

## Ignoring Files

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If you want your CVS integration to ignore certain unversioned files under CVS-associated directories, and skip them when performing update, import etc., add these files to the *CVS ignore list*, which is stored in the `.cvsignore` file.

The way CVS integration handles unversioned files depends on the [general settings for file creation](#). If the new files, created with IntelliJ IDEA, are not put under version control automatically, you can add them to the ignore list using CVS command. You can put the `.cvsignore` file under CVS version control, and it will be recognized by all CVS clients.

### To include an unversioned file to the ignore list

1. Select an unversioned file under a CVS-associated directory (by default, such files are brown).
2. On the main VCS menu, or on the context menu of the selection, choose **CVS | Ignore**. If `.cvsignore` file is not under CVS version control, proceed to the next step. If `.cvsignore` already exists and is under version control, IntelliJ IDEA adds the file in question to the ignore list silently.
3. If you want to put the ignore list under version control, in the Add File `.cvsignore` to CVS dialog box, click **Add to CVS** and optionally specify the desired [keyword substitution](#).

If you want to remove a file from the ignore list, you can only do it manually. Open the `.cvsignore` file for editing by pressing F4, and remove the lines for the files that should not be ignored by CVS.

### See Also

#### Concepts:

- [Supported Version Control Systems](#)

#### Reference:

- [Version Control Reference](#)
- [Version Control](#)
- [CVS](#)

#### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 