# An Introduction to Subversion

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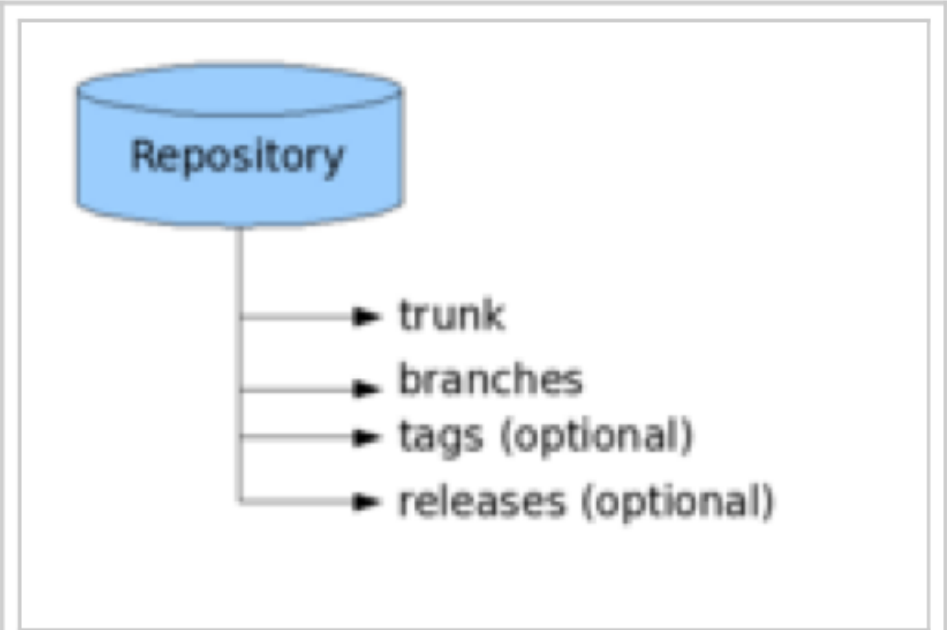
  - Discrepancies are handled upon checkin

# Generic setup

- Trunk: contains all the clean code
- Branches: where all initial work occurs
- Tags and releases (optional)

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server> svn co repository:trunk /programs/production/prod/current
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- Options are often useful (and sometimes necessary), but it's hard to remember them all: use *help*!