

Using Distributed Configuration Files (.Htaccess)

IntelliJ IDEA provides syntax highlighting, formatting, [code completion](#) and [documentation lookup](#) while editing [distributed configuration files](#). Distributed configuration files are used to make directory-based changes to the [HTTP Apache Server](#) configuration and usually have the name `.htaccess`.

If you are using a file with the name `.htaccess`, IntelliJ IDEA recognizes it as distributed configuration file and provides full coding assistance for it, so no additional steps are required from your side.

If you want to use a file with another name, you need to associate this full name or the corresponding pattern with the distributed configuration [file type](#). After that, IntelliJ IDEA will treat any file with the name matching the specified pattern as a distributed configuration file and process it accordingly.

To associate a name pattern with the distributed configuration file type

1. [Open the IDE Settings](#) and click **File Types**.
2. In the [File Types](#) page that opens, select **Apache config files** from the **Recognized File Types** list.
3. In the **Registered Patterns** area, click the **Add** button.
4. In the **Add wildcard** dialog box that opens, specify the pattern that defines the extensions of your distributed configuration files.
5. Click **OK**. IntelliJ IDEA returns you to the **File Types** page where the specified pattern is added to the **Registered Patterns** list.

Please note the following:

- By default, the **Registered Patterns** list contains one item `htaccess`.
- To discard a pattern, select it in the list and click the **Remove** button.
- To change a pattern, select it in the list, click the **Edit** button, and update the pattern as necessary in the **Add wildcard** dialog box that opens.

See Also

Procedures:

- [Creating and Registering File Types](#)
- [Configuring PHP Development Environment](#)
- [Enabling PHP Support](#)
- [PHP-Specific Guidelines](#)

Reference:

- [File Types](#)

External Links:

- <http://httpd.apache.org/docs/trunk/howto/htaccess.html>
- <http://httpd.apache.org/docs/trunk/configuring.html#syntax>

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#)