asterisk next to its name.
- [Enable auto-saving changes on the regular basis.](#)
- [Enable auto-saving changes on switching to the other applications.](#)
- [Enable preserving temporary files.](#)
- [Revert changes.](#)

**To save results of editing, do one of the following**

- On the main menu, choose **File | Save All**.
- Press **Ctrl+S**.

**To alert you about unsaved changes**

1. Open [Settings](#) dialog box, expand the [Editor](#) node, and click **Editor Tabs**.
2. In the [Editor Tabs](#) page, select the **Mark modified tab with asterisk** check box.

**To enable auto-saving on the regular basis**

1. In the **IDE Settings** section of the [Settings](#) dialog box, click [General](#).
2. Select the **Save files automatically, if the application is idle** check box and specify the number of seconds of idleness required to activate saving.

**To enable saving changes when switching to other applications**

1. In the **IDE Settings** section of the [Settings](#) dialog box, click [General](#).
2. Select the **Save files on frame de activation** check box.

If the check box is cleared, a conflict may occur between the IntelliJ IDEA's version in the memory cache and the version produced in the file system. IntelliJ IDEA [prompts you to resolve the conflict](#).

**To enable preserving temporary files while saving changes**

1. In the **IDE Settings** section of the [Settings](#) dialog box, click [General](#).
2. Select the **Use "safe write"** check box.

If this check box is selected, modified file will be first saved as a temporary file. If the save operation is completed successfully, the temporary file will be renamed, and the original file will be deleted.

**To revert change, do one of the followings**

- Use the [local history](#) as the most powerful way of reverting changes.
- Press **Ctrl+Z** or **Alt+Backspace**.

**See Also**

Procedures:

- [Using Local History](#)

**Reference:**

- [Settings / Preferences Dialog](#)

**Web Resources:**

- [Developer Community](#) 