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Exclude files from being checked into VSTS - tfignore

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## Intro

Sometimes the packages folder containing a bunch of binaries are accidentally checked into source control. nuget restore automatically restores these files and they do not need to be checked in.

I generally create a blank solution, configure my nuget.config and .tfignore files then add "file > new projects" to the solution.

## How to Create a new blank Solution

* Open Visual Studio > file > new project > search for "blank solution"
* Now create a nuget config and tfignore files.

## How to create nuget config and .tfignore files

Follow this document on how to ignore using tfignore:

<http://www.donovanbrown.com/post/2016/05/24/How-to-keep-packages-folder-out-of-TFVC>

After that you can right click the solution and add your projects.

Here is a good tfignore file to ignore packages, bin. obj, and other binaries

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| ​  # User-specific files  \*.suo  \*.user  \*.sln.docstates  # Build results  bin  obj  #include nuget executable  !NuGet.exe  #secrets  ConnectionStrings.config  AppSettingsSecrets.config  #nuget packages directory  packages  #include package target files which may be required for msbuild  !packages/\*.targets  # ReSharper  \_ReSharper\*/  \*.ReSharper  # TeamCity  \_TeamCity\*  # DotCover is a Code Coverage Tool  \*.dotCover  # Click-Once directory  publish/  # Publish Web Output  \*.Publish.xml  \*.pubxml  # Backup & report files from converting an old project file to a newer  \_UpgradeReport\_Files/  Backup\*/  UpgradeLog\*.XML  UpgradeLog\*.htm  # Windows image file caches  Thumbs.db  ehthumbs.db  # Folder config file  Desktop.ini  # VS 2015 folder  .vs |