

[Mac] Menu items stop working until IntelliJ IDEA is restarted / IntelliJ IDEA crashes after Apple Java Update 4

Unfortunately, the recent **Apple Java Update 4** has introduced even more problems, not only for IntelliJ IDEA, but for many other Java applications.

After installing the update you may notice that the **menu items stop working**, the only solution is to restart IntelliJ IDEA. Workaround is to use keyboard shortcuts instead of menu items.

Menu problem is discussed in the [Apple Java mailing list](#). Apple bug ID for this issue is #6992235.

We have also received several reports that the **Apple Java Update 4** affects the stability of IntelliJ IDEA. After installing the update IntelliJ IDEA may hard crash at random places.

UPDATE: It appears that the stability problem is related to Quartz font rendering. Disabling Quartz by changing **apple.awt.graphics.UseQuartz** from **true** to **false** in the **/Applications/IntelliJ IDEA.app/Contents/Info.plist** file can improve the stability. Side effect of this change is the poor quality of font anti-aliasing.

UPDATE 2: Apple Java Update 5 fixes the menu problem, however there are still reports about stability problems despite of the UseQuartz setting.