

Browser Debugging Extensions



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These browser extensions help to make debugging with PhpStorm IDE easier.

Why use extensions to activate debugger on a server?

In order to start debugging, you first need to activate debugger on the server. For this, you need to set a special GET/POST or COOKIE parameter ([click here for details](#)). You can do it manually, but it is much more convenient to use a browser extension. It allows you to enable the debugger with the click of a button. When the extension is active, it sends the XDEBUG_SESSION cookie directly, instead of going through XDEBUG_SESSION_START. Below you can find a table with the link to the relevant extension for your browser.

Note: The described is valid for Xdebug, but there is the same logic for Zend Debugger.

Xdebug

Chrome	Xdebug Helper
Firefox	The easiest Xdebug or Xdebug Helper
Safari	Xdebug Toggler
Opera	Xdebug launcher
Internet Explorer	PhpStorm bookmarklets generator

Zend Debugger

If you use Zend Server (version 7 or higher), you can use Z-Ray for debugging. See more details in the [Using PhpStorm with Zend Server](#) tutorial.

In case you don't use Z-Ray, you can install an extension for Chrome ([zDebug](#)), or alternatively use [PhpStorm bookmarklets generator](#).

Configure Xdebug Helper to be used with PhpStorm

After the helper extension for your browser is installed, open PhpStorm and enable listening to debug connections. Then initiate a connection from the browser side by using the bug-styled icon near the right end of the address bar to initiate a debugging, profiling or tracing session. As an example, see [here](#) how to configure Xdebug Helper for Chrome; it works similarly to other extensions.



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