

# Shelving and Unshelving Changes

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*Shelving* is temporarily storing not yet committed changes in a dedicated [shelf](#).

*Unshelving* is returning postponed changes from a shelf to a pending changelist.

With IntelliJ IDEA, you can shelve and unshelve both separate files and entire changelists or shelves.

Unshelved changes can be [filtered out](#) from the view or [removed](#) from the shelf. Once shelved, a change can be applied as many times as you need by [unshelving](#) and subsequently [restoring](#) it on the shelf.

In the [Git integration](#), in addition to shelving and unshelving "stashing" and "unstashing" are supported respectively. These features have much in common, the only difference is in the way patches are generated and applied.

- Patches with **stashed** changes are generated by Git itself. To apply them later, you do not need IntelliJ IDEA.
- Patches with **shelved** changes are generated by IntelliJ IDEA. Normally, they are also applied through the IDE. Applying shelved changes outside IntelliJ IDEA is also possible but requires additional steps.

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- [Shelving Changes](#)
- [Unshelving Changes](#)
- [Restoring Unshelved Changes](#)
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## See Also

Concepts:

- [Shelved Changes](#)

Reference:

- [Shelf Tab](#)
- [Version Control Reference](#)
- [Shelve Changes Dialog](#)
- [Unshelve Changes Dialog](#)
- [Changes Tool Window](#)
- [Stash Dialog](#)
- [Unstash Changes Dialog](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 