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Aug 21, 2002

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[Sergei Ivanov](#) 999 posts since

Aug 21, 2002 **1. Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 20, 2009 3:21 PM

+1 for keeping the numbered bookmarks.



Guest **2. Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 20, 2009 3:47 PM

+1 from me too, I usually have about 3-4 of them in use at any given time

and am getting quite frustrated with their disappearance in 90.94. Hopefully

it's just a bug rather than a deliberate change.

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[Mark Vedder](#) 620 posts since

Dec 10, 2003 3. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 20, 2009 9:36 PM

Guest wrote:

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I would have to assume it's a bug. Usage of numbered bookmarks still shows in the help guide. So that's a potential indication that it's a bug rather than them being removed.

I've opened an issue for this in YouTrack: <http://youtrack.jetbrains.net/issue/IDEA-25233>



[Andrew Perepelytsya](#) 216 posts since

Mar 16, 2003 4. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 20, 2009 9:28 PM

Ouch, I hope it's a bug - can't lose one of the best productivity features for large projects 😊



[Andrew Perepelytsya](#) 216 posts since

Mar 16, 2003 5. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 21, 2009 1:15 AM

Digging through recent git commits I found that numbered bookmarks support simply got removed, see issue for exact point.



[Dmitry Jemerov](#) 11,708 posts since

Aug 19, 2002 6. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 26, 2009 2:28 PM

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Guest [7](#). **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 26, 2009 3:29 PM

A lot of the time I don't use numbered bookmarks, but when I'm debugging and/or working on a complex change I'll often end up setting up to 5 or 6 numbered bookmarks, and I'll use them until I start work on something else. As I set each bookmark I make a mental note of it's number so I can jump around the various important locations as I work on the problem at hand. I probably do this 3-4 times a week, maybe more.

I leave IDEA running 24-7 (barring crashes/required restarts/new build installs), but 95% of the time the numbered bookmarks are only useful to me during the time I'm working on the particular problem/feature/task at hand. Once I start a new 'session', the usefulness of the bookmarks I've set generally evaporates (though sometimes I need to switch back to the previous session, and if the bookmarks are still there I'm quite grateful). In a given session I always start with bookmark #1 and work my way up (thus overwriting old bookmarks from previous sessions without having to explicitly delete them). Rarely,

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I'll have a bookmark that I want to keep for a period of several days or longer - with these ones I tend to start at #9 and work my way down so they don't get overwritten as I set other low-numbered bookmarks.

As for hitting the wrong bookmark, this happens sometimes but not too often (I guess because I'm just using them in my current editing session so the relevance of each number stays pretty fresh in my mind). Even if I do happen to get it wrong, I always know what range the bookmarks I care about fall in to, eg 1 through 4, so I'll always get the one I want very quickly.

I've been using these since the feature first appeared (and in fact Borland Delphi had a similar feature back in the day, I used them heavily there too and was very pleased when they came to IDEA!). I didn't have any complaints with the existing implementation but any improvements you might come up with would of course be welcome. Most importantly though, I'm just glad to hear you're revising your decision to get rid of them 😊

Chris

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[Sergei Ivanov](#) 999 posts since

Aug 21, 2002 8. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 26, 2009 4:05 PM

(I think that I first got used to numbered bookmarks in Multi-Edit, but it's been so long ago)

I don't use numbered bookmarks all the time, but there are cases where I have to investigate, debug or refactor a complex issue, and I need to move quickly between several locations in the code. This is just a matter of convenience: instead of finding the location in the bookmarks list every time, I jump straight to it. If I press the wrong number key -- no big deal, switching is still much faster than browsing the list.

Most of the time, the set of numbered bookmarks is linked to a particular task, and I want it to be persisted between sessions. Ideally, it would be a part of (or integrated with) the task management plugin.



[Dick Lieber](#) 336 posts since

Aug 21, 2002 9. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 26, 2009 3:51 PM

Mostly I use one to two of them at a time. Usually 0 and 9, that way setting them is easy on my keyboard, is easy, left hand does the ctrl or ctrl+shift and right hand is already near the high numbers.

The main thing about the numbered bookmarks is they are so very simple that they become automatic, with them gone, I was amazed how automatic my use of them was. I would set one, say ctrl-shift-0, Then be surprised, and disappointed, when ctrl-0 did nothing.

Generally this is used where some fairly parallel editing tasks are going on. For example editing a jsp/jstl file and looking at a java class that is being referred to in the jsp. Another example is where working on two very similar, but unrelated (not like extends/implements where you're already can one-click between them) files.

For me usually the 0 bookmark is the primary one, and 9 is a secondary one; occasionally I'll do a tertiary bookmark, usually 8. But while remembering two is very automatic for me remembering more than two or three, isn't worth it.

Sometimes I'll use a second pair, like 1 and 2; but that only happens when I, mentally, push the stuff I doing at 0 & 9 onto my mind's stack then do something where I need another pair of locations, then return (mental pop) to the 0 & 9 area. Very rarely would I ever remember the 1 & 2 pair once I've returned to the 0 & 9 area.

Once the numbered bookmarks went away, I tried using the other bookmarks F11, Shift-F11. Having to navigate the list becomes very distracting; I just need to get between a few places without any distraction (the list is a big distraction as it required you to evaluate all the stuff in the list. I did bind ctrl-[and ctrl-] to navigate the bookmarks which helped some, but still you have to remember to delete ones or the list just gets two big.

On the bright side, I never really used the F11 bookmarks before; playing with them made me realize there are some cases where I'd find them useful; but not as a replacement for the numbered nifties.

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Thanks for listening.

Dick



[Stephen Friedrich](#) 1,446 posts since

Aug 21, 2002 10. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 26, 2009 3:57 PM

I, too, have used numbered bookmarks and I am missing them.

For me they were a more lightweight replacement of "Favorites" (which I never used).

Usually when I am working on some not-so-trivial feature there are a couple (maybe two to five) pieces of code that I want to be able to quickly navigate to.

That was very fast and simple with numbered bookmarks. Even if I sometimes accidentally navigated to bookmark 2 when I meant bookmark 3, that was simply a single additional keystroke:

- Press Ctrl
- Press 1 - notice that it's not the place I wanted to jump to
- Press 2 - ah, there it is

In contrast I am using the "not-numbered" bookmarks mostly while working in a single file and quickly delete them again.

Using the favorites view it is simply too clumsy

- to open the view quickly
- to add a file

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- to navigate to a file

I also don't like the fact that it is docked into the project toolwindow (likewise I never use the "docked" version of the file structure view, but always the popup).

Maybe the new bookmarks view can be morphed into something that supports my use case (currently (#IU-90.113) it seems to be a little broking, for example the only toolbutton that works in the popup is "Edit Description").

Maybe somehow add a shortcut feature to the bookmark popup:

- when the popup opens, place the focus on "Bookmark this place" and let me use Alt- plus any digit (or char?) to assign the current place to one of these shortcuts.

The gray area on the right could well have some `_short_` text explaining this feature)

- show the assigned shortcut digit to the left of each item, and directly navigate to them when the shortcut is pressed

So:

Old "Ctrl-Shift-1" would be "Alt-F11, Alt-1" (where you don't even need to press Alt twice, but could use Alt-F11-1")

Old "Ctrl-1" would be "Alt-F11, 1"

Also the separate "Edit description" dialog is too much - that should be integrated into the bookmarks popup itself (below the preview?)



[Anthony Holland](#) 21 posts since

Aug 16, 2006 11. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 27, 2009 5:48 PM

>Could you please explain a little bit more about how you use numbered bookmarks?

I use them very similarly to how the others (Chris, Sergei, Dick, Stephen, Andrew) have described. Because of odd requirements around switching off PCs over weekends in banks, I would probably be keener on having the bookmarks persisted between sessions than the others who have mostly said that that would be unimportant.

>How many of them do you have?

I only use them when working on particular problems. Then, up to 7 or 8 in a very complex debugging situation or similar. Usually just a 2 - 4 when I don't want to keep repeating navigations or searches, the points are not "nearby" in that sense, and the amount of moving around that I'm doing means that using back/forward will soon fail me.

>Do you remember them between sessions, or do rely on them being preserved between editing sessions?

It would be annoying to have them disappear just because I closed IDEA and opened it, for, say, a plug-in installation. Or a weekend.

>How often do you miss a bookmark (press one Ctrl-number and then find out that you hit the wrong bookmark and need to try a different number)?

It's not a problem. I miss them a lot now that the entire feature is missing though.

>We'll most likely restore the functionality in some way (at least as a downloadable plugin), but we need to understand the use cases better and see if we can improve upon the functionality that we had before.

I don't see any need to improve on it, but taking it out would seem to be a crying shame, why would you do that? Was it causing some sort of problem?

PS (1) Unnumbered (F11) bookmarks don't even compare.

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(2) I don't use Tasks (changelists) much, but if I got into that, then associating sets of bookmarks with those might be very handy. In fact, I have sometimes returned to a problem after a couple of weeks and had to find the crucial bits of over again. If tasks were associated with sets of bookmarks I would probably use tasks more, because then it would be worth creating tasks for Jira issues, returning to the jira I could just select the task, close all editor windows, and then press ctrl-shift-1,2,3,4,5 to get the key code locations up. I already use them in this way in preference to "pinning" tabs. When things get too messy I just hold down Ctrl-F4 and then open up the key locations again.

UPDATE: I've started using change lists a bit and realised that part of what I wrote in (2) doesn't make sense: when changing to a different change-list, the set of open windows is swapped out anyway. Still like the idea of having bookmarks associated with changeLists though.

Improve it if you will, but please don't take it out.



[Mark Vedder](#) 620 posts since

Dec 10, 2003 12. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 26, 2009 5:44 PM

yole wrote:

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Like others have stated, I use numbered bookmarks heavily during debugging and refactoring sessions. I also find them enormously helpful when tracing through unfamiliar code. I can leave a numerical trail of the sequence of the method calls. This way I can easily backtrack without having to start at the beginning again.

Lastly, I frequently use the 0 bookmark as a placeholder for a piece of code, such as a configuration file or a configuration map, that I need to jump back to frequently too add the next "item" I will be working on. For example, right now I am working on a Flex project that use Cairngorm. I did have the spot where I need to to add command-to-event mappings bookmarked as 0. Now without that, I have to use other methods to get to it. Simply typing ctrl+0, making my change, then hitting ctrl+backspace is so much quicker than using ctrl+tab or something similar. I carry this paradigm even further when doing some coding where you need to jump back and forth between 3 or 4 places in the code.

While I would like to see numerical bookmarks retained, another feature I would like to see would be "Lettered" bookmarks. Remembering a letter association -- such as 'C' for config,

'M' for map or 'I' for init -- is sometimes easier than a number; especially when working across coding sessions. The user could hit a key sequence that would put them in "Add a lettered bookmark" mode. Then the next letter they type results in the bookmark being placed. Another sequence would put you into a "go to lettered bookmark" mode, similar to the "go to line" action. While it would then be two key sequence to go to the bookmark, it is still far easier than some of the other methods.

On top of that, having the ability to easily convert a standard bookmark to a either a lettered bookmark or a numbered book mark would be useful. Currently (or at least in IDEA 8) you need to go to the standard bookmark, toggle it, then set the numerical one. And if you had altered the description of the bookmark in the show bookmarks view, that is lost. Personally I think setting a numbered bookmark, and lettered bookmark if they were added, should take precedence. So if a standard bookmark is already set, it is "converted" when trying to set a numbered (or lettered) bookmark at the same location.

To answer some of your other questions:

I routinely have 1 or 2 set, but often 3 or 4. And there are occassions, such as debugging sessions, I use all 10.

I will occasional "hit" the wrong one, but not too often since I either use 1 or 2 for long term periods (easy to rmember), or a handful for the short term (easy to retain in short term memory). Having something like the lettered bookmarks I suggested would probabaly result in me using more of them long term (i.e. across coding sessions) since they would be easier to remember and associate.



[Dick Lieber](#) 336 posts since

Aug 21, 2002 13. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 27, 2009 1:55 AM

Just why was the numbered bookmarks feature removed?

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BTW Having them back as a plugin would be ok with me.

Dick



Guest [14](#). **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 28, 2009 1:02 PM

On 26/10/2009 11:28, Dmitry Jemerov wrote:

Could you please explain a little bit more about how you use numbered bookmarks?

One usage that I don't think people have touched on is that having numbered bookmarks is useful when recording complex macros - it's good to be able to mark a cursor location to return to during execution.

N.



[John Watkinson](#) *1 posts since*

Oct 30, 2009 [15](#). **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 30, 2009 8:53 PM

I also vote to have number bookmarks restored in 9, and preferably not as a plugin but built right in. Often when working in Java, there are changes being made to 2, 3 or even more places in the source code at the same time, and it is nice to flip between these directly by number.



[Maxim Shafirov](#) *5,023 posts since*

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Oct 12, 2001 16. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 3, 2009 7:37 PM

Thanks everyone who replied for your usecases, this really helped to understand what numbered bookmarks are needed for and restore re-implement them.

Since 90.137 there's Ctrl+F11 (Command+F11 on macs) shortcut for Toggle Mnemonic Bookmark action, which suggests to choose a mnemonic for a bookmark, which later can be used in F11 bookmark browser for immediate navigation.

For instance,

Ctrl+F11, 1 set's up "number one" bookmark

Shift+F11, 1 navigates there



[Andrew Perepelytsya](#) 216 posts since

Mar 16, 2003 17. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 3, 2009 7:27 PM

Dmitry, the correct second shortcut is Shift F11, not F11.

Thanks for listening, appreciate that. However, I tried these keymaps, and, frankly, they are terrible. After setting couple numbered bookmarks you get really confused in those 2-keystroke shortcuts a la eclipse (ugh!). Reading all responses in the thread in issue, it's clear that having up to 10 bookmarks is more than enough, mapping literals can be nice, but not critical. And new popup windows just get in a way. Any chance old Ctrl-(0-9) keys can be brought back as default mappings?



[Maxim Shafirov](#) 5,023 posts since

Oct 12, 2001 18. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 3, 2009 7:46 PM

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I'm Maxim. Thanks, corrected.

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You're really fast to be confused. I usually need at least three repetitions to start feeling a confusion. Sarcasm aside, new way of doing things and especially new shortcuts are hard to get used to and this is understandable but you'd better try actually using new stuff before calling it "terrible".


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No, unless there's thoughtful motivation why this is necessary.



[Andrew Perepelytsya](#) 216 posts since

Mar 16, 2003 19. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 3, 2009 7:59 PM

Sorry about the name, looked in the wrong spot in the message (in response to) 

The motivation for 'disliking' new keymap is really simple and consistent. IDEA always boasted (rightfully so) very thought-out shortcuts, which empowered natural and fast development flow (dev with pleasure anyone?). Having *no* 2-stroke combinations was key to this.

Now, not only there are more complex shortcuts for this feature, but it actually replaced an older (and very nice) combination. More dialogs to deal with along the way just slow down and distract unnecessarily. I understand the effort put into for new bookmarks (and I like it), but I'm talking about a smooth flow, where those dialogs are redundant. Can't we have Ctrl-(0-9) mapped back? It doesn't mean current ones have to be removed, it will be complementary - jump to a numbered shortcut *without* any dialogs, I think I saw such actions in IDEA sources. I just checked and it wasn't taken by anything.



[Mark Vedder](#) 620 posts since

Dec 10, 2003 20. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 3, 2009 9:50 PM

I really like the new "Mnemonic Bookmark" feature. I especially like the "map" that comes up showing which are in use. Makes it easier to remember what you have and have not used yet. Thanks Maxim for the efforts on implementing it! (Of course I personally am especially happy with it since it is a nicely refined implementation of the idea I had suggested above.)

At the same time, I would agree with Andrew that having the quickness of a single keystroke combination to jump between numbered bookmarks is very useful in certain situation. To me, the perfect world would exist if this new "Mnemonic Bookmark" feature were combined with the ability to still navigate to any numbered bookmarks via ctrl+# like it use to be. Setting the bookmarks, including numbered bookmarks, could be done in the via the new methodology with the key map. Given that setting a bookmark occurs less frequently than navigating between them, I think that works. Plus I use to sometimes forget which number I had last used when using the numbered bookmarks, so the map would help with that. But again, there are times having the quickness to jump between two or three code points via ctrl+# is very useful.



Guest [21](#). **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 4, 2009 1:52 PM

I'm afraid I agree with Andrew. I can understand the motivation to want to unify the bookmark handling around the F11 key and recover the 20 keycombos used by the numbered bookmarks, however I consider the new approach to be a definite step backwards in usability over the original. Here's my reasoning:

1) There are now two popup dialogs where previously there were none. The dialogs, especially the SHIFT+F11 dialog, are very disruptive. Neither dialog provides any significant benefit to me (given the way I described my use of numbered popups, I mentally keep track of the 3-4 bookmarks I'm currently using anyway so the dialogs don't tell me anything I aren't already fairly aware of).

2) I've been trying to get used to them but the CTRLF11 and SHIFTF11 combos followed by a digit/letter still feel pretty awkward for typing. Of course

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I could remap them, but (other than quicklists) I've always found IDEA's shortcuts to be pretty intuitive and haven't felt the need to remap any until now. And remapping brings its own problems in a team environment (yes I'm aware of CTRL+` which BTW is a great feature!).

3) The number of keystrokes required has doubled over the previous implementation.

Overall, the old approach felt much more intuitive than the new and I'd be rather sad to see this change make it in to 9.0. I'd settle for a plugin that restored the old functionality. It's still not clear to me why you want to make the change though. Have you earmarked the keyboard shortcuts for something else perhaps?

Chris

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AP> <http://www.jetbrains.net/devnet/message/5248844#5248844>



[Erik Pragt](#) 677 posts since

Oct 26, 2004 22. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 13, 2009 3:31 PM

I agree totally with Chris and Andrew. You should try pressing F11 (or Shift+F11) on a Mac. It hides all the windows!! (or with Shift+F11, it does the same...but then slowly!). I was to

busy complaining about the project structure, but to 'just remove it because we don't know why people use it', and then, after people explained how they use it, implement something which is not usable by people who explained how they use it.... that really defeats the purpose of giving feedback, does it?

Jetbrains, you might not be aware of it, but a lot (most?) of your users are keyboard users. If I wanted to click around in my IDE, I would have chosen Eclipse. I haven't, nor has anyone in this thread. Using only a single had/keystroke is extremely powerful, and having an extra dialog in between really breaks concentration, and requires you to think about your IDE, besides your Hibernate Distributed 2nd Level Cache Out of Memory problems...Not really what most people want, I guess.

Btw, like stated before, remapping shortcuts is really frustrating when pairing with people, just like switching mouse buttons or something. Or a Dvorak keyboard. In other words: that's really not an option.



[Kristian Rosenvold](#) 18 posts since

Oct 3, 2007 23. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 3, 2009 11:41 PM

When I use the bookmarks I'm usually at my most focussed phase. There is no other keyboard combination I know of in IDEA that requires a double-sequence. Why are you giving me a double sequence when I want to concentrate on the code ? I usually use bookmarks because I'm at or near the limits of my mental capacity, so while there are a number of other things I can delegate to arcane keyboard sequences, this is no 1 keyboard combination for me when I'm thinking hard. I never use F1-F10 unshifted in idea. If you need to move bookmarks to some other key combination you could move them to unshifted F1-F10 😊

There was a lot of usage of those keys you didn't anticipate initially. But it doesn't seem like you're putting anything else on the keys you "freed" as of yet, so why can't they just be restored ?

(And yes, I've been practicing the new shortcuts all day but they're nowhere near as good as the old ones)

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[Kristian Rosenvold](#) 18 posts since

Oct 3, 2007 24. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 8, 2009 10:26 AM

I have tried and tried to make the new shortcuts stick. But in addition to being inferior to the original, they shortcuts also feel inconsistent according to my idea mental-model:

In my mental model the combo to *set* a bookmark should be ctrl+shift+f11 and go to bookmark should be ctrl+f11. I find myself consistently pressing those keys.

(And I do not remap keys, we do rotating pair programming on different computers)



[Alex Rass](#) 47 posts since

Feb 26, 2005 25. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Jan 28, 2010 8:25 PM

To answer your initial question "how I use it"?

I use all 9. I don't remember them past the current 24h session and they are used as I am editing code in 3-4 diff places.

I use the first half (say 1-5) for editing and last half backwards (9-5) for references.

Often in the same class I would have 2-3 of them.

In a course of a day, I would reassign them about 20 times.

This is used DAILY, not "once in a while".

It's convenient, it makes me fast, it stops the insane tab switching and navigation.

To answer the REAL question: who cares?

You guys don't get it! Here, I'll help:

Some **history**: this feature first appeared back in late 1980s in Borland C/Pascal editors. You can't drop it - we all use it religiously and daily! I am seriously considering going back to 8 till you fix it! This is a serious BUG.

Just look at the HUGE number of feedback you are getting. Just b/c some "novice programmer" at JB decided to change a feature s/he d/n understand - is not a reason to delete something ppl use! Customer is always right! And it's not like you are using those shortcuts for anything else? Keep your silly Ctrl-F11 and add these back! You added jumps back.. just give in and make us happy!

Please don't follow Microsoft strategy with removing features with time. It's unbecome you.

To answer the OTHER question: why isn't anyone researching the user UI experience?

You wanna see how a feature is used!? Add some "feature feedback" mechanism into IJ.

Replace all typing with "[letters were typed]" so you don't get in trouble and record all features used, including which plugins are used, how lunched (shortcut/menu) etc. Then, with user permission, upload it back zipped, in small increments. This should give you a REAL idea of what's used and not in your UI.

Then we wouldn't be in this predicament!

Oh, and for future reference: if you are removing something - MAKE IT A PLUGIN! You already have the code! 😊

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[Kristian Rosenvold](#) 18 posts since

Oct 3, 2007 26. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Jan 29, 2010 12:48 AM

I'll summarize it even shorter:

They've taken away the really nice shortcuts and replaced them with...uh... nothing ?

The new solution is far inferior to the old one. While I used the old one heavily, I still think the new one is worse. Even **after** making the new shortcuts stick; I find the new solution to be of less value.

Listening to users is definitely not part of this. If they'd listened to their users they would have said:

We hear you, and think your use cases are interesting. We didn't realize people were using it for such a diverse set of tasks. We'll restore the keys in 9.0.2, and we'll spend some time thinking

about the use cases you've spent so much time and energy describing, so we can make something really cool for 10.0. Develop with pleasure !



[Maxim Shafirov](#) 5,023 posts since

Oct 12, 2001 27. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Jan 29, 2010 4:26 PM

Indeed, we'll restore shortcuts in 9.0.2. We planned to use them in new MacOS native keymap but it we manage to keep them free.



Guest 28. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Jan 29, 2010 5:48 PM

On 29.01.2010 16:26, Maxim Shafirov wrote:

Indeed, we'll restore shortcuts in 9.0.2

great news, really

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[Olle Sundblad](#) 12 posts since

Feb 28, 2003 29. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Feb 9, 2010 12:52 PM

Hope 9.0.2 is coming soon since not being able to press Ctrl+Shift+0 - 9 to set bookmarks is really annoying. We just upgraded to Idea 9 a week ago and this is a thing I hate so much that I am considering to write a plugin just to get it back (if that is possible). You don't have to fit it into the default keymap, I will certainly put it in my keymap, just give us the possibility map the keys.



Guest 30. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Feb 9, 2010 2:08 PM

I've only just seen this post - fantastic news! Thank you, I'm looking forward

to the next build. I was getting this ><- close to writing a plugin 😊

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[Andrew Perepelytsya](#) 216 posts since

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Mar 16, 2003 31. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 26, 2009 4:41 PM

Typically using 2 to 5 numbered bookmarks. They are always ad-hoc, scoped to the current *task*. Not sure if you actually would want to bind them to a task framework, as they are even more volatile than tasks (it makes some sense, but tasks are only in UE, which means CE won't get numbered bookmarks, bad outcome).

There's little value in persisting NB through IDEA restarts, although if you save them somewhere in the project config, probably it comes in automatically already.

In contrast, I use F11 bookmark extremely rarely, mainly due to the hassle of pop up dialogs, and complexity of navigating through bookmarks I want when e.g. there's a dozen others in the list.



[Sergei Ivanov](#) 999 posts since

Aug 21, 2002 32. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Oct 27, 2009 1:24 AM

```
function(){return A.apply(null,[this].concat($A(arguments)))}
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I am not really bothered, as I'll need the UE anyway 😊

But this is a fair point and I anticipated that someone would come up with it. Ideally the bookmarking functionality would co-operate with tasks framework, if present, and have a project-wide scope otherwise (equivalent to reusing a single task).



[Samuel Doyle](#) 154 posts since

Nov 14, 2007 33. **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 10, 2009 12:03 AM

I rely on numbered bookmarks quite heavily actually and having them persistent across restarts was quite valuable as well. Perhaps with the new task feature having them persisted with that information could be an alternative.

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I really though it was a bug when I wasn't able to use them with 90.162.



[Scott Deboy](#) 1 posts since

Nov 12, 2009 [34](#). **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Nov 12, 2009 10:29 PM

I use both the non-numbered and numbered bookmarks feature, and I'd like to see:

- have bookmarks integrated into settings screen (change shortcuts, colors, etc)
- be able to have the bookmark browser as a panel, not a popup dialog



[Shmulik](#) 12 posts since

Sep 23, 2002 [35](#). **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Jan 3, 2010 11:26 AM

Hi,

I use numbered bookmarks all the time, every feature involves jumping back and forth between several methods across multiple files, so at any given moment I have around 5 numbered bookmarks which I find no problem to keep in mind. This is the most effective navigation method of IntelliJ and it is a big misfortune to have it gone. I tried 9.0 but backtracked due to the lack of this feature (although the background indexing feature is a great improvement).

thanks,

Shmulik



Guest [36](#). **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Jan 4, 2010 2:06 PM

I agree, and I still don't understand why JetBrains removed the fast tagging of bookmarks - as far as I can see there was no explanation given as to why the functionality was changed. I've been trying to get used to the new approach but still find it quite awkward compared to the old method and it definitely

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feels like a regression.

Chris

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S> <http://www.jetbrains.net/devnet/message/5253547#5253547>

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[Erik Pragt](#) 677 posts since

Oct 26, 2004 [37](#). **Re: Numbered Bookmarks gone in 90.94** Jan 5, 2010 1:22 AM

I agree. More keyboard shortcuts have been removed, like traversing the project view by using the arrow buttons. (and, yes, ofcourse, the module structures are still not fixed...)

I really hope that IntelliJ 9.1 includes:

- (something like) the old dependency structure
- numbered shortcuts
- better keyboard navigation
- enhanced grails/groovy support.

Only have 3 days left and before my IntelliJ 9 stops working, and I just cannot buy a new version before the first 3 issues have been resolved. (but I promise I'll buy a new version the day these issues have been resolved!)