

# Specifying Editor Settings

Qt Creator uses the **MIME type** of the file to determine which mode and editor to use for opening the file. For example, Qt Creator opens .txt files in **Edit** mode in the text editor.

You can configure the text editor according to your needs. You can specify editor behavior either globally for all projects or separately for each project. To specify global editor behavior, select **Edit > Preferences > Text Editor > Behavior**.

To configure the text editor behavior for the current project:

1. Select **Projects > Project Settings > Editor**.
2. Deselect **Use global settings**.
3. Specify text editor settings for the project.

**Editor**

☐ Use [global settings](#)

Restore Global

Display Settings

☐ Display right margin at column: 80 ☐ Use context-specific margin

Tabs And Indentation

Tab policy: Spaces Only

Tab size: 8 Indent size: 4

Align continuation lines: With Spaces

Cleanups Upon Saving

☒ Clean whitespace

☐ In entire document

☐ Clean indentation

☒ Skip clean whitespace for file types: \*.md, \*.MD, Makefile

☒ Ensure newline at end of file

Typing

☐ Enable automatic indentation

Backspace indentation: None

Tab key performs auto-indent: Never

File Encodings

Default encoding: UTF-8

UTF-8 BOM: Keep If Already Present

Default line endings: Unix (LF)

Mouse and Keyboard



- ☒ Enable mouse navigation
  - ☒ Enable scroll wheel zooming
  - ☒ Enable built-in camel case navigation
  - ☐ Enable smart selection changing
  - ☐ Show help tooltips using keyboard shortcut (Alt)
- Show help tooltips using the mouse:
- On Mouseover ▾

Click **Restore Global** to revert to the global settings.

For more information about the settings, see:

- › [Indenting Text or Code](#)
- › [File Encoding](#)
- › [Selecting Line Ending Style](#)
- › [Moving to Symbol Definition or Declaration](#)
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