# Creating and editing templates

Content Assist uses templates to enable you to quickly make use of commonly used code segments.

To create a template:

1. Click **Window > Preferences**.
2. Expand **C/C++**, expand **Editor** and select **Templates**.
3. Click **New**.  
     
   
4. Do the following: (if required)
   * In the **Name** field, type a template name.
   * In the **Context** drop down list, select the context type for the new template; either **C/C++** or a **Comment**.
   * In the **Description** field, type a description for the new template.
   * In the **Pattern** field, type the code for this template.
   * Click **Insert Variable** to add a variable from the list to the code you have entered in the **Pattern** field.
5. Click **OK**.  
   The new template displays in the Templates list.

To edit a template:

1. Click **Window > Preferences**.
2. Expand **C/C++**, expand **Editor** and select **Templates**.
3. Click **Edit**. The Edit Template dialog opens.  
     
   
4. Do the following:
   * In the **Name** field, change the template name to create a new template based on the current template.
   * In the **Context** drop down list, select the context type for the new template; either **C/C++** or a **Comment**.
   * In the **Description** field, change the description of the code template to reflect your changes.
   * In the **Pattern** field, edit the code.
   * Click **Insert Variable** to add a variable from the list to the code you edited in the **Pattern** field.
5. Click **OK**.



[Content Assist](http://docs.google.com/concepts/cdt_c_content_assist.htm)



[Using Content Assist](http://docs.google.com/cdt_t_contentassist.htm)

[Importing and exporting templates](http://docs.google.com/cdt_t_imp_code_temp.htm)



[Templates page](http://docs.google.com/reference/cdt_u_code_temp.htm)

