
Subject: Re: Version control for IDL software

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Like everyone else, I'll recommend CVS. I've been using it for a while, and it is especially powerful when you use the advanced features of tagging and branching. While that level of version control might seem overkill, tagging is a great way to keep your "freezes" frozen. That is, one of your needs is to make sure that everything works well with everything else. When you reach that point, you can create a tag for your files/revisions. You can now work towards the next version, but it's really easy to just pull one of your previous tags. So, people who need a specific version of the files can get that, but others can continue development.

> The only drawback to CVS (which is widely known, and part of the
> impetus for developing new tools like Subversion) is that changing the
> name of or relocating files is somewhat awkward.

I am a fan of Subversion, but because it is newer, there aren't as many tools that have it integrated in by default. If you're just going to use it on the command line, this isn't an issue.

-Mike
