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Abstract

This guide describes how to use the Migration Toolkit for Applications plugin for IntelliJ IDEA to simplify the migration of Java applications.

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. ABOUT THE MTA PLUGIN FOR INTELLIJ IDEA

You can migrate and modernize applications by using the Migration Toolkit for Applications (MTA) plugin for IntelliJ IDEA.

The MTA plugin analyzes your projects using customizable rulesets, marks issues in the source code, provides guidance to fix the issues, and offers automatic code replacement, if possible.

The plugin supports both the Community Edition and the Ultimate version of IntelliJ IDEA.

1.2. ABOUT THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR APPLICATIONS

What is the Migration Toolkit for Applications?

The Migration Toolkit for Applications (MTA) is an extensible and customizable rule-based tool that simplifies the migration and modernization of Java applications.

MTA examines application artifacts, including project source directories and application archives, and then produces an HTML report highlighting areas needing changes. MTA supports many migration paths including the following examples:

- Upgrading to the latest release of Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform
- Migrating from Oracle WebLogic or IBM WebSphere Application Server to Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform
- Containerizing applications and making them cloud-ready
- Migrating from Java Spring Boot to Quarkus
- Updating from Oracle JDK to OpenJDK

For more information about use cases and migration paths, see the [MTA for developers](#) web page.

How does the Migration Toolkit for Applications simplify migration?

The Migration Toolkit for Applications looks for common resources and known trouble spots when migrating applications. It provides a high-level view of the technologies used by the application.

MTA generates a detailed report evaluating a migration or modernization path. This report can help you to estimate the effort required for large-scale projects and to reduce the work involved.

How do I learn more?

See the [Introduction to the Migration Toolkit for Applications](#) to learn more about the features, supported configurations, system requirements, and available tools in the Migration Toolkit for Applications.

CHAPTER 2. INSTALLING THE MTA PLUGIN FOR INTELLIJ IDEA

You can install the MTA plugin in the Ultimate and the Community Edition releases of IntelliJ IDEA.

Prerequisites

- Java Development Kit (JDK) installed. MTA supports the following JDKs:
 - OpenJDK 11
 - Oracle JDK 11
- 8 GB RAM
- macOS installation: the value of **maxproc** must be **2048** or greater.
- The latest version of **mta-cli** from the [MTA download page](#)

Procedure

1. In IntelliJ IDEA, click the **Plugins** tab on the Welcome screen.
2. Enter **Migration Toolkit for Applications** in the Search field on the **Marketplace** tab.
3. Select the **Migration Toolkit for Applications (MTA) by Red Hat** plugin and click **Install**. The plugin is listed on the **Installed** tab.

CHAPTER 3. ANALYZING YOUR PROJECTS WITH THE MTA PLUGIN

You can analyze your projects with the MTA plugin by creating a run configuration and running an analysis.

3.1. CREATING A RUN CONFIGURATION

You can create multiple run configurations to run against each project you import to IntelliJ IDEA.

Procedure

1. In the **Projects** view, click the project you want to analyze.
2. On the left side of the screen, click the **Migration Toolkit for Applications** tab.
If this is your first configuration, the run configuration panel is displayed on the right.
3. If this is not your first configuration, right-click configuration in the list and select **New configuration**.
The run configuration panel is displayed on the right.
4. Complete the following configuration fields:
 - **mta-cli**: Click **Add**, select the filepath, and click **Save**.
 - **Input**: Click **Add** and enter the input file or directory.
 - **Target**: Select one or more target migration paths.



NOTE

The location shown in the **Output** is set by the plugin.

5. In the list of configurations, right-click the new configuration and select **Run Analysis**.
The **Console (MTA)** terminal emulator opens, displaying information about the progress of the analysis.

When the analysis is completed, you can click either **Report** or **Results** below the name of the configuration file you ran.

- **Reports** opens the MTA report, which describes any issues you need to address before you migrate or modernize your application. For more information, see [MTA report](#) in the *CLI Guide*.
- **Results** opens a directory displaying hints (issues) per application.

CHAPTER 4. REVIEWING AND RESOLVING MIGRATION ISSUES

You can review and resolve migration issues identified by the MTA plugin in the left pane.

4.1. REVIEWING ISSUES



You can use the MTA plugin icons to prioritize issues based on their severity. You can see which issues have a *Quick Fix* automatic code replacement and which do not.

The results of an analysis are displayed in a directory format, showing the *hints* and *classifications* for each application analyzed.

A *hint* is a read-only snippet of code that contains a single issue that you should or must address before you can modernize or migrate an application. Often a Quick Fix is suggested, which you can accept or ignore.

A *classification* is a file that has an issue but does not have any suggested Quick Fixes. You can edit a classification.

Procedure

1. In the Migration Toolkit for Applications view, select a run configuration directory in the left pane.
2. Click **Results**.
The modules and applications of the run configuration are displayed, with hints and classifications beneath each application.
3. Prioritize issues based on the following icons, which are displayed next to each hint:
 -  : You must fix this issue in order to migrate or modernize the application.
 -  : You might need to fix this issue in order to migrate or modernize the application
4. Optional: To learn more about a hint, right-click it and select **Show More Details**.

4.2. RESOLVING ISSUES

You can resolve issues by doing one of the following:


- Using a *Quick Fix* to fix a code snippet that has a hint
- Editing the code of a file that appears in a classification

4.2.1. Using a Quick Fix

You can use a Quick Fix automatic code replacement to save time and ensure consistency in resolving repetitive issues. Quick Fixes are available for many issues displayed in the **Hints** section of the **Results** directory.

Procedure

1. In the left pane, click a hint that has an error indicator.


Any Quick Fixes are displayed as child folders with the Quick Fix icon () on their left side.

2. Right-click a Quick Fix and select **Preview Quick Fix**.

The current code and the suggested change are displayed in the **Preview Quick Fix** window.

3. To accept the suggested fix, click **Apply Quick Fix**.

4. Optional: Right-click the issue and select **Mark As Complete**.

A green check () is displayed by the hint, replacing the error indicator.

4.2.2. Editing the code of a file

You can directly edit a file displayed in the **Classifications** section of the **Results** directory. These files do not have any Quick Fixes.

Procedure

1. In the left pane, click the file you want to edit.
2. Make any changes needed to the code and save the file.
3. Optional: Right-click the issue and select **Mark as Complete** or **Delete**.

If you select **Mark as Complete**, a green check () is displayed by the hint, replacing the error indicator.