

SVN

Subversion Control System.

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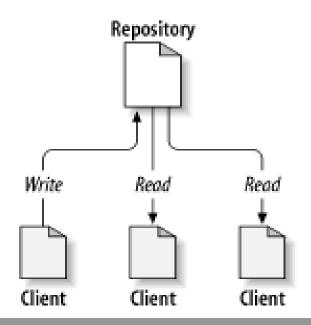
Basics

- What Version Control system does?
 - Tracks incremental versions (or revisions) of files/directories over time.
- What makes a version control system useful?
 - It allows you to explore the changes which resulted in each of those versions.
 - facilitates the arbitrary recall of the same.



The Repository

- The core of the version control system.
- The central store of that system's data.
- Stores information in the form of a *filesystem tree*.
- Any number of clients connect to the repository, and read or write to these files.





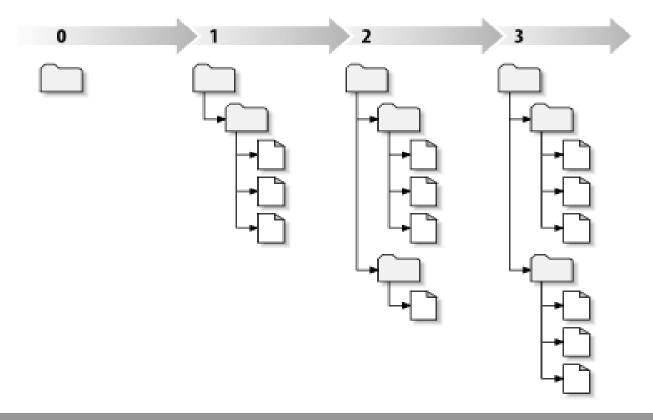
Revisions

- Each commit to repository creates a new state of the filesystem tree, called a revision.
- A client commits any no. of files and directories as a single atomic transaction.
- That is either all changes are accepted into the repository, or none of them is.



Revisions

 Each revision is assigned a unique natural number, one greater than the number assigned to previous revision.





Subversion Working Copies

- It (WC) is an ordinary directory tree on your local system, containing a collection of files.
- You can edit, make changes, compile(if source file) in usual way.
- You can even have multiple working copies of the same project.



Fundamental Working Copy Interactions

- How to get a Working Copy?
 - To get a working copy, you must check out some subtree of the repository.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108:~$ svn checkout http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/test/ntp-4.2.6p5

A ntp-4.2.6p5/kernel

A ntp-4.2.6p5/kernel/tty_chu.c

A ntp-4.2.6p5/kernel/Makefile.in

A ntp-4.2.6p5/kernel/chuinit.c

A ntp-4.2.6p5/kernel/tty_clk_STREAMS.c

A ntp-4.2.6p5/kernel/Makefile.am

A ntp-4.2.6p5/kernel/tty_clk.c
```



Importing Files and Directories

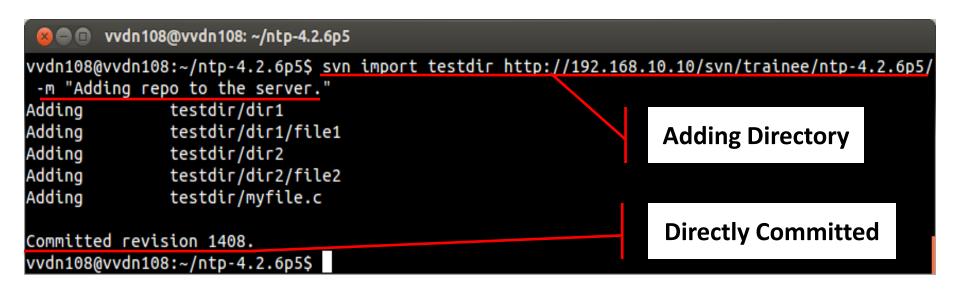
 You can get new files into your Subversion repository in two ways: svn import and svn add.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/ntp-4.2.6p5
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/ntp-4.2.6p5$
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/ntp-4.2.6p5$ svn add testdir
                                                           Adding Directory
          testdir
          testdir/myfile.c
          testdir/dir1
          testdir/dir1/file1
          testdir/dir2
          testdir/dir2/file2
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/ntp-4.2.6p5$
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/ntp-4.2.6p5$ svn add testfile
                                                              Adding a file
          testfile
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/ntp-4.2.6p5$
```



Importing Files and Directories

- svn import command used to copy an tree of files into a repository.
- It doesn't require a working copy
- Your files are immediately committed to the repository.





 svn copy (cp) — Copy a file or directory in a WC or in the repository. SRC and DST can be WC/URL.

svn copy SRC[@REV]... DST

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir$ svn copy myfile1.c wrk_cpy.c
                                                                         WC to WC
         wrk_cpy.c
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir$ svn copy myfile2.c http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/test/foo.c
                                 -m "Adding files to url."
                                                                        WC to URL
Adding copy of myfile2.c
Committed revision 1417.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir$ svn copy http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/test/myfile1.c bar.c
         bar.c
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir$ svn copy http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/test/myfile1.c
                            http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/test/foo bar.c -m "Remote copy"
Committed revision 1418.
                                                                       URL to URL
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir$
```



- **svn list (ls)** List directory entries in the repository.
- svn mkdir Create a new directory under version control.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir/dir1$ svn list http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/testdir/dir1 dir3/
file1
file3.c
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir/dir1$ svn mkdir dir4
A dir4
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir/dir1$
```



- svn move (mv) Move a file or directory.
- Equivalent to an svn copy followed by svn delete.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$ svn move myfile1.c wrk_mov.c

A wrk_mov.c

D myfile1.c

vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$ svn move http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/test/myfile2.c

http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/test/bar_foo.c -m "Remote move"

Committed revision 1420.

vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$

URL to URL

vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$
```



• **svn delete** (del, remove, rm) — Delete an item from a working copy or the repository.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir

vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$ svn delete dir2

D dir2

D dir2/file2

vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$ svn delete http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/test/ntp-4.2.6p5/

-m "Removing the unwanted directory"

From URL

Committed revision 1422.

vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$
```

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir

vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$ svn delete --keep-local dir1/file1

Deletes only from Repo

Repo
```



- **svn commit (ci)** Send changes from your working copy to the repository.
- Until we commit changes i.e. adding a file, deleting etc they won't be reflected on Version control system.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir

vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$ svn commit -m "Committing changes"

Deleting dir2

Committed revision 1423.

vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir$
```



svn update (up) — Update your working copy.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test

vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ svn update

Updating '.':

D ntp-4.2.6p5

Updated to revision 1423.

vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$
```

 Otherwise, it synchronizes the working copy to the revision given by the --revision (-r) option.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ svn update -r 1400
Updating '.':

D .
Updated to revision 1400.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$
```



• svn resolve — Resolve conflicts on working copy files or directories.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir/trunk/dir1
                                           vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir/trunk/dir1
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
                                                                                    ×
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir/trunk/dir1$ svn up
Updating '.':
Conflict discovered in '/home/vvdn108/trainee/testdir/trunk/dir1/file3.c'.
Select: (p) postpone, (df) diff-full, (e) edit,
        (mc) mine-conflict, (tc) theirs-conflict,
        (s) show all options: p
     file3.c
Updated to revision 1461.
Summary of conflicts:
  Text conflicts: 1
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir/trunk/dir1$ svn resolve --accept working file3.c
Resolved conflicted state of 'file3.c'
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir/trunk/dir1$ svn up
Updating '.':
At revision 1461.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir/trunk/dir1$
```



svn log — Display commit log messages.

r1419 | rakeshp | 2013-08-08 14:09:55 +0530 (Thu, 08 Aug 2013) | 1 line

Added dir

Added files

```
🔞 🖨 🗊 vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ svn log -r 1422:1423
r1422 | rakeshp | 2013-08-08 14:38:32 +0530 (Thu, 08 Aug 2013) | 1 line
Removing the unwanted directory
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$
 🙉 🖨 🗊 vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ svn log http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/testdir
r1423 | rakeshp | 2013-08-08 14:39:44 +0530 (Thu, 08 Aug 2013) | 1 line
Committing changes
r1421 | rakeshp | 2013-08-08 14:36:06 +0530 (Thu, 08 Aug 2013) | 1 line
```



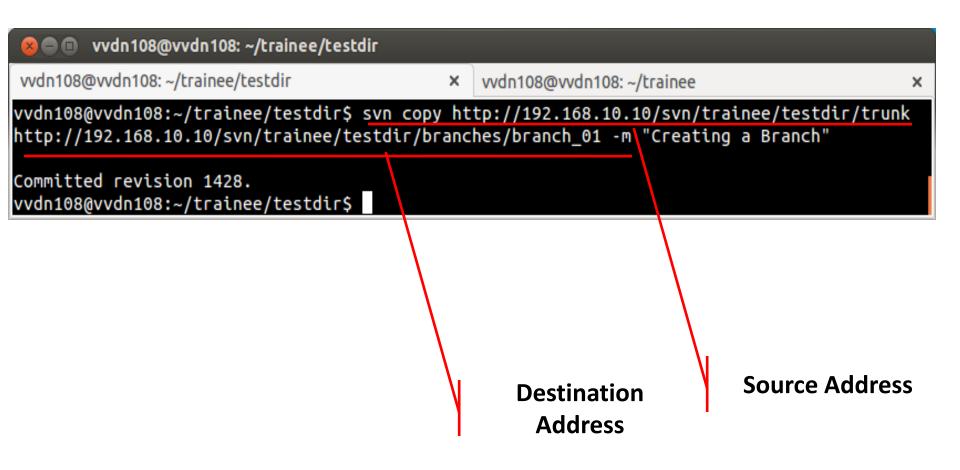
Trunks:

- Main place were stable code can be found.
- NEVER work directly on the trunk.
- Unless you have to deal with a bug which is quick and easy to fix.
- Do not make too many exceptions to the previous statement.
- Every other situation must imply the creation of a branch.
- Do not commit changes (from a branch merge) to the trunk which may break it .



How to create your own Branch?

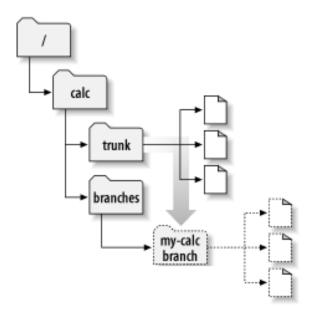
Your own branch or a line of development, in the project repository.





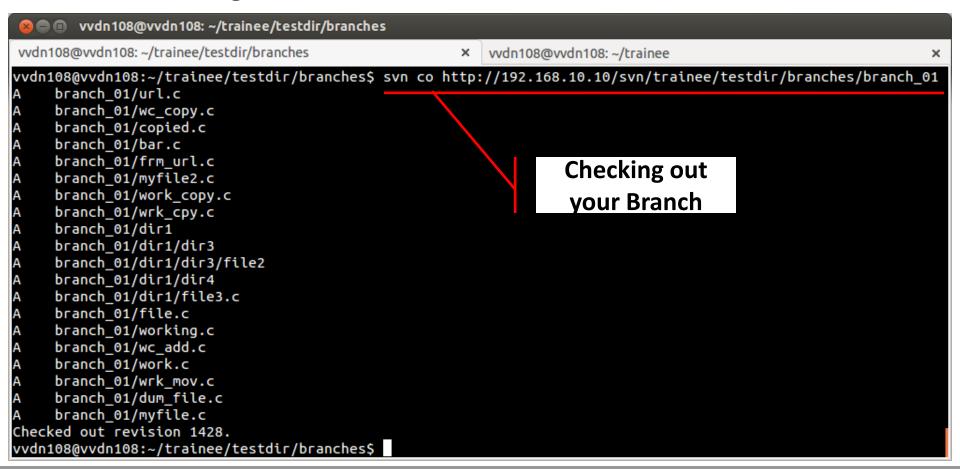
Cheap Copies:

- Subversion doesn't actually duplicate any data.
- It creates a new directory entry that points to an existing tree (kind of hardlink).
- It duplicates data only when it is necessary to disambiguate different versions of objects.





- Working with Your Branch
 - Check out a new working copy your branch
 - Start using it .

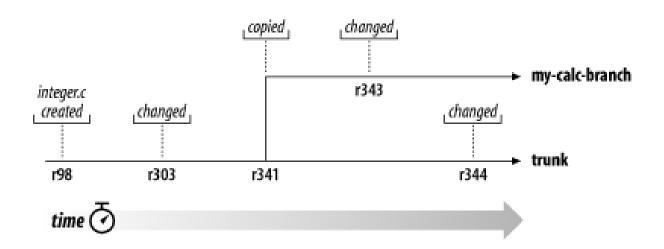




Managing Project using SVN

When things get interesting!!

- Changes made by you in your branch will not be visible to someone working on trunk.
- Similarly changes made on trunk won't be visible to you in branch.





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Basic Merging:

Keeping your Branch in synch:

You should be in branch while synching changes from trunk

· Committing is must after merge for changes to reflect on repo.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir/branches/branch_01$ svn ci -m "Reflecting changes done in trunk to the branch"
Sending dum_file.c
Transmitting file data .
Committed revision 1436.
```



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Reintegrating a Branch:

Bring your branch into sync with the trunk again.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir/trunk
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/testdir/trunk
                                                             vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir/trunk$ syn merge http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/testdir/branches/branch 01
    Merging r1428 through r1432 into '.':
    url.c
                                                 You should be in trunk while synching changes
    copied.c
    myfile2.c
                                                                          from branch
    wc add.c
    work.c
    wrk mov.c
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir/trunk$ svn ci -m "Reintegrating the changes of branch into the trunk"
Sending
              copied.c
Sending
              myfile2.c
Sending
              url.c
                                                             Committing Changes
Sending
              wc add.c
Sending
              work.c
Sending
              wrk mov.c
Transmitting file data ......
Committed revision 1433.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/testdir/trunk$
```

Once you have reintegrated your branch you may delete it.

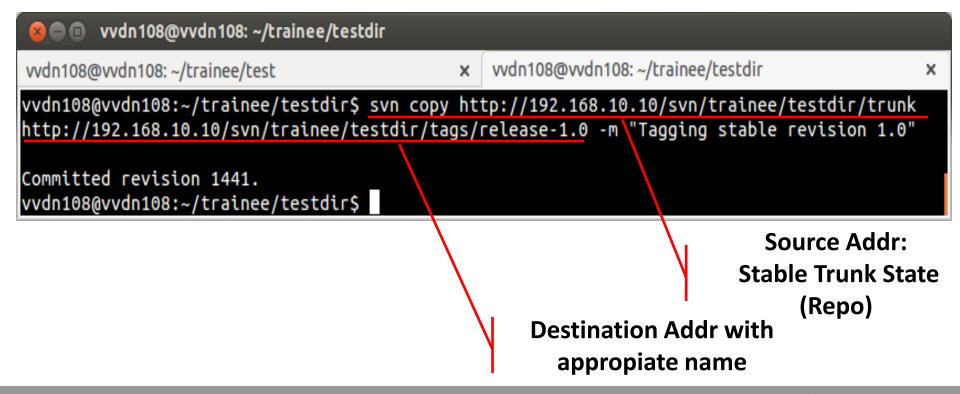


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Tag:

A tag is just a "snapshot" of a project in time.

Creating a Simple Tag





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Tag:

Creating a Complex Tag

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee
                                             vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
                                                                                       ×
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee$ svn copy ~/trainee/work copy
http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/testdir/tags/release-2.0 -m "Tagging stable revision 2.0"
Adding copy of
               work_copy
Sending copy of work_copy/dum_file.c
Sending copy of work copy/working.c
Transmitting file data ...
Committed revision 1445.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee$
                                                                     Source Addr:
                                                                    Stable Working
                                                                      Copy State
                                                    Destination Addr with
                                                      appropiate name
```



- **svn diff (di)** This displays the differences between two revisions or paths.
 - Examining local changes

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/work copy
                                    vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/work c... ×
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/work_copy$ svn diff
    fibonacci.c (revision 1449)
+++ fibonacci.c (working copy)
@@ -39,6 +39,6 @@
        else {
                return (fibo(index - 2) + fibo(index - 1) );
   Calculate element at the index using recursion.
                                                                        Uni
                                                                      Format
Index: matrix mul.c
                                                                        Diff
 -- matrix mul.c
                         (revision 1449)
+++ matrix_mul.c
                         (working copy)
@@ -170,5 +170,5 @@
        return res:
         return res:
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/work_copy$
```



Comparing your working copy to the repository

```
🔊 🖨 📵 vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/work copy
                                     x vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/work copy
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/work_copy$ svn diff -r 1446 working.c > work_patch
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/work copy$ cat work patch/
Index: working.c
--- working.c (revision 1446)
                                                   With particular revision
+++ working.c (working copy)
@@ -1,4 +1,9 @@
-This is a dummy file 1.
+This is a Here too diff, Some more latest changes. dummy file 1.
+Also this one before diff.
+This is a new file that will be added. This is also the latest changes. Her to
o some more changes. to the release 2.0
+This is a new file Some more changes. that Here too diff change. will be added
to the release 2.0
This is a new file that will be added to the release 2.0
-This is a new file that will be added to the release 2.0
-This is a new file that will be added to the release 2.0
+Soome more changes
+These are the changes that are made before taking the diff.
+This is the latest change made to the file.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/work copy$
```

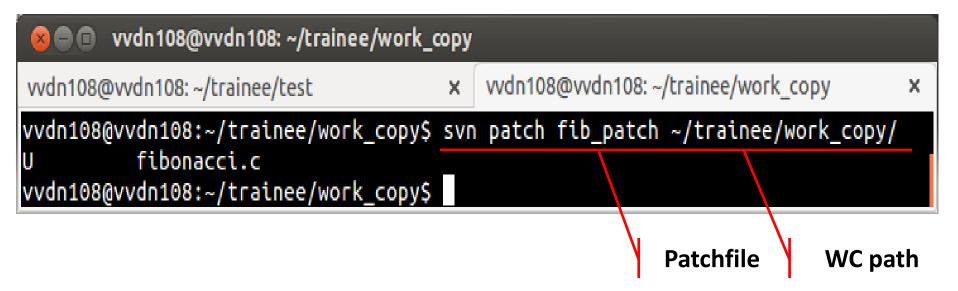


Comparing repository revisions.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/work_copy
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
                                          vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/work copy
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/work_copy$ svn diff -r 1446:1448 working.c > rev_patch
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/work copy$ cat rev patch
Index: working.c
--- working.c (revision 1446)
+++ working.c
                (revision 1448)
                                                    Comparing revisions and
00 -1,4 +1,8 00
                                                       redirecting output
-This is a dummy file 1.
+This is a Here too diff, dummy file 1.
+Also this one before diff.
+This is a new file that will be addedHer too some more changes. to the release 2
. 0
+This is a new file Some more changes. that Here too diff change. will be added t
o the release 2.0
 This is a new file that will be added to the release 2.0
-This is a new file that will be added to the release 2.0
-This is a new file that will be added to the release 2.0
+Soome more changes
+These are the changes that are made before taking the diff.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/work_copy$
```



 svn patch — Apply changes represented in a unidiff patch to the working copy.





Reversing the changes made by Patch

```
🔘 🖨 🗊 vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ cat patch_demo.c
#include<stdio.h>
main()
                                                    Before patch
       getchar();
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ cat demo.patch
Index: patch demo.c
_____
                        (revision 1479)
·-- patch demo.c
+++ patch_demo.c
                        (working copy)
@@ -1,5 +1,5 @@
-#include<stdio.h>
+#include<string.h>
                                                      PATCH FILE
 main()
        getchar();
        printf("Changes made.\n");
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ svn patch demo.patch ~/trainee/test/
          patch demo.c
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ cat patch_demo.c
#include<string.h>
main()
                                                     After patch
       printf("Changes made.\n");
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ svn patch --reverse-diff demo.patch ~/trainee/test/
          patch demo.c
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ cat patch_demo.c
                                                           With -reverse-diff
#include<stdio.h>
main()
                            After reversing patch
        getchar();
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$
```



 svn status (stat, st) — Print the status of working copy files and directories.



svn revert — Undo all local edits.



• svn export — Export a clean directory tree.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
                                                vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee$ svn export work_copy my-wrk
     my-wrk/fibonacci.c
     my-wrk/working.c
                                                     WC to WC
     my-wrk/matrix mul.c
     my-wrk/work.c
     my-wrk/myfile.c
     my-wrk/work_copy.c
Export complete.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee$ svn export http://192.168.10.10/svn/trainee/work_copy repo-work
     repo-work
     repo-work/working.c
                                                         URL to WC
     repo-work/matrix_mul.c
     repo-work/work.c
     repo-work/myfile.c
     repo-work/work_copy.c
     repo-work/fibonacci.c
Exported revision 1455.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee$
```



 svn changelist (cl) — Associate (or deassociate) local paths with a changelist.

```
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
                                          vvdn108@vvdn108: ~/trainee/test
                                       ×
                                                                                 ×
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ svn changelist ch_list file1 file2 file3
  [ch_list] file1
 [ch_list] file2
                                                         <Name> <files to add>
 [ch_list] file3
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$ svn ci --changelist ch_list -m "Fixing ch_list"
Adding
               file1
Adding
               file2
                                                     Commit using Changelist
Adding
               file3
Transmitting file data ...
Committed revision 1456.
vvdn108@vvdn108:~/trainee/test$
```



• **svn cleanup** — Recursively clean up the working copy, removing working copy locks and resuming unfinished operations.



- Follow a consistent directory structure.
- The Subversion project officially recommends :
 - a project root representing an anchoring point for project.
 - three subdirectories: /trunk, /branches, and /tags.
- A repository may contain only one project root, or no. of them.

```
Project1/
branches/
tags/
trunk/
Project2/
branches/
tags/
trunk/
```



General practices:

- Single commit should only reflect a single purpose
 - Fixing of a specific bug
 - Addition of a new feature
 - or some particular task.
- Try not to resolve multiple issues with single commit.
- Detailed Commit messages are helpful to others.



General practices:

- Certain commits are disallowed
 - Cannot commit deletion of a file or directory which doesn't have working revision HEAD.
 - -Cannot commit property change to directory which doesn't have working revision HEAD.
- Should not commit binaries (executables) to SVN repo.

- svn update before commit changes to avoid conflicts.
- Commit often & Update very often.



General practices:

- Whenever you need to copy, delete, move or rename files or folders in repository.
- Do so using **corresponding file operations** in the version control system.
- If done only on local file system the history of changes will be lost forever.



Branching Best Practices

Should be created for new features & major bugs.

Commit often

- Commit small changes frequently
- Rather than committing many small changes at once in chunk.
- Reduces merge conflicts

Delete unwanted branches –

- A successful merge has been performed.
- A successful reintegration merge has been performed



Merging Best Practices:

- Start with a checkout or an update.
- Merge on logical checkpoints
 - On reaching a certain level of stability and maturity.
 - Never merge when an experimental change has been made.
- Use log messages
- Merge soon
 - So that the team remains updated with changes you made.
- Run Frequent 'SVN Updates'
 - So that you stay updated with changes made in the trunk.



Tagging Best Practices:

- Before merges
- Tag major releases
- Before making sweeping changes
- Use proper tag names



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