# Editor view

The C/C++ editor provides specialized features for editing C/C++ related files.



Associated with the editor is a C/C++-specific [Outline view](http://docs.google.com/cdt_u_outline_view.htm), which shows the structure of the active C, C++ or makefile. It is updated as you edit these files.

The editor includes the following features:

* Syntax highlighting
* Content/code assist
* Integrated debugging features

The most common way to invoke the C/C++ editor is to open a file from the Project Explorer or the C/C++ Project views using pop-up menus or by clicking the file (single or double-click depending on the user preferences).

The C/C++ editor does not contain a toolbar itself, but relies on the use of the main [toolbar](http://docs.google.com/cdt_u_toolbar.htm), [edit menu](http://docs.google.com/cdt_u_m_edit.htm), [search menu](http://docs.google.com/cdt_u_m_search.htm)  and key binding actions.

