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How To

How to Backup and Restore Visual Studio settings

If you need to preserve your Visual Studio settings, there is a tool built into VS that allows to backup and restore the settings. In this tutorial we are assuming that you are saving a copy of ALL settings to use by you personally as a backup.
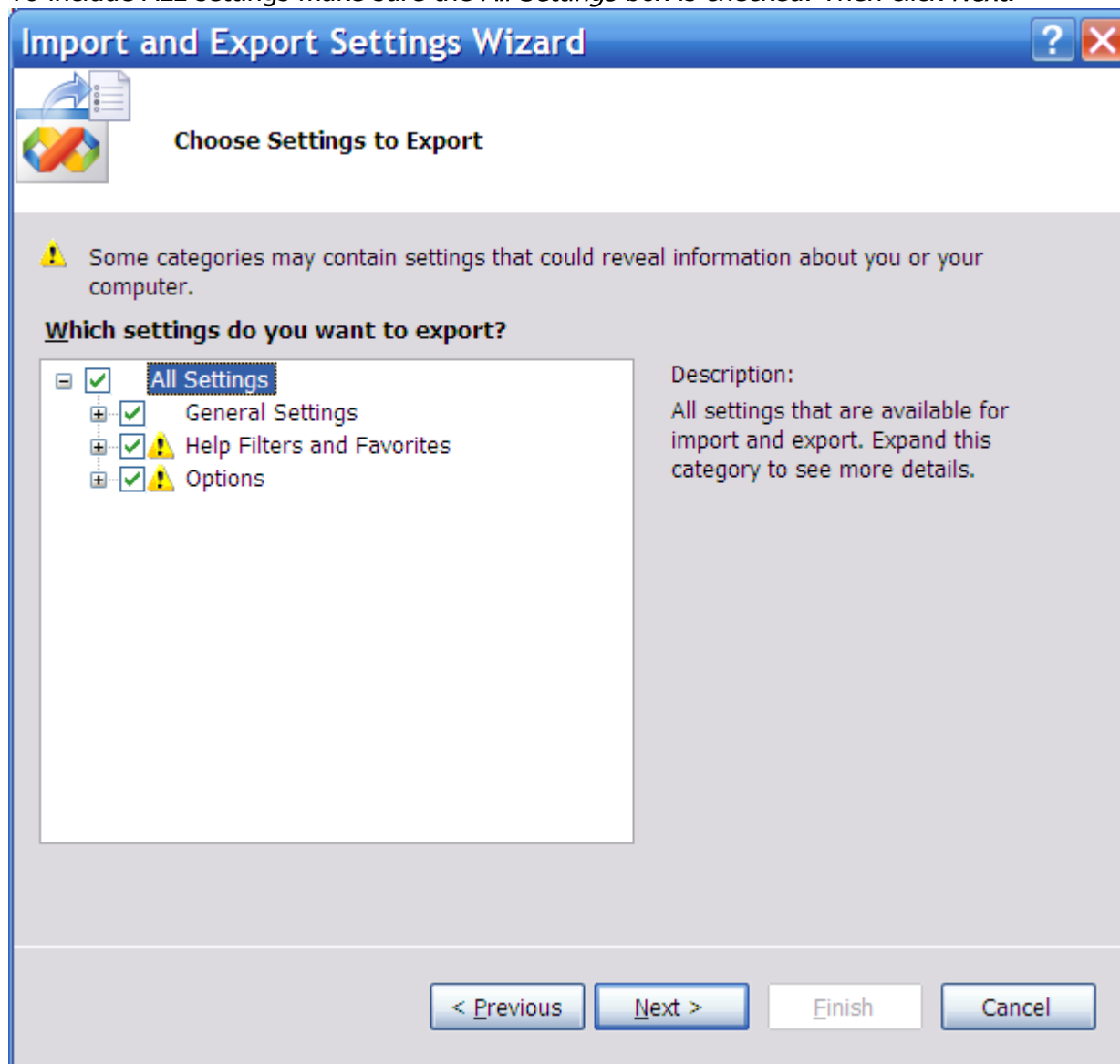
Make a backup

1. In Visual Studio use *Tools / Import and Export Settings...* menu to open *Import and Export Settings Wizard*.
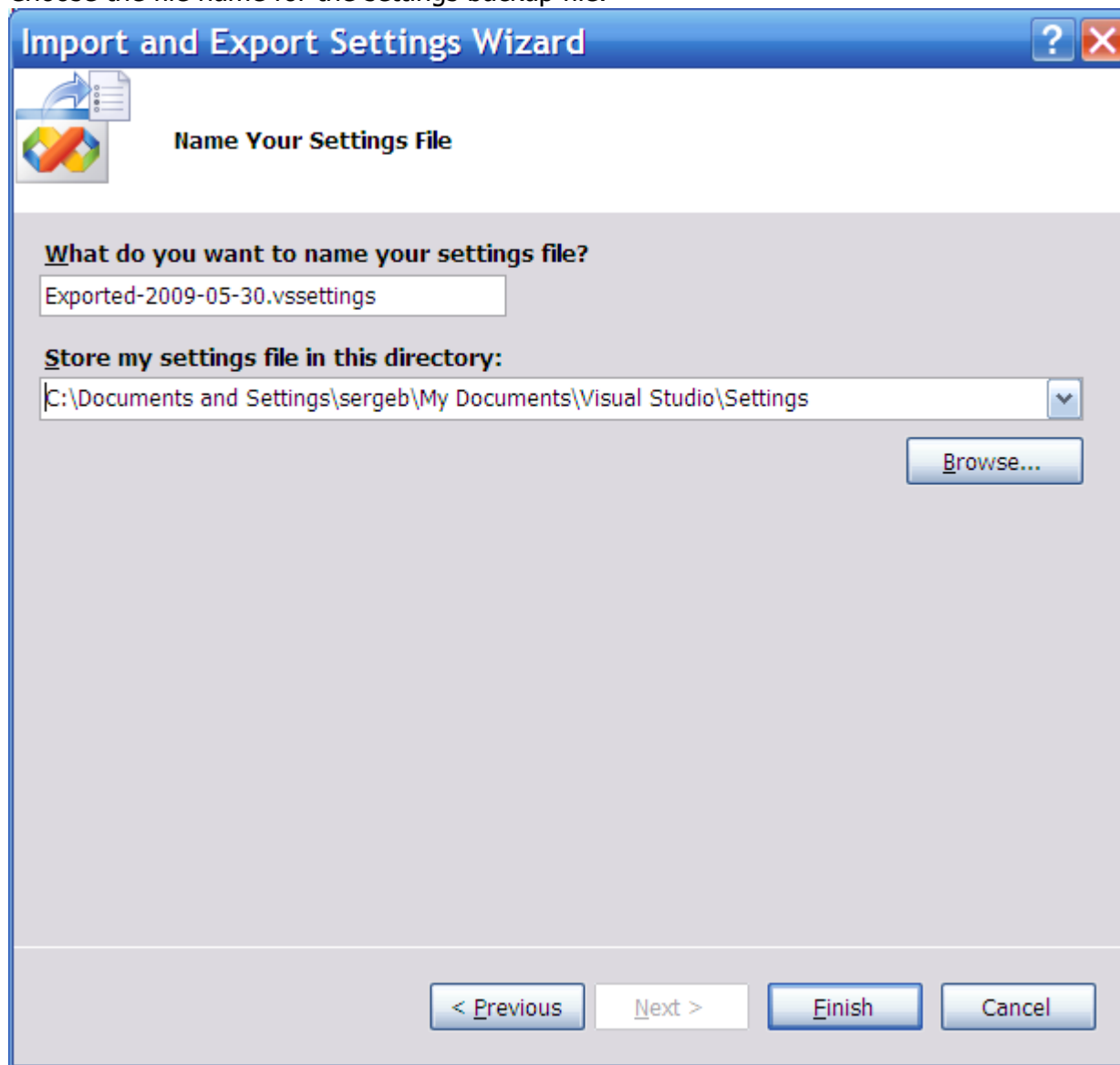

2. Select *Export selected environment settings* and click *Next*.

3. To include ALL settings make sure the *All Settings* box is checked. Then click *Next*.

4. Choose the file name for the settings backup file.

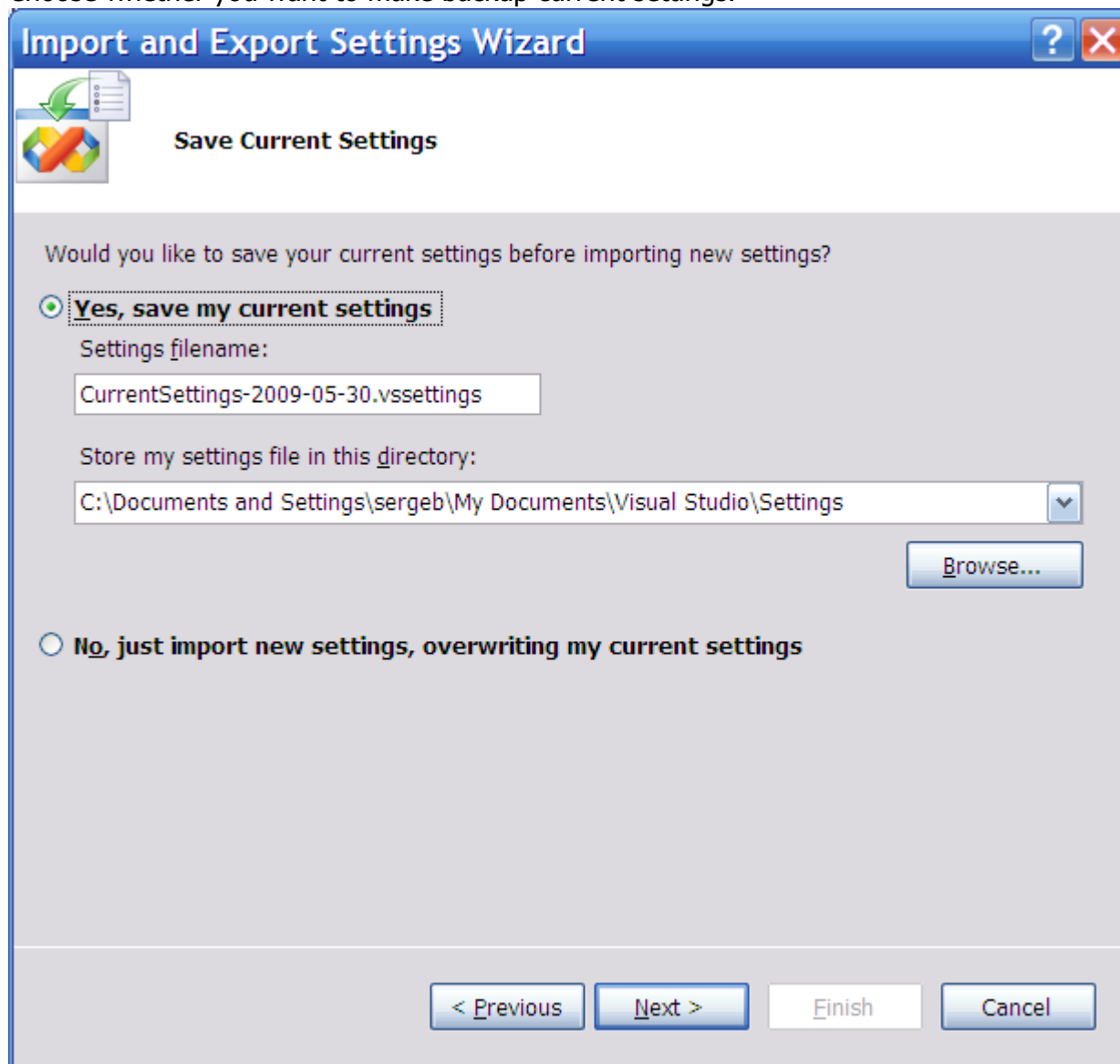5. Then click *Finish*. The wizard will store settings in the file.

Restore from a backup

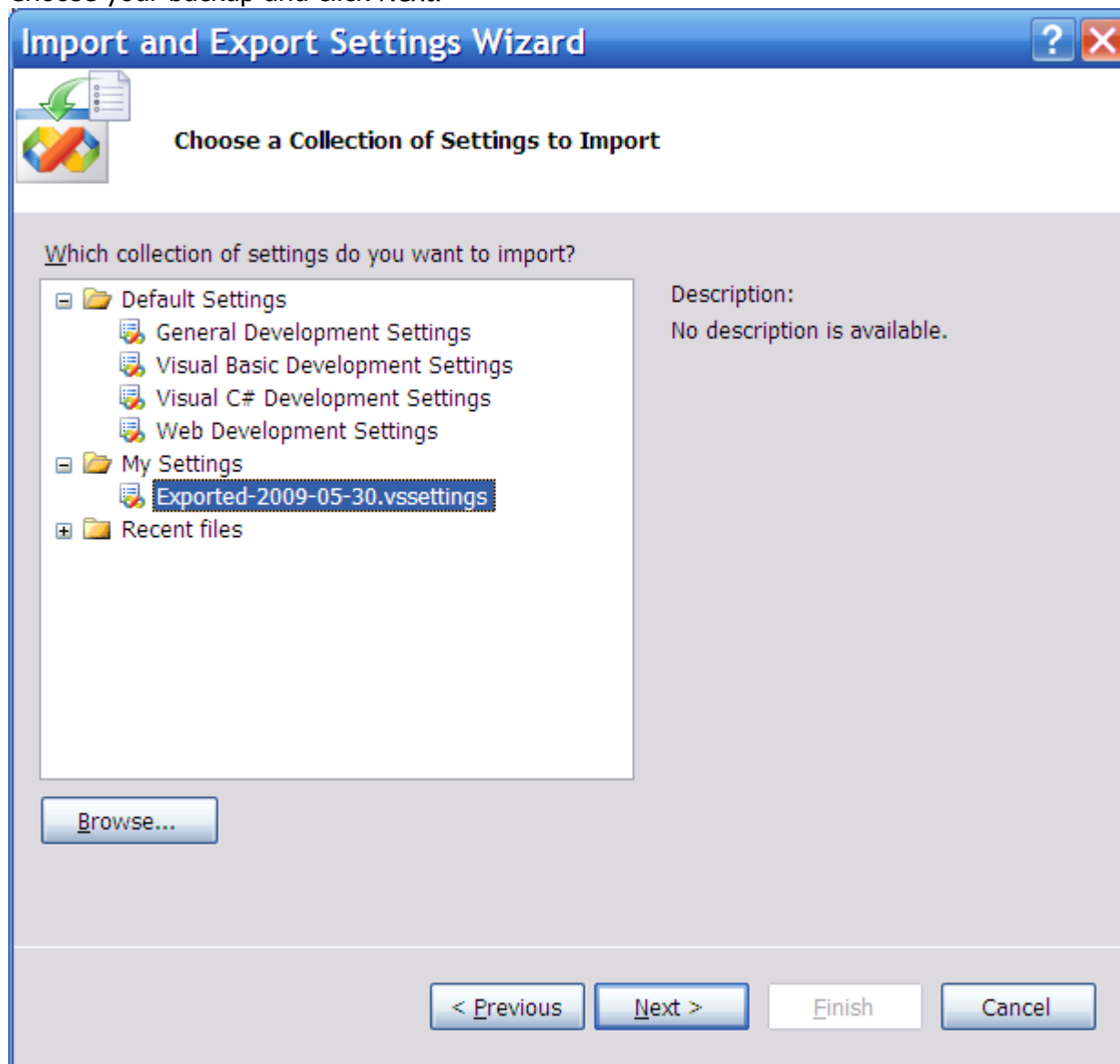1. Use *Tools / Import and Export Settings...* menu to open *Import and Export Settings Wizard*.

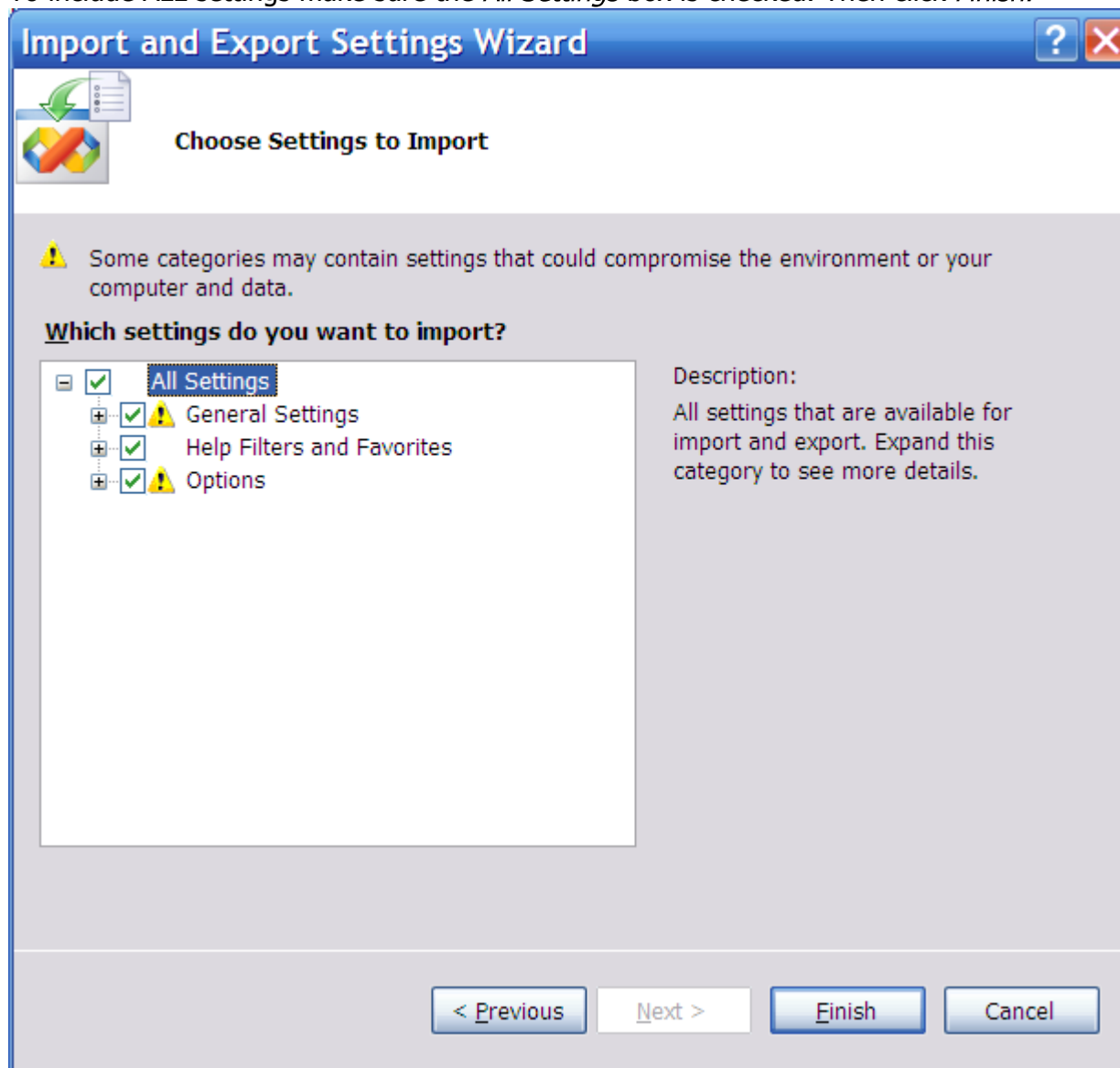2. Select *Export selected environment settings* and click *Next*.

3. Choose whether you want to make backup current settings.

Import and Export Settings Wizard   ? ✕

Save Current Settings

Would you like to save your current settings before importing new settings?

◉ **Yes, save my current settings**

    Settings filename:

    CurrentSettings-2009-05-30.vssettings

    Store my settings file in this directory:

    C:\Documents and Settings\sergeb\My Documents\Visual Studio\Settings

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○ **No, just import new settings, overwriting my current settings**

                                                 < Previous | Next > | Finish | Cancel

4. Choose your backup and click *Next.*

5. To include ALL settings make sure the *All Settings* box is checked. Then click *Finish.*

6. The wizard will restore settings from the backup.

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