

# Getting Local Working Copy of the Repository

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As soon as [version control support is enabled](#) in IntelliJ IDEA, you can retrieve the data from the repository. Depending on your purpose and workflow, choose one of the following approaches:

- [Check out](#) the repository sources to a [content root](#) of an [existing project](#). Then set up version control in the project, if it has not been done before, and put the downloaded sources under control of the VCS used.
- [Check out](#) the repository sources to a location of your choice and have IntelliJ IDEA [create a project around them](#). This does not require any extra steps from your side. IntelliJ IDEA suggests to set up a project based on the downloaded sources itself, as soon as the check-out is completed. Upon your consent, the [New Project from Existing Code Wizard](#) starts. When the project is created, set up version control in it.

This approach is not available for Perforce integration.

The check-out procedure depends on the type of VCS you use. Refer to the following sections for details:

- [Retrieving Files from a CVS Repository](#)
- [Retrieving Files from an SVN Repository](#)
- [Cloning a Remote Git Repository](#)
- [Cloning a Remote Mercurial Repository](#)
- [Using Perforce Integration](#)

## See Also

Concepts:

- [Version Control with IntelliJ IDEA](#)

Procedures:

- [Version Control with IntelliJ IDEA](#)
- [Changing Read-Only Status of Files](#)

Reference:

- [Version Control Reference](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 