

Configuring Format of the Local Working Copy

A working copy is a directory that contains a collection of files, which you can use as your private work area, and some extra files, created and maintained by Subversion. In particular, each directory in your working copy contains an administrative directory named `.svn`.

You can have local working copies created with Subversion 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, or 1.8. IntelliJ IDEA handles all these formats, giving you a choice to upgrade to the new format or preserve the legacy one.

Switching to another Subversion format is always associated with a specific working copy (directory) under Subversion control. In other words, one cannot upgrade to a newer Subversion format at the IDE level but only for a directory under Subversion control.

To check the VCS association, open the [Settings - Version Control](#) dialog box where all the mappings between the project directories (or the entire project) and VCSs are listed.

To change the format of a working copy

1. Open the [Changes](#) tool window by doing one of the following:
 - On the main menu, choose **View | Tool Windows | Changes**.
 - Press **Alt+9**.
2. Switch to the [Subversion Working Copies Information](#) tab.

This tab is only available, when the current project sources are entirely or partially under Subversion control.

3. Scroll to the information on the required directory and click the **Change** link next to the **Format** read-only text box.
4. In the **Convert Working Copy Format** dialog box, that opens, select the desired format option.

See Also

Concepts:

- [Supported Version Control Systems](#)

Reference:

- [Changes Tool Window](#)
- [Version Control Reference](#)
- [Subversion Working Copies Information Tab](#)

External Links:

- <http://subversion.apache.org/> 

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 