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Eclipse IDE Cheat Sheet

A comprehensive cheat sheet for the Eclipse IDE, covering essential features, shortcuts, debugging, and refactoring techniques to boost developer productivity



General Usage & Navigation

Basic Shortcuts		
Open Resource (files, etc.)		
Open Type (classes, interfaces)		
New (project, file, class, etc.)		
Quick Outline (members of current file)		
Open Editor (switch between open files)		
Open Editor in Group		
Next Editor		
Previous Editor		

Navigation

F3 Or Ctrl+Click	Open Declaration (go to definition)
Ctrl+Alt+H	Open Call Hierarchy
Alt+Left Arrow	Go Back (in navigation history)
Alt+Right Arrow	Go Forward (in navigation history)
Ctrl+L	Go to Line
Ctrl+Shift+G	Find References in Workspace

Working Sets

Working sets group projects for easier management. Useful for large projects.

- Create: Window > Show View > Other... > Working Sets
- Add Projects: Right-click on a working set, Add Projects...
- Configure: Edit Working Set...

Editing & Refactoring

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Code Completion & Generation

Refactoring

Code Completion (suggests methods, variables, etc.)	Alt+Sh ift+R	Rename (refactor variable, method, class names)
Quick Fix/Assist (suggests solutions to errors, generates code)	Alt+Sh ift+M	Extract Method (create a new method from selected code)
Source Menu (generate getters/setters, constructors, delegate methods, etc.)	Alt+Sh ift+C	Change Method Signature
Organize Imports (add/remove import statements)	Alt+Sh ift+V	Move (move classes, packages, etc.)
Correct indentation	Alt+Sh ift+I	Inline (replace method call with method body)
Format code	Alt+Sh ift+L	Extract Local Variable (create a new local variable from selected expression)

Code Templates

Code templates are predefined code snippets that can be inserted into your code.

- Access: Window > Preferences > Java > Editor > Templates
- Examples: sysout (for System.out.println()), for (for a basic for loop)

Debugging

Debugging Basics

F5	Step Into (go into the method)
F6	Step Over (go to the next line)
F7	Step Return (go out of the method)
F8	Resume (continue execution)
Ctrl+Shif t+B	Toggle Breakpoint (add/remove breakpoint at current line)
Ctrl+R	Run to Line

Search and Customization

Advanced Search

Eclipse provides powerful search capabilities.

- File Search: Ctrl+H (Text tab) Search for text within files.
- Java Search: Ctrl+H (Java Search tab) Search for types, methods, fields, etc.
- Call Hierarchy Search: Find all callers of a method. •

Breakpoints

Breakpoints halt execution at specific locations. Rightclick in the editor's left margin to set breakpoints.

- Conditional Breakpoints: Right-click on a breakpoint, Breakpoint Properties..., add a condition to only break when the condition is true.
- Hit Count Breakpoints: Break only after the breakpoint has been hit a certain number of times.

Inspecting Variables

During debugging, you can inspect variable values.

- Variables View: Shows all variables in the current scope.
- Expressions View: Allows you to evaluate custom expressions.
- Hover: Hover over a variable to see its value inline.

Customization

Perspectives	Arrangements of views and editors tailored to specific tasks (e.g., Java, Debug). Window > Perspective > Open Perspective > Other
Views	Reusable components that display information (e.g., Project Explorer, Outline). Window > Show View > Other
Editors	Components for editing files. Eclipse supports various editors for different file types.
Key Bindings	Customize keyboard shortcuts. Window > Preferences > General > Editors > Text Editors
Themes	Change the look and feel of Eclipse. Window > Preferences > General > Appearance