IntelliJ IDEA Shortcut Cheat Sheet

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Master your development efficiency with IntelliJ IDEA shortcuts, categorized for easy navigation.

M General Shortcuts

Commonly used shortcuts for everyday navigation and actions.

Shortcut	Action	Explanation
Ctrl+Shift+A	Find Action	Quickly search for actions, settings, and commands. This is the go-to shortcut for exploring IntelliJ.
Ctrl+E	Recent Files	Opens a list of recently opened files for quick access.
Ctrl+Shift+E	Recently Edited Files	Shows a list of recently edited files for easy switching.
Ctrl+N	Find Class	Search for classes in your project.
Ctrl+Shift+N	Find File	Locate non-class files such as XML or properties files.
Alt+F7	Find Usages	Displays where a specific class, method, or variable is used in the project.
Ctrl+Shift+F	Find in Path	Search for text across your entire project.

∠ Code Editing Shortcuts

Boost your coding speed with these essential shortcuts.

Shortcut	Action	Explanation
Ctrl+Space	Basic Code Completion	Provides basic suggestions for code completion.
Ctrl+Shift+Space	Smart Code Completion	Filters suggestions to relevant variables and methods.
Alt+Insert	Generate Code	Quickly create constructors, getters, setters, and other boilerplate code.
Ctrl+D	Duplicate Line	Duplicates the current line or selection.
Ctrl+Y	Delete Line	Deletes the current line without selecting it.
Ctrl+/	Comment/Uncomment Line	Toggles single-line comments.
Ctrl+Shift+/	Block Comment/Uncomment	Toggles block comments.
Ctrl+Alt+L	Reformat Code	Formats your code according to project settings.
Shift+Enter	Smart Line Break	Inserts a new line below the current one without breaking the line.

M Navigation Shortcuts

Navigate your project like a pro.

Shortcut	Action	Explanation
Ctrl+B	Go to Declaration	Jump to the definition of a class, method, or variable.
Ctrl+U	Go to Super Method/Class	Navigate to the parent class or method.
Ctrl+Alt+Left/Right Arrow	Navigate Back/Forward	Move between recently visited locations.
Ctrl+Shift+B	Navigate to Implementation	Jump to the implementation of an abstract method or interface.
Alt+Home	Jump to Navigation Bar	Move focus to the navigation bar.

M Refactoring Shortcuts

Simplify and improve your codebase with these powerful shortcuts.

Shortcut	Action	Explanation
Ctrl+Alt+Shift+T	Refactor This	Brings up all refactoring options for the selected code.
Shift+F6	Rename	Rename classes, methods, variables, or files and update references automatically.
Ctrl+Alt+M	Extract Method	Refactor code into a new method.
Ctrl+Alt+V	Extract Variable	Create a new variable from a selected expression.
Ctrl+Alt+C	Extract Constant	Extract a constant variable for better code readability.

M Debugging Shortcuts

Speed up the debugging process with these handy shortcuts.

Shortcut	Action	Explanation
F8	Step Over	Execute the next line of code, skipping method calls.
F7	Step Into	Step into the method being called on the current line.
Shift+F7	Smart Step Into	Step into a specific method when multiple are present on the same line.
Ctrl+F8	Toggle Breakpoint	Add or remove a breakpoint on the current line.
Alt+F9	Run to Cursor	Run the program to the line where your cursor is placed.

M Testing Shortcuts

Improve test writing and execution with these shortcuts.

Shortcut	Action	Explanation
Ctrl+Shift+F10	Run Context Configuration	Run the current test method or class.

Shortcut	Action	Explanation
Ctrl+R	Run Tests	Refun the last executed test.
Ctrl+Shift+R	Debug Tests	Debug the last executed test.

Miscellaneous Shortcuts

Additional shortcuts for a smoother experience.

Shortcut	Action	Explanation
Alt+1	Project Tool Window	Opens the project tool window.
Alt+F12	Toggle Terminal	Opens or closes the built-in terminal.
Ctrl+Alt+S	Open Settings	Opens the IntelliJ settings/preferences.

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