

25.15 IDE JShell Support

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At the time of this writing, work is just beginning on JShell support in popular IDEs such as NetBeans, IntelliJ IDEA and Eclipse. NetBeans currently has an early access plug-in that enables you to work with JShell in both Java 8 and Java 9—even though JShell is a Java 9 feature. Some vendors will use JShell’s APIs to provide developers with JShell environments that show both the code users type and the results of running that code side-by-side. Some features you might see in IDE JShell support include:

- Source-code syntax coloring for better code readability.
- Automatic source-code indentation and insertion of closing braces `}`, parentheses `)` and brackets `]` to save programmers time.
- Debugger integration.
- Project integration, such as being able to automatically use classes in the same project from a JShell session.