





The mode selector allows you to quickly switch between tasks such as editing project and source files, designing application UIs, configuring how projects are built and executed, and debugging your applications. To change modes, click the icons, or use the [corresponding keyboard shortcut](#).

To hide the mode selector and to save space on the display, select **View > Mode Selector Style > Hidden**. To only show icons on the mode selector, select the **Icons Only** style.

You can use Qt Creator in the following modes:

- › **Welcome** mode for opening projects, tutorials, and examples.
- › **Edit** mode for editing project and source files.
- › **Design** mode for designing and developing application user interfaces. This mode is available for UI files.
- › **Debug** mode for inspecting the state of your application while debugging and for using code analysis tools to detect memory leaks and profile code.
- › **Projects** mode for configuring project building and execution. This mode is available when a project is open.
- › **Help** mode for viewing documentation.

Certain actions in Qt Creator trigger a mode change. Clicking on **Debug > Start Debugging > Start Debugging** automatically switches to **Debug** mode.

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