

## Adding Files to Version Control

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If a new file is created with IntelliJ IDEA in a directory that is already under version control, it automatically adds to the active changelist with the status Added. All you have to do, is to commit this change.

IntelliJ IDEA's behavior on adding files is configurable in the [General Settings tab](#) of the Version Control dialog.

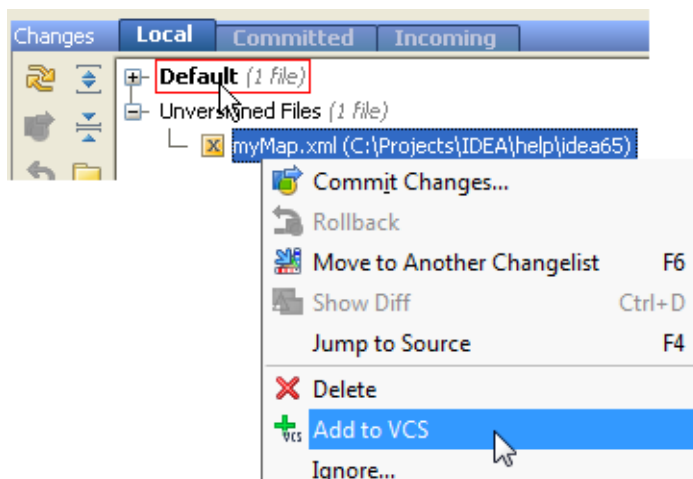
If a new file is created outside of IntelliJ IDEA, or silent adding is disabled, you have to explicitly add it to the version control.

Another approach is VCS-specific. You can import an entire directory to your [CVS](#) or [Subversion](#) repository, provided that you have the corresponding access rights. This action is helpful for putting a whole project under version control.

### To explicitly add a file to version control

1. Select file in the Project tool window.
2. On the main **Version Control** menu or on the context menu of the selected file, choose **<VCS> | Add**.

Alternatively, use the Changes tool window. Select the desired files in the Unversioned files changelist, and choose **Add to VCS** on the context menu, or just drag it to the target changelist.



3. Select the added file in the changelist and **check in (commit) changes**.

### See Also

#### Procedures:

- [Importing a Local Directory to CVS Repository](#)
- [Importing a Local Directory to Subversion Repository](#)
- [Sharing Directory](#)

#### Reference:

- [Version Control Reference](#)
- [Version Control](#)
- [Changes Tool Window](#)

#### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 