

Working with Grails Plugins

Please note that for Grails versions 2.3.0 and later, you need to use [Grails plugin repository](#) to find and install Grails plugins. The IntelliJ IDEA plugin manager is available only for earlier Grails versions.

You can extend the functionality of your Grails application with the Grails plugins downloaded from the Grails repository. Once downloaded, the plugins reside under the `plugins` directory of your Grails application. Each plugin has the same directory structure as the entire Grails application. The source directories of the installed plugins are included in the source routes and are marked in the module tree view with the  icon.

For the sake of better communication with the Grails repository, IntelliJ IDEA provides the plugin manager that enables viewing, installing and uninstalling plugins.

The first communication with the Grails repository from a Grails application can take time.

To install or uninstall the Grails plugins for Grails version 2.3.0 and later

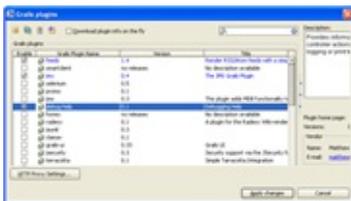
- In your project, open `BuildConfig.groovy` file.
- In `grails.project.dependency.resolution.plugins` section of the code, enter `compile "pluginName:pluginVersion"` of the plugin you want to install. If you need to remove the plugin, simply delete the specified line.

To open the Grails plugin manager, do one of the following

- On the main menu choose **Tools | Grails | Plugins**.
- On the context menu of the Project view, choose **Grails | Plugins**.

To view the available plugins

- Open the Grails plugin manager, click the refresh button  if necessary, and view the list of plugins in the **Grails plugins** dialog box:



You can also view the list of plugins by running the `list-plugins` Grails target. To do that, press `Ctrl+Alt+G`, and type `list-plugins` in the **Run Grails Target** dialog box.

To install or uninstall grails plugins

1. Open the Grails plugin manager. In the **Enable** column, select the check boxes of the plugins to be installed, and clear the check boxes of the plugins to be uninstalled. Then click **Apply Changes**.
2. In the **Install/Uninstall Grails plugins** dialog box, review the list of plugins. If necessary, select the plugin version. Click **OK**.



You can also install plugins using the `install-plugin` Grails target. To do that, press **Ctrl+Alt+G**, and in the **Run Grails Target** dialog box type `install-plugin <plugin name>`.

See Also

Concepts:

- [Grails](#)

Procedures:

- [Running Grails Targets](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 