How to add TODOs and track project issues in Android Studio (NOT in sources)

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I am writing a new better version of my old Android project that will fix a lot of UI bugs but also has a better design, needed for integration of some new features.

As I go through the source I can see all my old and new TODOs in the source, but there are things I remember and forget I want to do in the future and don't fit in any source yet.

Eclipse had a simple list of Tasks in the project on which you could write down and track all bug fixes and new features you wanted for that project. Very handy!

Is there a way add such tasks/issues/notes/todos in Android Studio in the project in general, WITHOUT adding them at a specific place in the sources?

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todo

edited Mar 8 '15 at 12:58

asked Mar 8 '15 at 11:59

RumburaK

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at 12:08

no, I meant how to add new tasks or TODOs or notes for the project but NOT in the source –   RumburaK   Mar 8 '15 at 12:53

I'm coming from Eclipse, and I came across this post when I Googled exactly the same question. The answer appears to be "you can't". WORKAROUND: Make your AndroidStudio project a subdirectory in a Git project (or equivalent). Put your "Readme.md" (or equivalent) at the top level in the Git project, parallel to your AndroidStudio subdirectory. – paulsm4 Mar 26 '16 at 19:42

Seems to me you should mark C. Todd's answer below as the correct one (it works for me in the current version of Android Studio). – John Perry Jun 8 '17 at 7:42 ✏
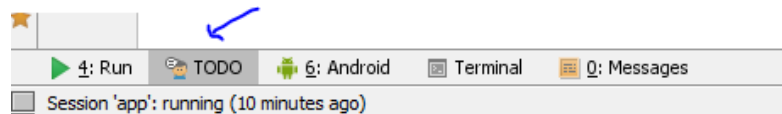
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To add a ToDo, just comment anywhere in your code starting with the word   ToDo

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```
//Todo: Get count from database instead
```

To view the list of ToDos, look in the bottom left corner of your Android Studio window:

if you open it, you will get this view with the list of your todos and options to navigate to files where they are located in your project:
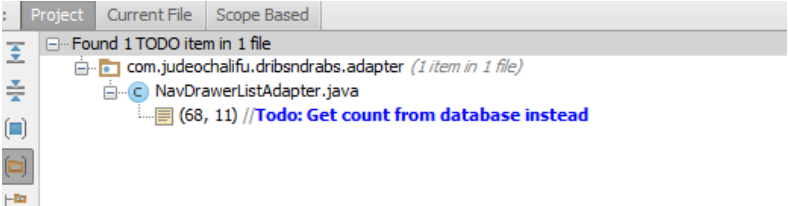
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edited Sep 2 '15 at 16:21

answered Jun 20 '15 at 8:36

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Too bad it does not work for XMLs. – TranslucentCloud Mar 22 '16 at 20:46

6   As of v2.2.3 you can add TODO to an XML by typing: `<!--
      TODO : something -->` See the answer from @Wajid Ali
      below – Austin D Jan 7 '17 at 8:33 ✏️

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go to View -> Tool Windows -> TODO to display the TODO panel

Anything marked

// TODO

should be visible in the list panel

Edit: You can add plugins for task management in Intellij 14

https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/help/managing-tasks-and-

I've not used them as our workflow is outside the IDE and I can't comment on whether they will work as intended in Android Studio.

edited Mar 8 '15 at 22:01

answered Mar 8 '15 at 12:20

jsrsoftware
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1   no, I meant how to add new tasks or TODOs or notes for the project but NOT in the source –   RumburaK   Mar 8 '15 at 12:52

There are plugins available to manage tasks and workflows but I've not added them. I've edited my answer with the link to the help page in Intellij for further information. – jsrsoftware Mar 8 '15 at 22:03 ✏️

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Here's how I do this: I create a text file called "TaskList.txt". I put it in the `java/res` package. (Not necessarily appropriate for this package, but I haven't felt like creating a package just for this purpose.)

Like any code file, you can start a line with

```
//TODO
```

and the IDE will recognize it as one of your tasks. You can have dozens or hundreds of TODO's in this file. And, of course, you can still have TODO's embedded in your code files, closely-associated with the code you need to update/correct.

Windows -> TODO) along with all my embedded TODO's.

answered May 14 '16 at 14:50

C. Todd
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You don't have to start with a comment, either, at least not in the current version. That is, I can get it to show up just typing TODO without the slashes. – John Perry Jun 8 '17 at 7:40 ✏️

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In order to set check points for yourself inside the android studio project, you may do it as:

In Java File:

```
// TODO: I am waiting for you to be fixed ;)
```

OR

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//FIXME: fix me before release :)
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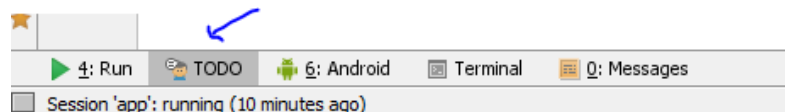
In XML File:

```
<!-- TODO! Hey I am here down in XML -->
```
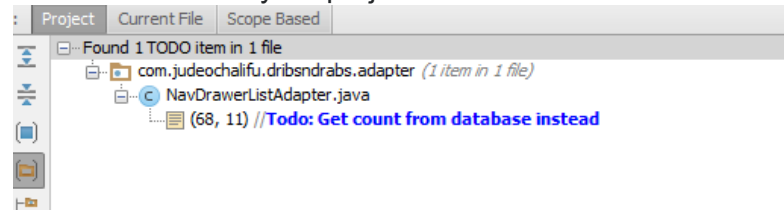
some one above commented that todo is not working inside xml file so it is for them. You can view them in your android studio window of TODOs:

and all todos from your project will be listed like:

edited Jan 28 at 6:57

answered Dec 28 '16 at 5:59

Wajid Ali

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Write (todo) after than press [tab] key

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answered Aug 13 '17 at 16:26

Hossein Hajizadeh

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You can use either of **TODO**, **FIXME**, etc. but it's not possible to do that without using them inline in your code. use them as follow:

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```
{
...
some code //FIXME
...
}
```

```
{
...
some code //TODO
...
}
```

Here's a cheat sheet for some popular IDEs:

- **IntelliJ IDEA-based IDEs (e.g. Android Studio)**:
  `TODO` , `FIXME`
- **Visual Studio**: `HACK` , `TODO` , `UNDONE` and `NOTE` .
- **Eclipse**: `@todo` , `FIXME` , `TODO` and `XXX` .
- **Netbeans**: `TODO` and `FIXME`
- **Code::Blocks**: At least `TODO` .
- **Rider**: `TODO` and `BUG`
- **Android Studio**: `TODO` and `FIXME`

P.S. feel free to edit this answer by adding your fav IDE comment tokens.

edited Dec 24 '18 at 15:29

Kishita
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answered Jan 2 '18 at 15:47

Shayan Amani
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My favorite way is like the following:

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OP said he did not want them in the source code. – Robert Apr 8 '17 at 21:38 ✏

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In Android Studio under the Tools menu there is the option for Tasks&Contexts. You can manually add tasks (i.e the todo's you want to perform for your project). It is quite simple, just add a task title, a VCS branch name and changelist, so might not suit your needs. Follow this link to learn more.

edited Nov 6 '16 at 12:17

answered Nov 6 '16 at 8:06

KvdLingen

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Whilst this may theoretically answer the question, it would be preferable to include the essential parts of the answer here, and provide the link for reference. – Bhargav Rao ♦ Nov 6 '16 at 8:11

Googling for a way to track issues directly from within Android Studio I found this question and the answer. Since I had not tested it at the moment I just provided the link. Also it feels like cheating just to copy someone's solution verbatim, even providing the link. – KvdLingen Nov 6 '16 at 8:39