# Importing and exporting templates

You can import and export templates.

**Note:** A template must be an .xml file formatted as follows:

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>   
<templates>  
<template name="author" description="author name" context="C" enabled="true">author ${user}</template>   
</templates>

To import a template

1. Click **Window > Preferences**.
2. Expand **C/C++**, expand **Editor** and click **Templates**.
3. Click **Import**.
4. Select the template file that you want to import.
5. Click **OK**.  
   The template list is updated to include the template that you imported.

To export a template

1. Click **Window > Preferences**.
2. Expand **C/C++**, expand **Editor** and click **Templates**.
3. Select the templates that you want to export and click the **Export...** button. The Export Templates dialog opens.
4. In **File name** box, type the path  where you want your templates file to be saved.
5. Click **Save**.  
   The templates.xml file containing the templates you exported is saved in your file system.



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



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

[Creating and editing templates](http://docs.google.com/cdt_t_add_codetemp.htm)



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

