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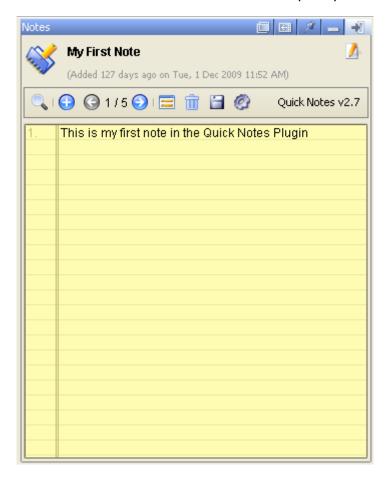
Quick Notes Plugin Manual

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Introduction

Quick Notes is a plugin written for <u>IntelliJ IDEA</u>. This plugin adds the ability to manage multiple text notes within the IDEA itself. These could be some tips, notes, code snippets, etc that usually comes to mind while coding and Quick Notes provides an ideal way to save those thoughts quickly and easily. Quick Notes is compatible with multiple opened IDEA instances, so any change made to any note in one instance of IDEA gets reflected in the other IDEA instances without any delay.



Version

The current version is 2.7

Features

Quick Notes plugin provides many features aimed towards easy maintenance and quick access to the Notes. Here are some of the major features of this plugin

- Add and Manage multiple notes
- Rename an existing note
- Delete an existing note
- Manage notes across multiple IDEA instances

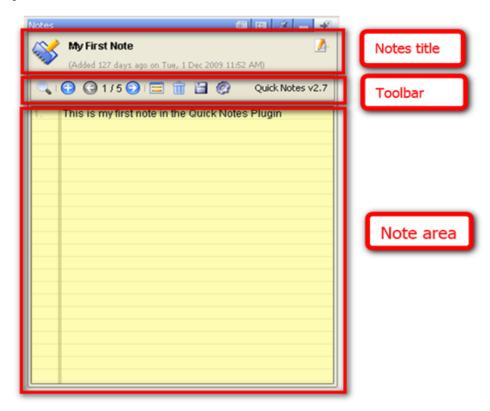
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- Any change in one IDEA instance gets reflected across other IDEA instances
- Notes are saved in user's home folder "userhome.ideaquicknotes"
- Show or hide line numbers
- The toolbar can be placed at top or bottom location
- Ability to change Font of notes
- Ability to search notes
- Ability to save notes to a file

Installation

The plugin can be installed from the Plugin Repository in IDEA. Open the plugin repository and search for "Quick Notes".

Plugin Layout



The plugin has been divided into three areas: Title, Toolbar, and Note. The Title area shows the Title of selected Note along with the creation information about the Note. The Toolbar contains buttons that allows different operations and the Note area allows entering notes. The Toolbar can be placed either at top or at bottom position.

Adding a New Note



To add a new Note, click on the Add button. This will add a new Note with default title of current date and time. You can now enter text in the newly created Note.

Going to Previous Note



To go to previous Note, click on Previous Note button. If you are already on the first Note then this button will be disabled.

Going to Next Note

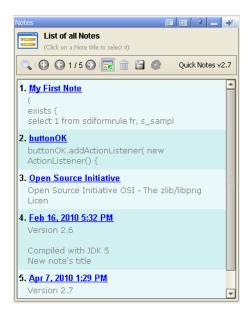


To go to Next Note, click on Next Note button. If you are already on the last Note then this button will be disabled.

Listing All Notes



To see a list of all Notes, click on List Notes button. This will show a list of all the existing Notes.



Deleting a Note



To delete an existing Note, go to the Note to delete and click on Delete Note button. The plugin will prompt a confirmation message to delete the Note. Click on "Yes" to delete the Note or "No" to cancel the operation.

Saving Notes



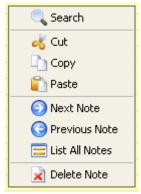
To save all existing Notes to a file, click on Save button and provide the file name to save the Notes. All Notes will be saved to this file.

Renaming a Note



To rename an existing Note, go to the Note and click on Rename button in Title area and enter the new name for the Note. The Note's title will now change.

Popup Menu

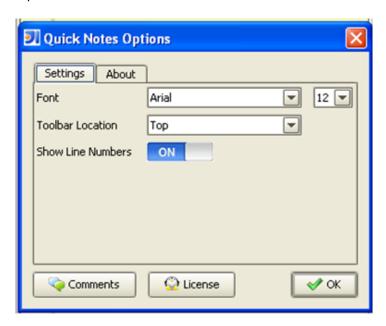


The popup menu allows a quick way to access various operations.

Options



The Options button allows changing various settings for this plugin. When you click on Options button, the Options Dialog will open as below



Here you can

- Change the font in which Notes are displayed
- Change the location of Toolbar to Top or Bottom
- Change the option to show line numbers of not

Clicking on the "Comments" button will take you to the intellij plugin website where you can leave the comments for this plugin. You can also leave any suggestions.

Clicking on "License" button will show the license for this plugin. The plugin is distributed under <u>Apache</u> <u>open source license</u>.

Clicking on "OK" button will close the Options dialog.



The About tab in Options dialog shows information about this plugin and provides links to go to <u>plugin</u> <u>website</u>, plugin's <u>google code project website</u> from where you can download the source and/or join in the future development of this plugin. You can also view the manual by clicking on Plugin Manual.

License

The plugin is distributed under **Apache open source license**.

Links

Project Website http://www.jsrana.com/home/idea/quicknotes

Plugin's IDEA website http://plugins.intellij.net/plugin/?id=4456

Plugin's Google Code Project https://code.google.com/p/ideaquicknotes/

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