

Working with Tags and Branches

From within IntelliJ IDEA, you can create and delete CVS tags and branches. The names of the tags and branches must start with a letter, and contain only alphanumeric characters.

Branch and tag commands apply to all the files you have selected in the current view (including all the files in any selected directory), or to the current file in the editor if you invoked the command there.


This section describes how to:

- [Access the tags and branches commands.](#)
- [Create a branch](#) in the repository on the base of the current revision.
- [Tag a revision in you local working directory.](#)
- [Delete a tag.](#)


To access tags and branches commands

1. In one of the tool windows, select the desired files or directories, or open a file in the editor.
2. Do one of the following:
 - On the main menu, choose **VCS | CVS**
 - On the context menu, choose **CVS**
3. On the submenu, choose the appropriate command (**Create Branch**, **Create Tag**, or **Delete Tag**)


To create a branch

1. [Invoke](#) the **Create Branch** command.
2. In the Create Branch dialog box, specify the name of the new branch. To do that, type the name in the **Branch name** field, or click the **Browse** button  and select the desired name from the list of existing CVS tags.
3. Optionally, specify the following:
 - Select the **Override existing** check box, if you want to move an existing tag to a new branch, as defined by the option `-F` of `rtag` CVS command.
 - Select the **Switch to this branch** check box to switch your local working copy to the branch specified in the **Branch name** field.

To create a new tag

1. [Invoke](#) the **Create Tag** command.
2. In the Create Tag dialog box, specify the new tag name. To do that, type the name in the **Tag name** field, or click the **Browse** button  and select the desired name from the list of CVS tags.
3. Optionally, specify the following:
 - Select the **Override existing** check box, if you want an existing tag to point to the current revision, as defined by the option `-F` of `rtag` CVS command.
 - Select the **Switch to this tag** check box to switch your local working copy to the tag specified in the **Tag name** field.

To delete a tag

1. [Invoke](#) the **Delete Tag** command.
2. In the Delete Tag dialog box, specify the name of the tag you want to delete. To do that, type the name in the **Tag name** field, or click the **Browse** button , and select tag name from the list of the current tags in the repository.

See Also

Concepts:

- [Supported Version Control Systems](#)

Reference:

- [Version Control Reference](#)

External Links:

- <http://ximbiot.com/cvs/cvshome/> 

Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 