

PROJECT STRUCTURE

Introduction

Each question coming up in a project interrupts the flow and slows down the performance. This paper describes where to put what during the development of a software project.

Source Control Structure

It's a good practice to create one repository for the entire company or department to store all your projects. Usually each project has 3 subfolders:

- "trunk" contains the main development branch.
- "tags" contains copies of the officially released versions
- "branches" contains subfolders with temporary copies of the trunk for experimental development, release stabilization etc.

Project Structure

| Directory | Description |
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| bld | The build tasks. |
| bin | The output directory for binaries of library projects. |
| cer | The needed certificates and strong name keys. |
| doc | The API and developer documentation. |
| hlp | The user documentation/manual. |
| ins | The installation files (*.msi). |
| out | The output directory for executable projects as found installed at %ProgramFiles%. |
| res | The external resources like icons, images, sound- or text-files. |
| src | The source code. |
| tls | The tools directory. |