

# Using Perforce Integration

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With the Perforce integration enabled, you can perform basic Perforce operations from inside IntelliJ IDEA.

The information provided in the topics listed below assumes that you are familiar with the basics of Perforce version control system.

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## Prerequisites

- A Perforce client is installed on your computer.
- You have an account with the Perforce depot.

**To start using Perforce integration, perform the following preliminary steps**

1. Create a client spec using your Perforce client.
2. Get source files from the Perforce depot using your Perforce client.
3. As soon as the local working copy is on your computer, [associate your local directory with Perforce](#).

After that you will be able to open source files for edit, and perform the usual Perforce-related tasks using IntelliJ IDEA.

## Perforce support

- When the Perforce integration with IntelliJ IDEA is enabled, the **Perforce** item appears on the **VCS** menu, and on the context menus of the Editor and Project views.
- The files in the folders under the Perforce control are highlighted according to their status. See [File Status Highlights](#) for file status highlighting conventions.
- Results of modifications show in the [Changes tool window](#).

- When using the Perforce integration, it is helpful to open the [Version Control](#) tool window. Its [Console](#) tab displays the following data:
  - All the commands generated based on the settings you specify through the IntelliJ IDEA user interface.
  - Information messages concerning the results of executing generated Perforce commands.
  - Error messages.

## See Also

### Concepts:

- [Supported Version Control Systems](#)

### Reference:

- [Version Control Reference](#)
- [Perforce Options Dialog](#)

### External Links:

- <http://www.perforce.com/perforce/doc.073/manuals/p4guide/index.html> 

### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 