

# How to tell Idea to add "public"...

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Hi,

I like public modifier for all methods defined in an interface. Is it possible to tell Idea to add that modifier when using ALT-ENTER -> "Create method xxx"?

Marcin

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[Guest 1](#). **Re: How to tell Idea to add "public" modifier in methods automatically created in an interface**

Feb 8, 2010 1:21 PM

No, it is not possible to configure (and also redundant).



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Nov 7, 2009 [2](#). **Re: How to tell Idea to add "public" modifier in methods automatically created in an interface**

Feb 8, 2010 11:51 PM

Sure, this is not necessary, but whitespaces between "if" and "(" as well as ")" and "{" are also redundant and Idea allows to configure it, because there are many styles of coding using Java.

<http://youtrack.jetbrains.net/issue/IDEA-52119>



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Oct 4, 2002 3. **Re: How to tell Idea to add "public" modifier in methods automatically created in an interface**  
Feb 11, 2010 4:08 AM

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import java.util.HashMap; import java.util.HashMap; import java.util.List; import java.util.List;
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Guest 4. **Re: How to tell Idea to add "public" modifier in methods automatically created in an interface** Feb 17, 2010 4:16 PM

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Heh, nice 😊

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