# Build Console preferences

You can customize the appearance of the **Build Console** view.



**Build Console Preference Options**

| Always clear console before building | Select this option to clear the contents of the Console view every time you perform a build. |
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| Open console when building | Select this option to open the Console view when you perform a build. |
| Bring console to top when building (if present) | Select this option to make the Console view the active window when you perform a build. |
| Limit console output (#lines) | Specify the maximum number of lines that can display in the Console view. |
| Display tab width | Specify the number of spaces for a tab. |
| Output text color | Customize the color of text in the Console view. |
| Information message text color | Customize the color of information text messages in the Console view. |
| Error message text color | Customize the color of error messages in the Console view. |



[Build overview](http://docs.google.com/concepts/cdt_c_build_over.htm)



[Defining Build Settings](http://docs.google.com/tasks/cdt_t_proj_build_set.htm)

[Building](http://docs.google.com/tasks/cdt_o_build_task.htm)



[Views](http://docs.google.com/reference/cdt_o_views.htm)

