Crash Course:
Source Control for the Technical Writer

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- (Ab)using Flare for 10 years
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Let's talk source control

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What benefits does source control give me?

(i.e. Why do I care?)

- Project is backed up. Forever.
- Multiple writers, one project.
- Version tracking that matches your product.
- UNDO! *Oh Crap!*

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Step 1: Pick a Source Control Provider

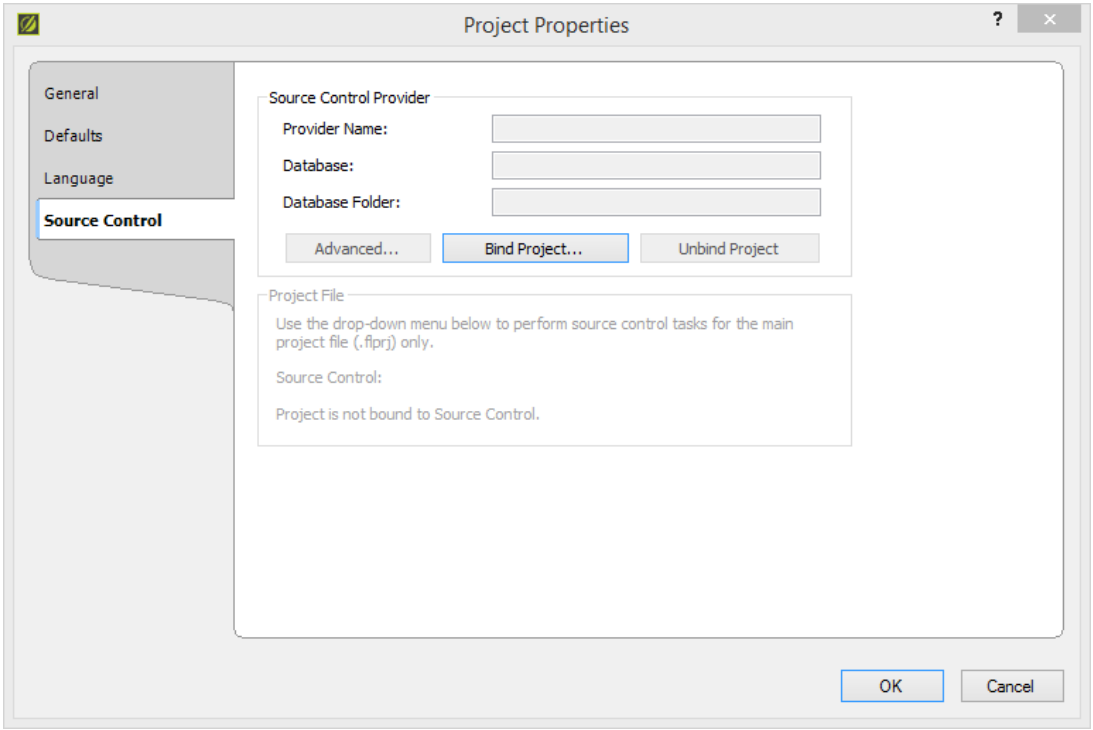
- Flare connects with the following source control providers natively:
  - Subversion (SVN)
  - GIT
  - Microsoft Team Foundation Server (TFS)
  - Microsoft Visual Source Save (VSS)
  - Perforce

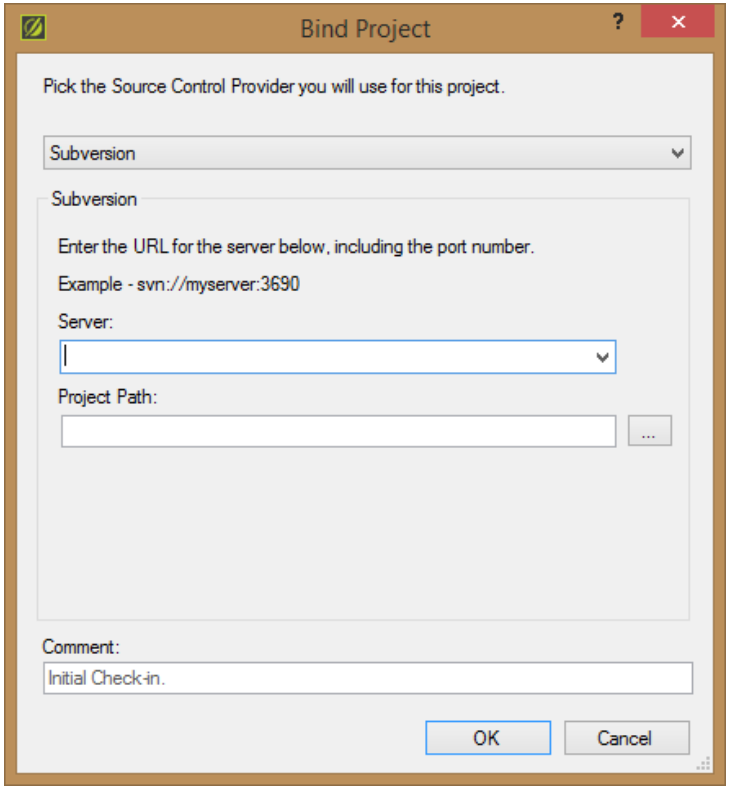
Step 2: Figure Out Where Your Database Is

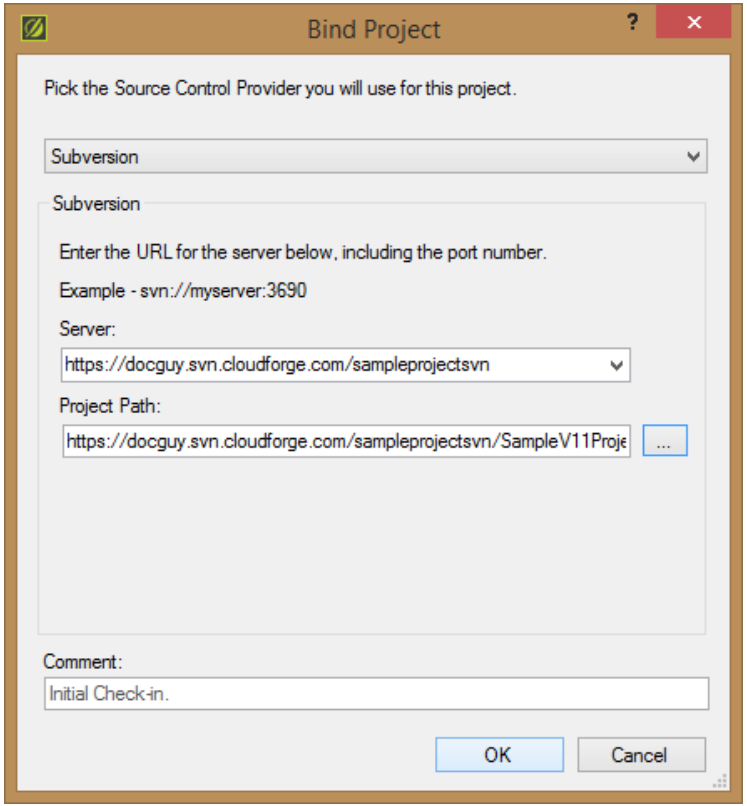
- Dev group?
- Cloud provider
- Set up your own

Step 3: Create the Repository

- <Live Demo>


Project Properties
General
Defaults
Language
Source Control
Source Control Provider
Provider Name:
Database:
Database Folder:
Advanced...
Bind Project...
Unbind Project
Project File
Use the drop-down menu below to perform source control tasks for the main project file (.flprj) only.
Source Control:
Project is not bound to Source Control.
OK
Cancel


Bind Project
Pick the Source Control Provider you will use for this project.
Subversion
Subversion
Enter the URL for the server below, including the port number.
Example - svn://myserver:3690
Server:
Project Path:
...
Comment:
Initial Check-in.
OK
Cancel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Enter the URL for the server below, including the port number.
Example - svn://myserver:3690
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https://docguy.svn.cloudforge.com/sampleprojectsvn
Project Path:
https://docguy.svn.cloudforge.com/sampleprojectsvn/SampleV11Proje
...
Comment:
Initial Check-in.
OK
Cancel

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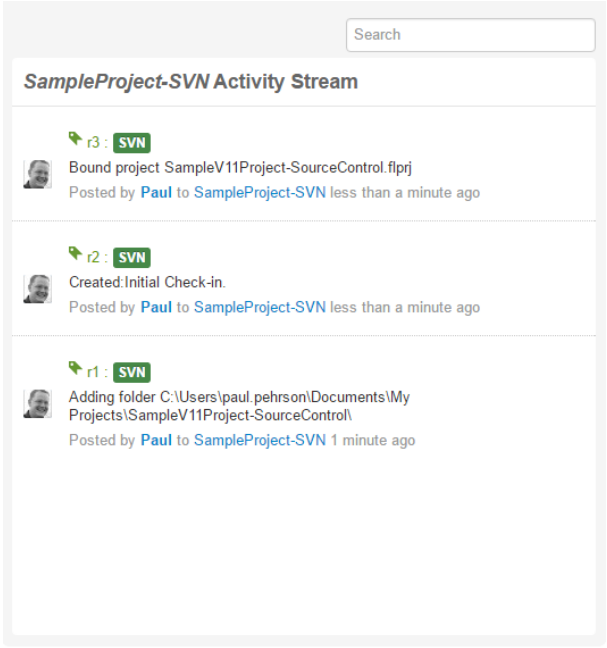
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SampleProject-SVN Activity Stream
r3 : SVN
Bound project SampleV11Project-SourceControl.flprj
Posted by Paul to SampleProject-SVN less than a minute ago
r2 : SVN
Created:Initial Check-in.
Posted by Paul to SampleProject-SVN less than a minute ago
r1 : SVN
Adding folder C:\Users\paul.pehrson\Documents\My Projects\SampleV11Project-SourceControl\
Posted by Paul to SampleProject-SVN 1 minute ago

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Step 4: Day-to-Day Operations

- <Live Demo>

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