Crash Course: Source Control for the Technical Writer

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About Me

• (Ab)using Flare for 10 years
• Full time technical writer
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Let’s talk source control
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!
Begin with the END in mind
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

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 (.fpr) only.

Source Controls

Project is not bound to Source Control.
Bind Project

Pick the Source Control Provider you will use for this project.

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
Bind Project

Pick the Source Control Provider you will use for this project.

Subversion

Server:
https://docguy.svn.cloudforge.com/sampleprojectsvn

Project Path:
https://docguy.svn.cloudforge.com/sampleprojectsvn/SampleV11Proje

Comment:
Initial Check-in.

OK  Cancel
Step 4: Day-to-Day Operations

• <Live Demo>
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