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Posted by [rxantos](#) on Thu, 30 May 2013 04:12:28 GMT

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Subject: Re: Is it possible to run external tools from the ide?

Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Thu, 30 May 2013 05:19:27 GMT

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Hi `rxantos`,

First of all, `astyle` is already incorporated in TheIDE via plugin/`astyle`. You can set it up in Setup > Environment > Code Formatting. To apply the rules on currently open file just go to Edit > Advanced > Format code in editor.

If that for some reason isn't good enough, or if you decide to use some other tool later, the simplest way is to write a macro. It could be something as simple as macro "Apply Astyle"

```
Alt+Shift+A {  
    ClearConsole();  
    Execute("astyle --options " + FileName());  
}
```

Just place the code in `*.usc` file in one of your packages (or into a package of it's own, so you can reuse it in multiple projects). You can find more examples and commented code on macro usage in the reference/Macro package.

Best regards,
Honza
