

# Using CVS

CVS is an open source version control system.

In addition to the standard version control system functions described in [Using Common Functions](#), you can select **Tools > CVS > Edit** to set a file as writable, notify watchers that the file is being edited, and watch for actions performed on the file by other users.

To discard the changes that you made in a file, notify watchers that the file is no longer being edited, and set the file as read-only, select **Unedit**.

To unedit files in the local directory, as well as recursively in all subdirectories, select **Unedit Repository**.

To specify the CVS root directory, select **Edit > Preferences > Version Control > CVS**, and then specify the path to the directory in the **CVS root** field.

You can specify settings for viewing diff output in the **Diff options** field.

By default, you are prompted to confirm that you want to submit changes. To suppress the prompt, deselect the **Prompt on submit** check box.

By default, all files that belong to the commit are annotated. To disable this feature, deselect the **Describe all files matching commit id** check box.

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