Software Configuration Management (SCM) is a key discipline in software development, involving the management and tracking of changes in software to improve control and traceability throughout the software lifecycle. Here are some of the prominent tools used for software configuration management, along with a brief description of each:

1. **Git**:
    1. **Description**: Git is a distributed version control system that lets multiple developers work on the same codebase without interfering with each other. It is highly versatile and widely used for its branching and merging capabilities.
    2. **Common Use**: Managing source code versions and collaborating on software development projects.
2. **Subversion (SVN)**:
    1. **Description**: Apache Subversion is a centralized version control system. It manages files and directories over time and tracks changes made to them. This allows it to recover older versions of data or examine the history of how data changed.
    2. **Common Use**: Version control for both source code and other files that require version history.
3. **Mercurial**:
    1. **Description**: Mercurial is a distributed version control system similar to Git but designed for high performance and scalability. It is straightforward to use and well-suited for large projects.
    2. **Common Use**: Source code management especially in large projects or with teams preferring a simpler command line experience than Git.
4. **Perforce Helix Core**:
    1. **Description**: Perforce Helix Core is known for handling large-scale development environments with hundreds of developers and massive amounts of data. It provides tools for version control, workspace management, and scalability.
    2. **Common Use**: Used in large game development and enterprise software projects.
5. **IBM Rational ClearCase**:
    1. **Description**: IBM Rational ClearCase offers configuration management with powerful branching and merging capabilities. It supports large binary files and is ideal for environments where detailed tracking of changes is required.
    2. **Common Use**: Complex development projects in enterprise environments, especially where fine-grained control over versioning is needed.

6. **Microsoft Team Foundation Server (TFS)/Azure DevOps Server**:
    1. **Description**: TFS, now largely transitioning to Azure DevOps Server, integrates source control with bug tracking, project management, and application lifecycle management.
    2. **Common Use**: Managing software development projects using Microsoft development environments.
7. **AWS CodeCommit**:
    1. **Description**: A source control service hosted on Amazon Web Services that helps manage Git-based repositories, making it easier for teams to collaborate on projects.
    2. **Common Use**: Integrated with AWS's ecosystem, it's used by developers who rely on AWS for cloud services.
8. **Bitbucket**:
    1. **Description**: Bitbucket from Atlassian supports both Git and Mercurial. It integrates closely with JIRA, a project and issue tracking system, and Bamboo, a continuous integration and deployment tool.
    2. **Common Use**: Code hosting for teams that also use other Atlassian products.
9. **Chef**:
    1. **Description**: Chef is not a traditional SCM tool but is often used in managing configurations across networked machines. It automates the process of managing infrastructure through code.
    2. **Common Use**: Infrastructure as Code (IaC) to manage configurations across multiple servers.
10. **Ansible**:
    1. **Description**: Like Chef, Ansible is used for IT automation but focuses on simpler syntax and agentless deployment. It's particularly effective for configuration management and application deployment.
    2. **Common Use**: Automating configuration management, application deployment, and task automation.

These tools serve various aspects of software configuration management, from version control to complete automation of infrastructure and deployment processes. The choice of tool often depends on the specific needs of the project or the familiarity of the team with the tool.