

## TFS Check-in Policies

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A check-in policy is a rule that is executed before every check-in to ensure that the selected changeset is OK to commit. *Standard policies* are stored on the server and are executed on the client machines.

*Custom policies* are implemented as [custom plugins](#) to IntelliJ IDEA. The IDs of these plugins are stored on the server, while the policies themselves are applied locally. Therefore, to enable the use of a policy in a team, all the team members should install the corresponding plugin.

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### To define the default policy settings to be applied at the IntelliJ IDEA level

1. [Open the project settings](#), and then click TFS under the **Version Control** node.
2. On the [TFS](#) page, that opens, select the applicable checkboxes in the **Checkin policies compatibility** area.
  - **Evaluate Team Explorer policies:** select this check box to have the *Microsoft Team Explorer* policy definitions installed and executed on the client machine.
  - **Evaluate Teamprise policies:** select this check box to have the *Teamprise* policy definitions installed and executed on the client machine.
  - **Warn about not installed policies:** select this check box to have warnings displayed in case the specified policy definition is not installed.

### To suppress applying the default check-in policy settings to a project

1. [Open the project settings](#), and then click TFS under the **Version Control** node.
2. On the [TFS](#) page, that opens, click the **Manage** button in the **Servers and Workspaces** area.
3. In the [Manage TFS Servers and Workspaces](#) dialog box, that opens, select the project in question from the **Team project** drop-down list.
4. In the **Compatibility** area, select the **Override default settings for team project <project name>** check box.
5. Re-define the default settings by selecting or clearing the corresponding check boxes below.
  - **Evaluate Team Explorer policies:** select this check box to have the *Microsoft Team Explorer* policy definitions installed and executed on the client machine.
  - **Evaluate Teamprise policies:** select this check box to have the *Teamprise* policy definitions installed and executed on the client machine.
  - **Warn about not installed policies:** select this check box to have warnings displayed in case the specified policy definition is not installed.

## To manage the list of available policies

The list of available policies consists of standard third-party policies and custom, user-defined policies.

1. [Open the project settings](#), and then click **TFS** under the **Version Control** node.
2. On the **TFS** page, that opens, click the **Manage** button in the **Servers and Workspaces** area.
3. In the [Manage TFS Servers and Workspaces](#) dialog box, that opens, select the required workspace and click the **Checkin Policies** button.
4. In the [Edit Checkin Policies](#) dialog box, that opens, configure the list of policies:
  - To activate a policy, select the **Enabled** check box next to it.
  - To suppress a policy, clear the **Enabled** check box next to it.
  - To discard a policy permanently, select it in the list and click the **Remove** button.

## To introduce a custom check-in policy

1. Implement the required policy as a [custom plugin](#).
2. [Download](#), [install](#), and [enable](#) the plugin.

## See Also

Procedures:

- [Creating and Managing TFS Workspaces](#)

Reference:

- [Edit Check-in Policies Dialog](#)

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#)