

How to determine the license key used by IDEA

It may be necessary to know which license key is used by IDEA installations.

License key is stored in a file named **idea.license** (IDEA 3.x) or **idea40.key** (IDEA 4.x), or **idea50.key** (IDEA 5.x) (ideaXX.key where XX is IDEA version for the reset IDEA releases).

- For **IDEA 3.x** this file is located in IDEA system directory, which is by default **~/IntelliJidea/system**, but may be different if the installation has been customized (~ stands for users's home or profile directory). To know the actual location, see inside **IDEA_HOME\bin\idea.lax** file, search for **-Didea.system.path** property.
- For **IDEA 4.x** the file **idea40.key** is located under **~/IntelliJidea/config** directory. On your installation it may be different, see instructions for IDEA 3.x, the relevant property is **-Didea.config.path**
- For **IDEA 5.x** **idea50.key** file is under **~/IntelliJidea50/config** by default. Actual location is set via **idea.properties** file located in **IDEA_HOME\bin** directory.
- **IDEA 6.x** and later versions use the key from the same location as IDEA 5.x (**~/IntelliJideaXX/config**), the file is named **ideaXX.key**, where XX is the version number (60 for 6.0, 70 for 7.0 and so on).

On **Mac OS X** license key file is stored under configuration directory: **~/Library/Preferences/IntelliJideaXX**.

Please note that this file has **UCS2** (2-byte Unicode) encoding and you can't view it with Notepad, you need to open it in some Unicode-aware editor. First line contains the key, second line contains user name.