

version control tools

Version control tools are a great way to enable collaboration, maintain versions, and track changes across the team. Perhaps the greatest benefit of using version control tools is that you have the capacity to deal with an unlimited number of people, working on the same code base, without having to make sure that files are delivered back and forth.

1. GIT

Git is considered to be a newer, and faster emerging star when it comes to version control systems. First developed by the creator of Linux kernel, Linus Torvalds, Git has begun to take the community for web development and system administration by storm, offering a largely different form of control. Here, there is no singular centralized code base that the code can be pulled from, and different branches are responsible for hosting different areas of the code. Other version control systems, such as CVS and SVN, use a centralized control, so that only one master copy of software is used. As a fast and efficient system, many system administrators and open-source projects use Git to power their repositories. However it is worth noting that Git is not as easy to learn as SVN or CVS is, which means that beginners may need to steer clear if they're not willing to invest time to learn the tool . **Git is a distributed version control system** - which means that when you do a git clone (+url of your repository) what you get is a complete copy of your entire history of that project . Git has staging area .

2. SVN

SVN, or Subversion as it is sometimes called, is generally the version control system that has the widest adoption. Most forms of open-source projects will use Subversion because many other large products such as Ruby, Python Apache, and more use it too. Google Code even uses SVN as a way of exclusively distributing code. Because it is so popular, many different clients for Subversion are available. If you use Windows, then Tortoise SVN may be a great browser for editing, viewing and modifying Subversion code bases. If you're using a MAC, however, then Versions could be your ideal client. In svn , you are checking out a single version of that repository . **Svn has one central repository** . Svn allows you to check out sub trees only where as git allows you to check out the entire repository .

Work flows :

