Software Development and Version Control

Laboratory Proficiency 1

Problem Statement: Study of any open source system/application software like Version /control in Linux Kernel.

Solution:

Version control system

Version control system is a piece of software that helps the developer on a software team work together and also archives a complete history of their work. There are three goals of

- 1. We want people to be able to work simultaneously, not serially
- 2. When people are working at the same time, we want their changes to not conflict with each other.
- 3. We want to archive every version of everything that has ever existed.

Team Foundation Server

Team Foundation Server (commonly abbreviated to **TFS**) is a Microsoft product that provides source code management (either with Team Foundation Version Control or Git), reporting, requirements management, project management (for both agile software development and waterfall teams), automated builds, lab management, testing and release management capabilities. It covers the entire application lifecycle, and enables DevOps capabilities. TFS can be used as a back-end to numerous integrated development environments (IDEs) but is tailored for Microsoft Visual Studio and Eclipse on all platforms

Developer(s) Microsoft

Stable release 2017 update 2

Operating system Microsoft Windows
Type Version control

Website visualstudio.com/tfs

Team Foundation Server is available in two different forms: on-premises and online. The latter form is called Visual Studio Team Services (formerly Visual Studio Online). The cloud service is backed by Microsoft's cloud platform, Microsoft Azure. It uses the same code as the on-premises version of TFS, with minor modifications, and implements the most recent features. Visual Studio Team Services requires no setup. A user signs in using a Microsoft account to set up an environment, creating projects and adding team members. New features developed in short development cycles are added to the cloud version first. These features migrate to the on-premises version as updates, at approximately three-month intervals

Team Foundation Version Control

TFVC is a centralized version control system allowing teams to store any type of artifact within its repository. TFVC supports two different types of workspaces when working with client tools - Server Workspaces and Local Workspaces. Server workspaces allow developers to lock files for check-out and provide notification to other developers that files are being edited. A frequent complaint for this model is that files on the development machine are marked as read-only. It also requires developers to "go offline" when the server can't be contacted. Local workspaces were designed to avoid these problems. In a local workspace scenario files are not read-only and they do not have to be checked out before working on them. As long as the files are on the developer's local machine, it doesn't matter if the server is connected or not. Conflicts are dealt with at check-in time.

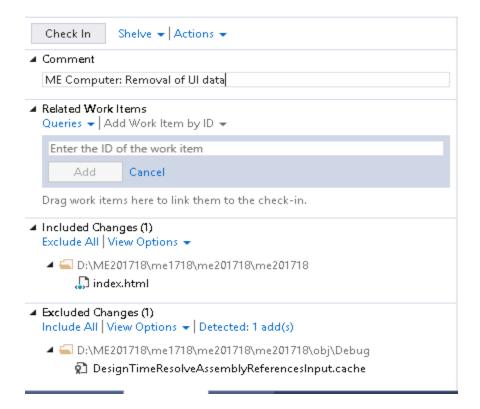
To improve performance for remote clients, TFS includes the ability to install Proxy Servers. [13] Proxy servers allow source control contents to be cached at a site closer to the developers to avoid long network trips and the associated latency. Check-ins are still performed directly against the TFS application tier so the Proxy Server is most beneficial in read scenarios.

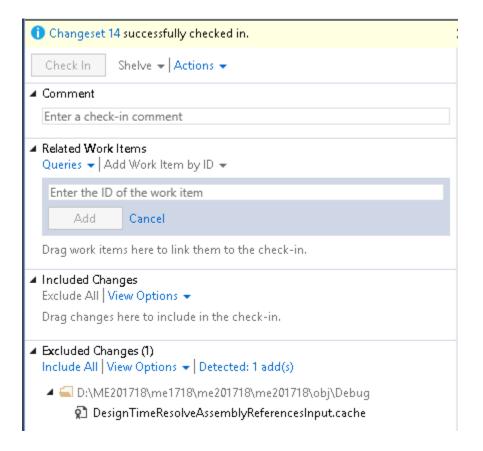
As part of the source control engine, TFS supports a number of features to help developers ensure the code that is checked in follows configurable rules. This rule engine is called a Checkin Policy. There are several out of the box policies such as the Changeset Comments Policy which will not allow a check-in unless the developer enters a check-in comment. These policies are extensible and can be used to examine all aspects of the code being checked in, the comments and the related work items. TFS also supports a Code Analysis feature that when used independently is known as FxCop. The inclusion in TFS means that the analysis can run against code checked into the server and during automated builds

Basic Operations

Check-in

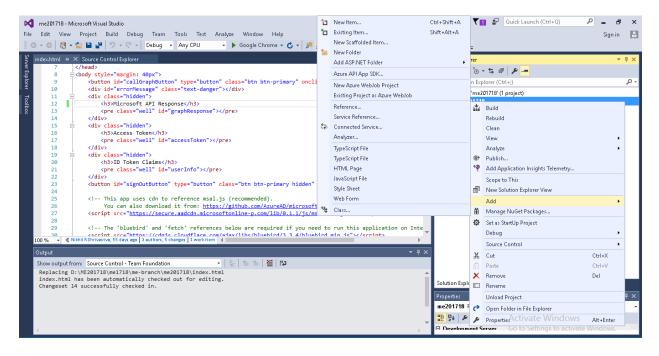
When you check in files, the system commits pending changes in your workspace to the Team Foundation version control server





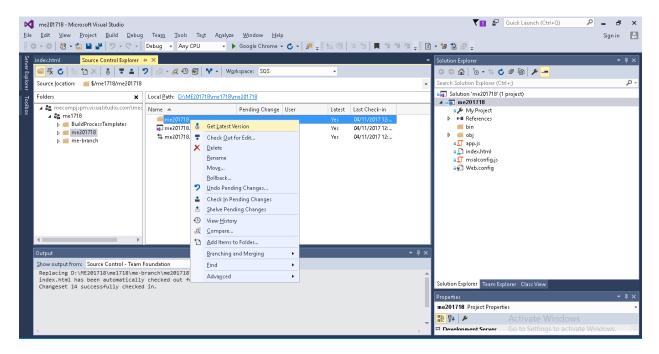
Adding a new file

Adding a file to version control is often automatic when you use Solution Explorer and your project is under version control. However, in some cases, you have to take some extra steps to add the project to version control



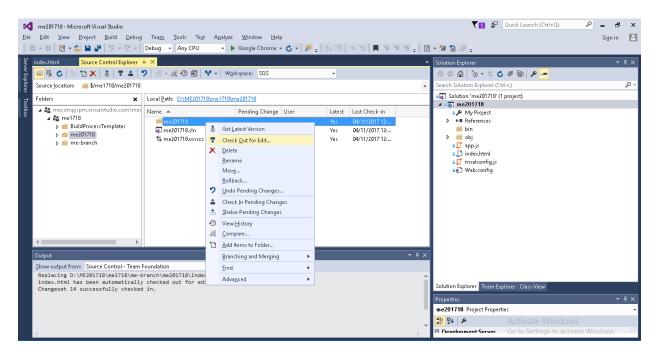
Downloading a file

You can download the latest version or a previous version of one or more files from your Team Foundation Server to your workspace on your development machine.



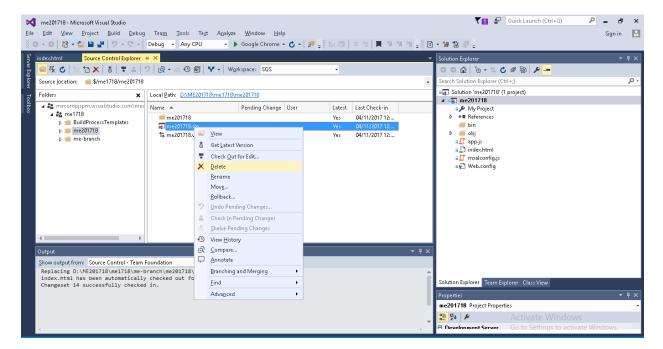
Check out and edit

When you want to edit a file you can open it from Solution Explorer or from Source Control Explorer. When you begin editing a file, it is automatically checked out to you



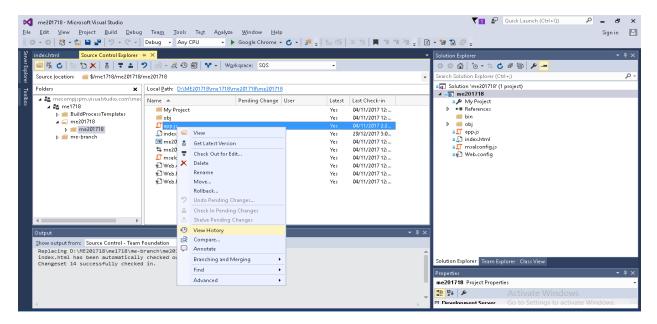
Delete and edit files

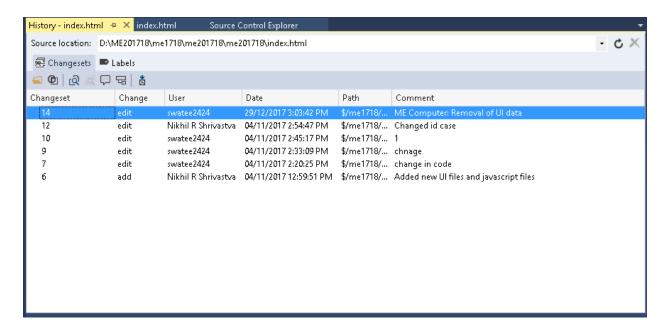
You can delete files and folders from TFVC and also restore them, from both in the workspace on your dev machine or on the server



Getting History

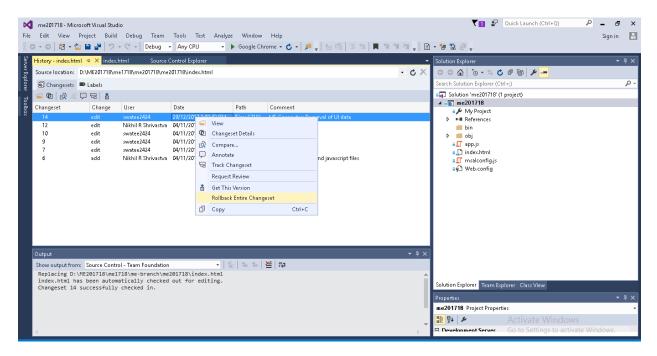
One advantage of a version control system is that you can look back in time to get detailed information about what changes have been made to your files. Team Foundation version control maintains historical data related to every version of every file that has ever been checked in.





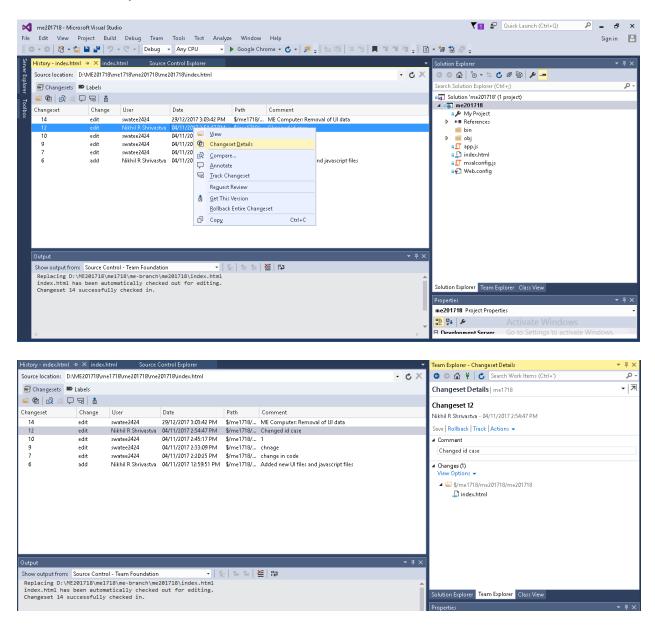
Roll Back Changes

A changeset is a permanent part of the history of your version-controlled items and cannot be undone or removed. However, you can roll back the effects of one or more changesets



Find and view changeset

When you check in your changes, they are stored on the server as a changeset. Changesets contain the history of each item in version control.



Conclusion

This assignment has barely scratched the surface of Team Foundation Server capabilities, basic operations and architecture