



[How To Change Maven's Default Resource Folder](#)



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Sometimes it's nice to have your projects resource files alongside the java source files they're related to. By default, Maven **forces you** to have a separate resource tree so, for example, whenever you need to add a String for internationalization you have to go digging through your project's folders.

The good news is, you can change **change maven's default resource folder** this with this little bit of XML magic in Maven pom.xml.

```
<build>
  <resources>
    <resource>
      <directory>src/main/java</directory>
      <excludes><exclude>**/*.java</exclude></excludes>
    </resource>
  </resources>
</build>
```

Note this overrides the default location, so make sure src/main/resources is empty, or add to the pom.xml like this.

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    <resource>
      <directory>src/main/java</directory>
      <excludes><exclude>**/*.java</exclude></excludes>
    </resource>
    <resource>
      <directory>src/main/resources</directory>
    </resource>
  </resources>
</build>
```

Don't forget to exclude the java files unless you want to ship your source code!

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