
CSE 303

Lecture 19

Version control and Subversion (svn)

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Working in teams

- Whose computer stores the "official" copy of the project?
 - Can we store the project files in a neutral "official" location?
- Will we be able to read/write each other's changes?
 - Do we have the right file permissions?
- What happens if we both try to edit the same file?
- What happens if we make a mistake and corrupt an important file?
 - Is there a way to keep backups of our project files?
- How do I know what code each teammate is working on?

Recall: Groups and users

| command | description |
|---------|---|
| chmod | change permissions for a file |
| umask | set default permissions for new files |
| groups | list the groups to which a user belongs |
| chgrp | change the group associated with a file |

- setting groups on files: `chgrp group filename`
`chgrp -R cse303k *` (set group of all to cse303k)
- permission codes: `chmod who(+ -)what filename`
`chmod -R g+rwX *` (group can read/write all)

Version control

- **version control system:** Software that tracks and manages changes to a set of source code files and resources.
 - examples: CVS, **Subversion (SVN)**, Git, Monotone, BitKeeper, Perforce
- helps teams to work together on code projects
 - a shared copy of all code files that all users can access
 - keeps current versions of all files, and backups of past versions
 - can see what files others have modified and view the changes
 - manages conflicts when multiple users modify the same file
 - not particular to source code; can be used for papers, photos, etc.
 - but often works best with plain text/code files

Repositories

- **repository:** Central location storing a copy of all files.
 - **check in:** adding a new file to the repository
 - **check out:** downloading a file from the repo to edit it
 - you don't edit files directly in the repo; you edit a local **working copy**
 - once finished, the user checks in a new version of the file
 - **commit:** checking in a new version of a file(s) that were checked out
 - **revert:** undoing any changes to a file(s) that were checked out
 - **update:** downloading the latest versions of all files that have been recently committed by other users

Subversion

| command | description |
|----------|--|
| svnadmin | make administrative changes to an SVN repository |
| svn | interact with an SVN repository |

- **Subversion:** created to repair problems with older CVS system
 - supports folders, better renaming, atomic commits, good branching
 - currently the most popular free open-source version control system
- installing in Ubuntu:
`$ sudo apt-get install subversion`
- creating a repository:
`$ svnadmin create path`



SVN commands

| command | description |
|--|---|
| <code>svn add <i>files</i></code> | schedule files to be added at next commit |
| <code>svn ci [<i>files</i>]</code> | commit / check in changed files |
| <code>svn co <i>files</i></code> | check out |
| <code>svn help [<i>command</i>]</code> | get help info about a particular command |
| <code>svn import <i>directory</i></code> | adds a directory into repo as a project |
| <code>svn merge <i>source path</i></code> | merge changes |
| <code>svn revert <i>files</i></code> | restore local copy to repo's version |
| <code>svn resolve <i>source path</i></code> | resolve merging conflicts |
| <code>svn update [<i>files</i>]</code> | update local copy to latest version |
| others: blame, changelist, cleanup, diff, export, ls/mv/rm/mkdir, lock/unlock, log, propset | |

Setting up a repo

- on attu, create the overall repository:
 - `$ svnadmin create path`
- from attu, add initial files into the repo (optional):
 - `$ svn import projectname foldername`
- give the repo read/write permissions to your cse303 group
 - `$ chgrp -R mycse303group repofoldername`
 - `$ chmod -R g+rwX,o-rwx repofoldername`

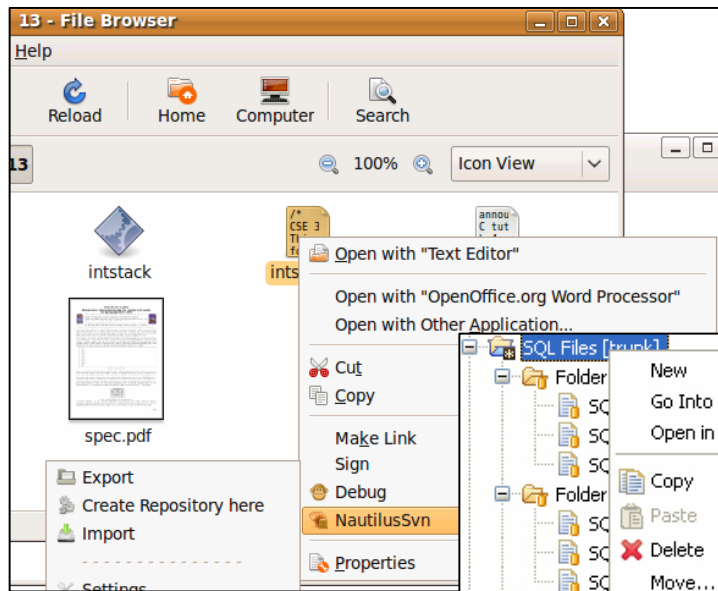
Adding files to a repo

- on your computer, set up a local copy of the repo
 - `$ svn co svn+ssh://attu.cs.washington.edu/foldername`
 - or, if you're setting up your local copy on attu as well:
`$ svn co file:///homes/iws/username/foldername`
 - after checkout, your local copy "remembers" where the repo is
- now copy your own files into the repo's folder and add them:
 - `$ svn add filename`
 - *common error*: people forget to add files (won't compile for others)
- added files are not really sent to server until commit
 - `$ svn ci filename -m "checkin message"`
 - put source code and resources into repo (no .o files, executables)

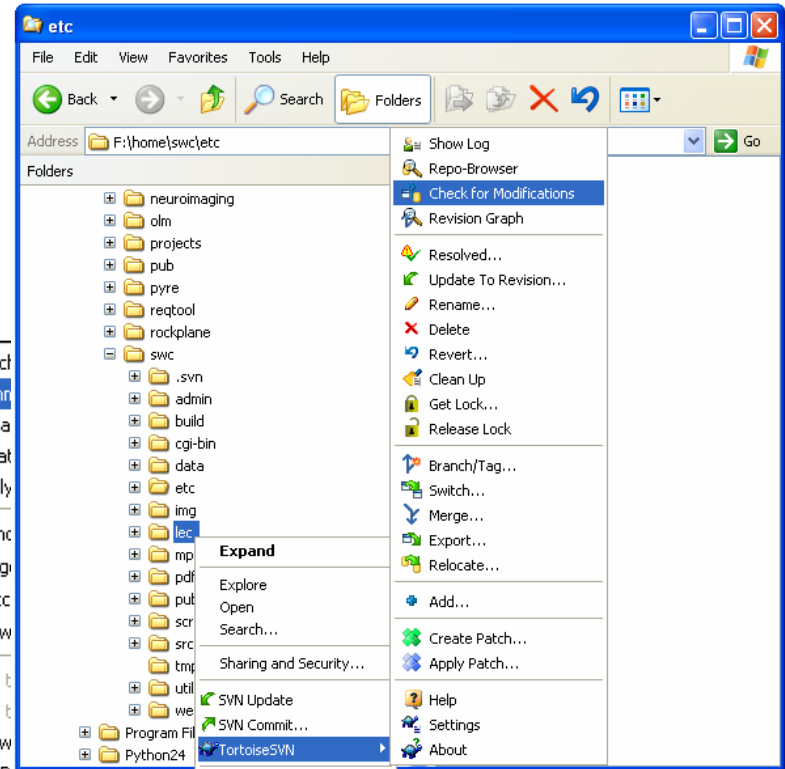
Committing changes

- updating (to retrieve any changes others have made):
 - `$ svn update`
- examining your changes before commit:
 - `$ svn status`
 - `$ svn diff filename`
 - `$ svn revert filename`
- committing your changes to the server:
 - `$ svn ci -m "added 0(1) sorting feature"`

Shell/IDE integration



Linux:
NautilusSVN

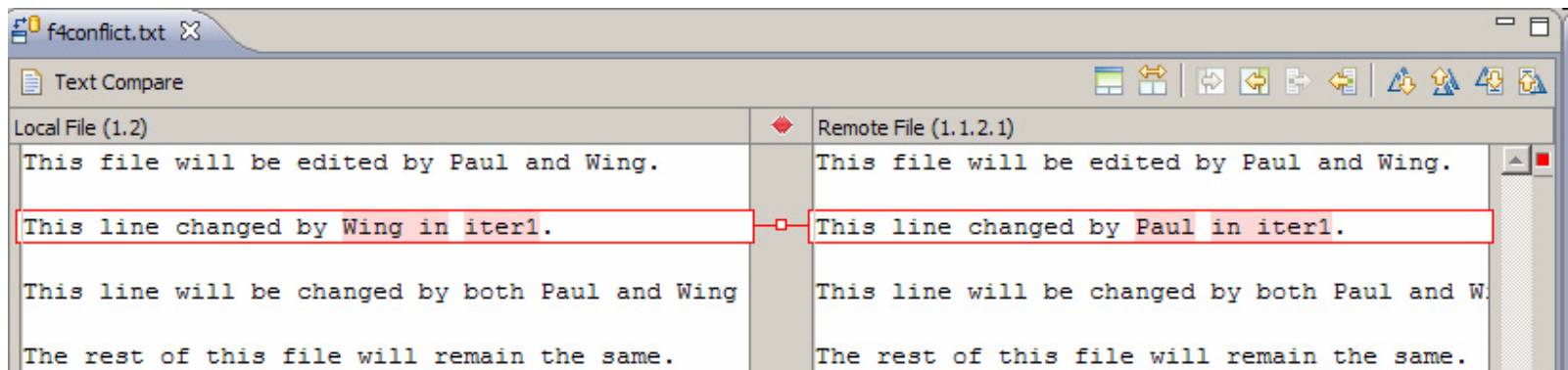


Windows:
TortoiseSVN

Eclipse:
Subclipse

Merging and conflicts

- **merge:** Two sets of changes applied at same time to same files
 - happens when two users check out same file(s), both change it, and:
 - both commit, or
 - one changes it and commits; the other changes it and does an *update*
- **conflict:** when the system is unable to reconcile merged changes
 - **resolve:** user intervention to repair a conflict. Possible ways:
 - combining the changes manually in some way
 - selecting one change in favor of the other
 - reverting both changes (less likely)



Branches

- **branch** (fork): A second copy of the files in a repository
 - the two copies may be developed in different ways independently
 - given its own version number in the version control system
 - eventually be merged
 - **trunk** (mainline, baseline): the main code copy, not part of any fork

