



# A Quick Intro to Using Subversion

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*“If C gives you enough rope to hang yourself, think of Subversion as a sort of rope storage facility.”*

—Brian W. Fitzpatrick

# What is it?

- Subversion (**SVN** for short) is an open-source **version control system**.
- Designed to replace CVS, so past users will feel right at home. Except you won't have a headache.

# Really, what is it?

- It **stores source code** for a project online.
- It **keeps track of changes** to code.
- It **merges** conflicts within the same file.

**Think of it as FTP on steroids.**

Why should you care?

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*Because emailing source  
code sucks.*

# Installation

USC Solaris Systems



Add the following to your .login file

```
# Source Subversion setup file
if (-e /usr/usc/subversion/default/setup.csh) then
    source /usr/usc/subversion/default/setup.csh
endif
```

# Installation

Mac OS X



Option 1: Download CLI client from

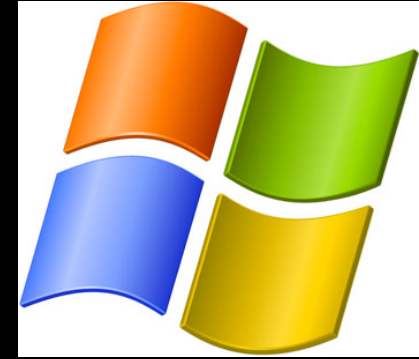
<http://www.codingmonkeys.de/mbo/Subversion-1.4.3.pkg.zip>

Option 2: Download GUI client from

<http://scplugin.tigris.org/>

# Installation

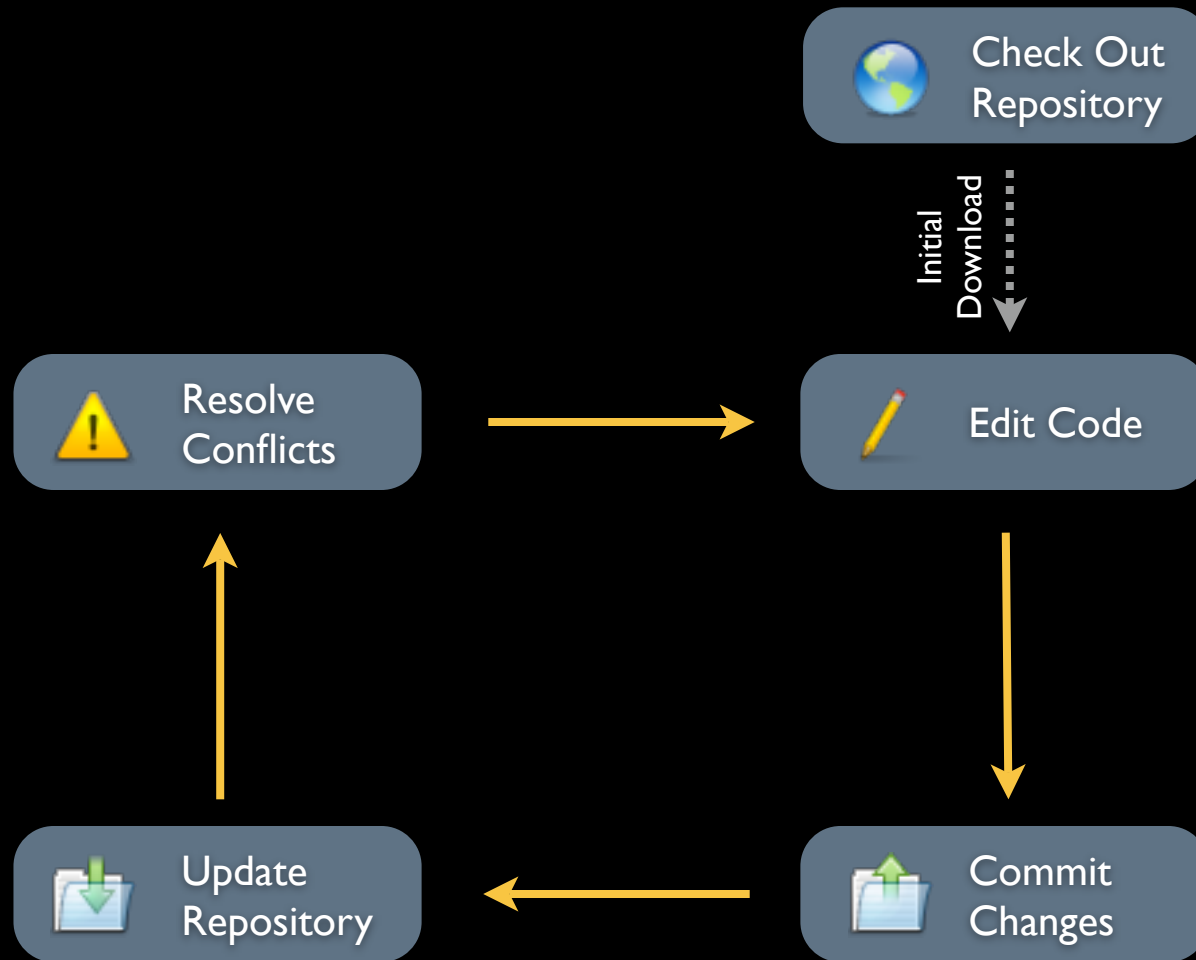
Windows



Download GUI client from

<http://tortoisesvn.tigris.org/>

# The Workflow



# Using Subversion



Check Out  
Repository

```
svn checkout svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk g1
```



Commit  
Changes

```
svn commit
```



Update  
Repository

```
svn update
```



Resolve  
Conflicts

```
svn resolved
```

If you remember nothing  
else, remember this slide!

# Using Subversion

Step 1



Check Out  
Repository

```
svn checkout svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk g1
```

- Downloads a **fresh copy** of the repository.
- This creates your local copy of the code. You only need to use it **once**.

# Using Subversion

Step 2



Edit Code



## Have fun!

Edit your code as usual.

# Using Subversion

Step 3



Commit  
Changes

```
svn add [list of new files]  
svn commit
```

- Run `svn add` to **add** any new files to the repository.
- Run `svn commit` to **upload** your changes to the server.

# Using Subversion

Step 3



Commit  
Changes

## Remember:

**Always** enter a log message!

**Always** group related changes together!

**Never** commit object files or executables!

**Never** commit a broken build!

# Using Subversion

Step 4



Update  
Repository

```
svn update
```

- **Downloads any changes** uploaded by others.
- Use this often. Seriously.
- Conflicts happen here.
- Additional flags exist to checkout old revisions.

# Using Subversion

Step 5



Resolve  
Conflicts

After running `svn update`, you'll see a list of any changes made.

```
$ svn update
A newdir/toggle.c
A newdir/disclose.c
A newdir/launch.c
D newdir/README
U newdir/Makefile
G README
C sandwich.txt
Updated to revision 32.
```

You can ignore all of these **except for 'C'**.

# Using Subversion

Step 5



Resolve  
Conflicts

A 'C' before a file means an **conflict has occurred** which the computer was not able to automatically merge.

You must resolve the conflict by hand.

# Using Subversion

Step 5



Resolve  
Conflicts

To resolve a conflict:

1. **Open the file** in conflict.
2. Find the **conflict markers**.
3. **Fix** the conflict.
4. **Execute** `svn resolved` to tell the computer you've fixed the problem.

# Using Subversion

Step 5



Resolve  
Conflicts

Resolving a conflict is **not hard**. It just looks scary.

```
$ cat sandwich.txt
Top piece of bread
Mayonnaise
Lettuce
Tomato
Provolone
<<<<<<< .mine
Salami
Mortadella
Prosciutto
=====
Sauerkraut
Grilled Chicken
>>>>>>> .r2
Creole Mustard
Bottom piece of bread
```



Remember to run `svn resolved` after any fixes.

# Using Subversion

Step 5



Resolve  
Conflicts

Resolving a conflict is **not hard**. It just looks scary.

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# Using Subversion

Step 5

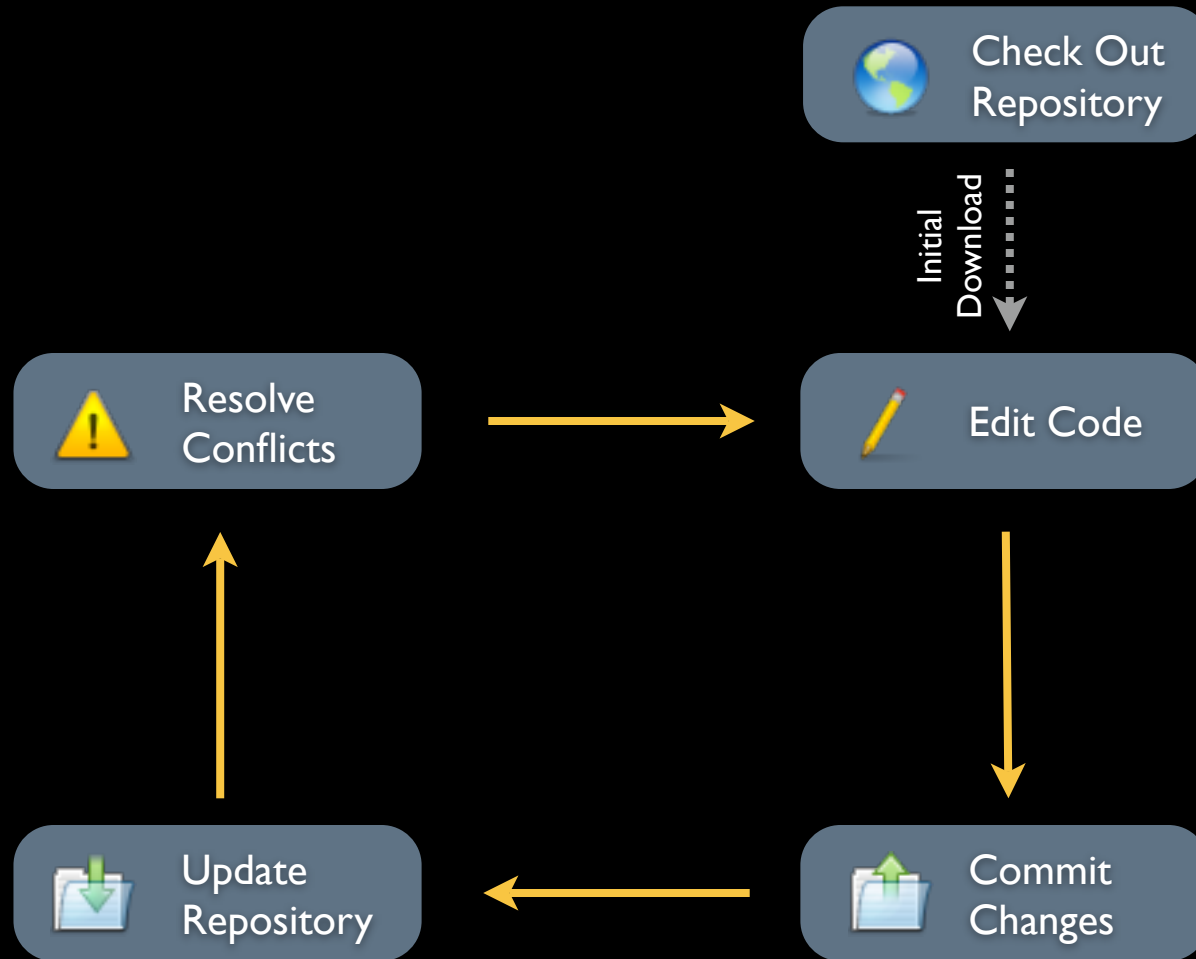


Resolve  
Conflicts

Conflicts are rare, but they do occasionally happen. Watch out for them.

- To avoid conflicts, **practice good communication** with your teammates.
- Editing the **same file** is okay. Editing the **same part of the same file** is not.

# The Workflow



# Other Commands

Command	Description
svn import	Easy way to add all files to a repository for the first time
svn revert	Revert any local changes made to a file.
svn status	List any modified, out of date, or ignored files.
svn log	Display the change log for a file.
svn blame	Show who made changes to each line of a file.
svn mv	Move a file/directory on next commit.
svn cp	Copy a file/directory on next commit.
svn rm	Delete a file/directory on next commit.
svn add	Add a file to the server on next commit.
svn help	Just in case you forgot something!

# Usage Example

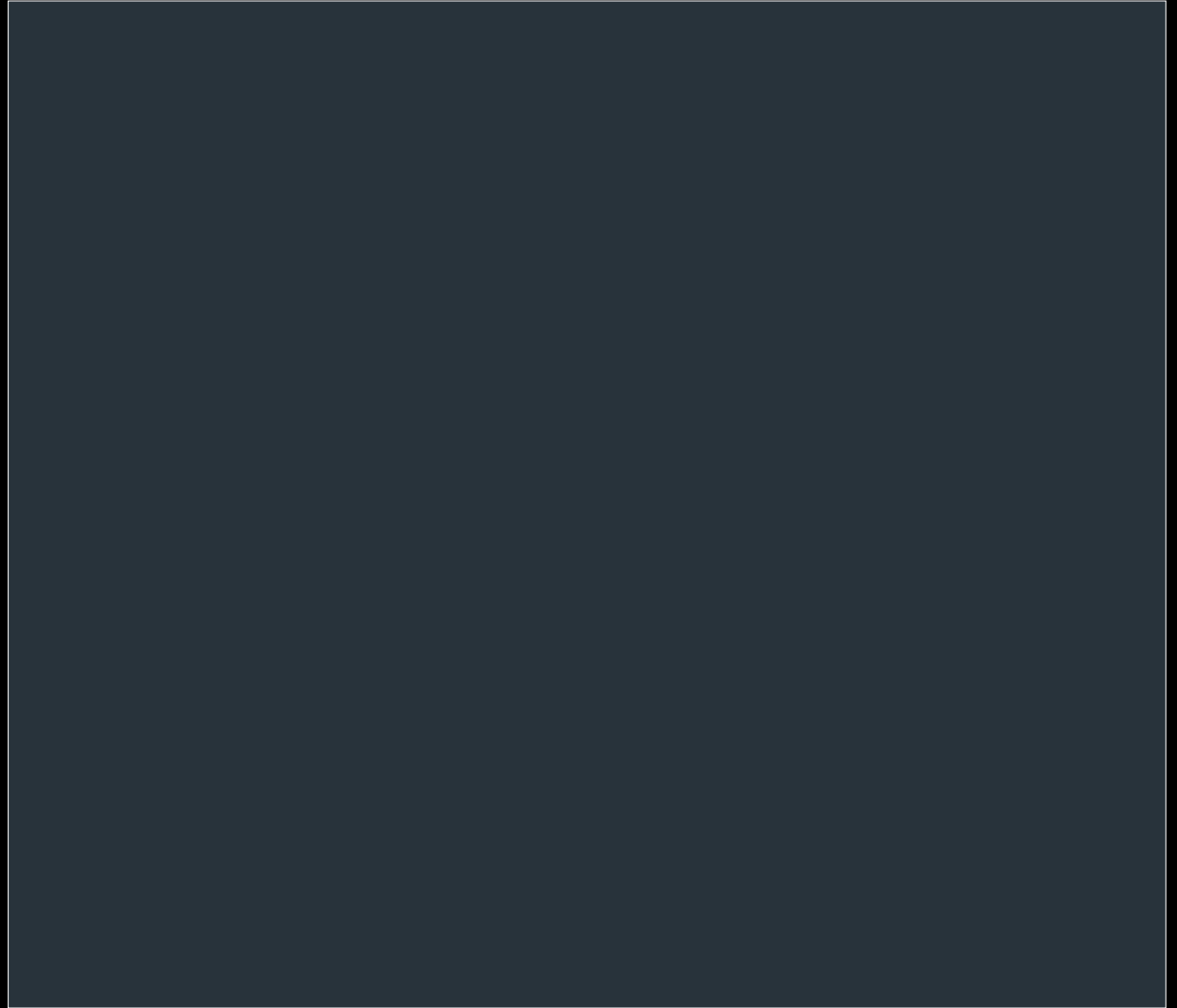
Importing Files For The First Time

# Usage Example

Importing Files For The First Time



~



# Usage Example

## Importing Files For The First Time



~

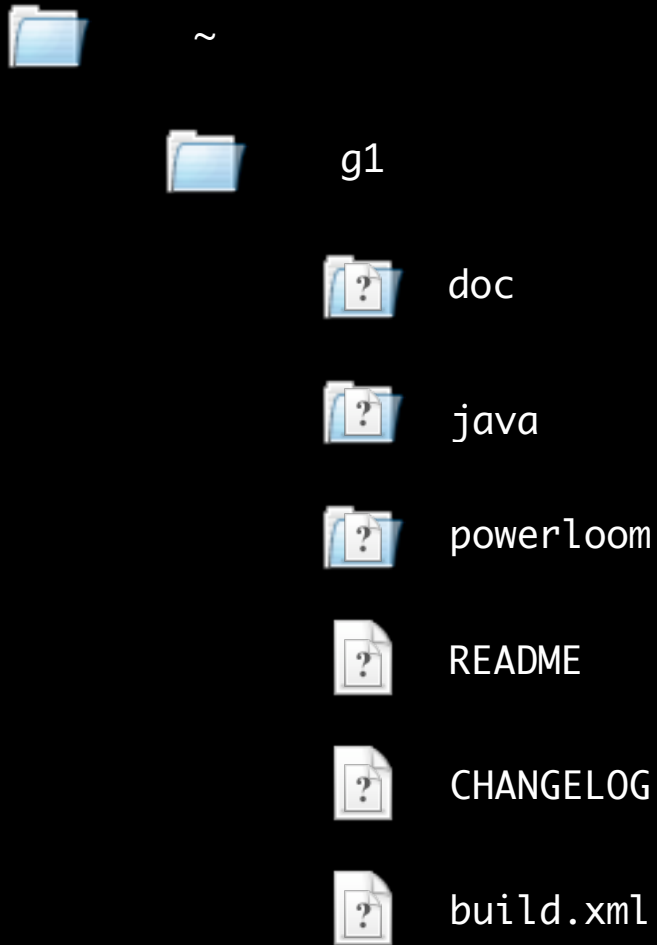


g1

```
$ svn co svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk g1
Authentication realm: <svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk> csci201-
Group1
Password for 'tjohns': ●●●●●●
Checked out revision 2.
```

# Usage Example

## Importing Files For The First Time



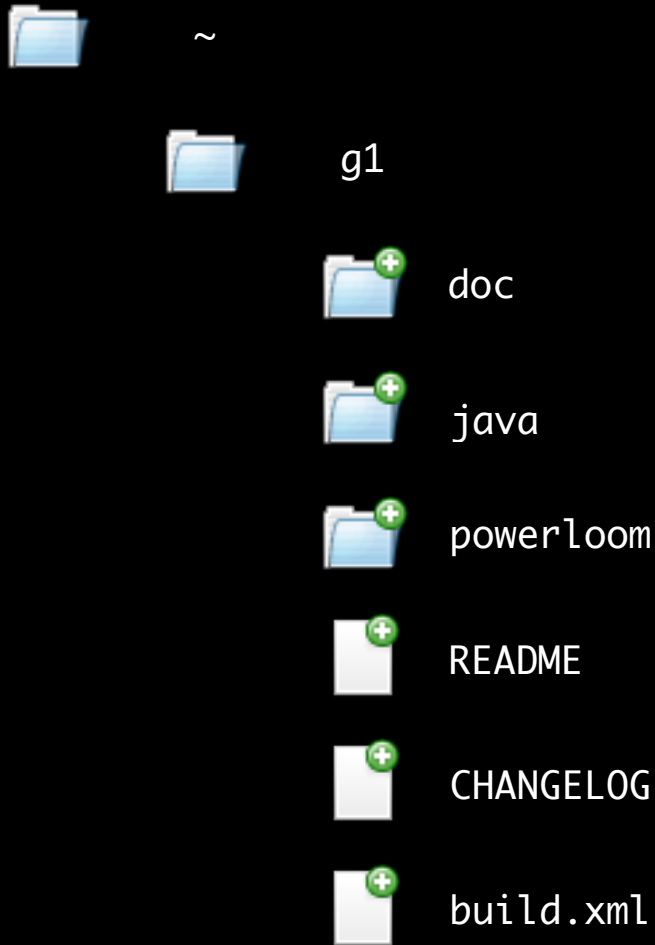
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Authentication realm: <svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk> csci201-
Group1
Password for 'tjohns': ●●●●●●
Checked out revision 2.

$ cd g1

$ cp -R /users/home/old_csci201_files/* .
```

# Usage Example

## Importing Files For The First Time



```
$ svn co svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk g1
Authentication realm: <svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk> csci201-
Group1
Password for 'tjohns': ●●●●●●
Checked out revision 2.

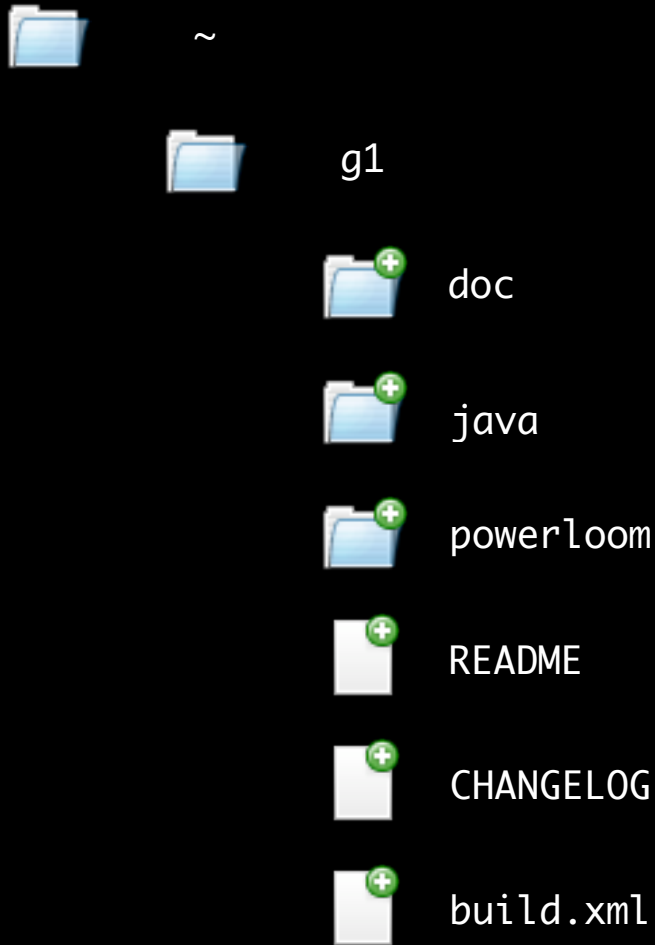
$ cd g1

$ cp -R /users/home/old_csci201_files/* .

$ svn add *
```

# Usage Example

## Importing Files For The First Time



```
$ svn co svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk g1
Authentication realm: <svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk> csci201-
Group1
Password for 'tjohns': .....
Checked out revision 2.

$ cd g1

$ cp -R /users/home/old_csci201_files/* .

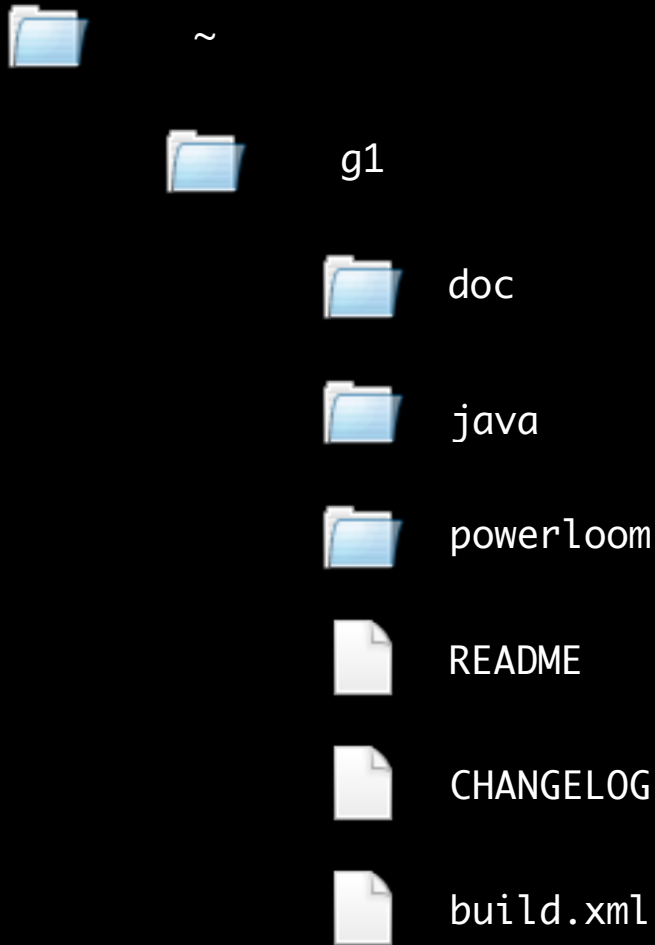
$ svn add *

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Imported project.

Sending      doc
Sending      java
Sending      powerloom
Sending      README
Sending      CHANGELOG
Sending      build.xml
Transmitting file data...
Committed revision 3.
```

# Usage Example

## Importing Files For The First Time



```
$ svn co svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk g1
Authentication realm: <svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk> csci201-
Group1
Password for 'tjohns': .....
Checked out revision 2.

$ cd g1

$ cp -R /users/home/old_csci201_files/* .

$ svn add *

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Imported project.

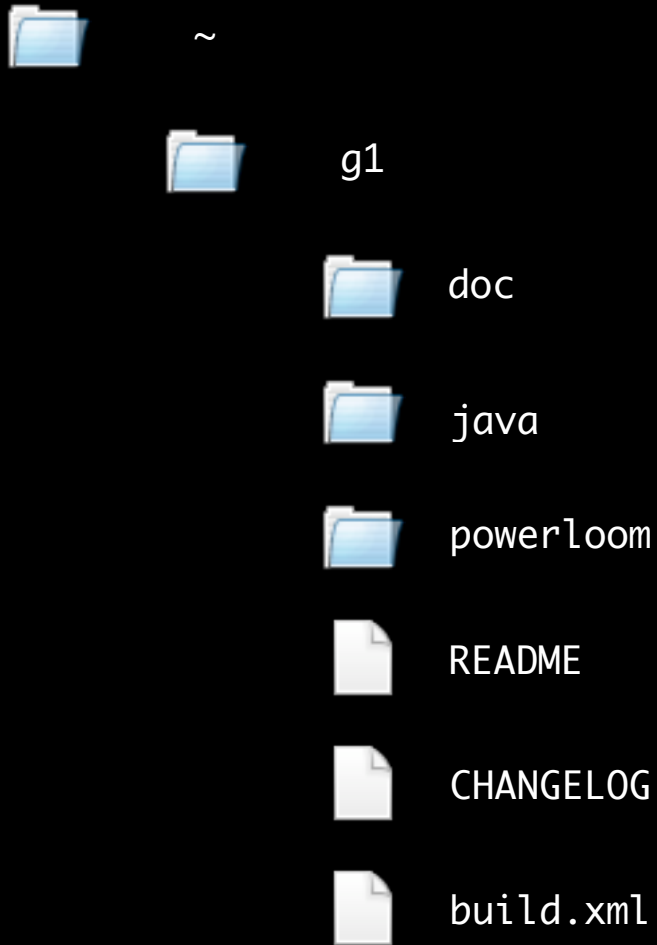
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Sending      build.xml
Transmitting file data...
Committed revision 3.
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# Usage Example

Adding & Editing Files

# Usage Example

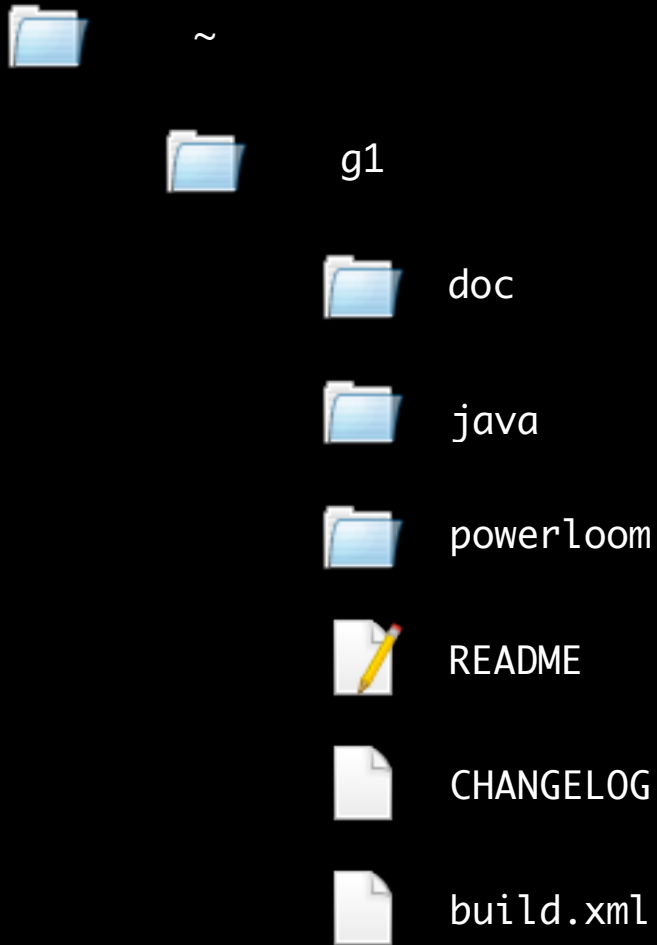
## Adding & Editing Files



```
$ svn update  
At revision 3.
```

# Usage Example

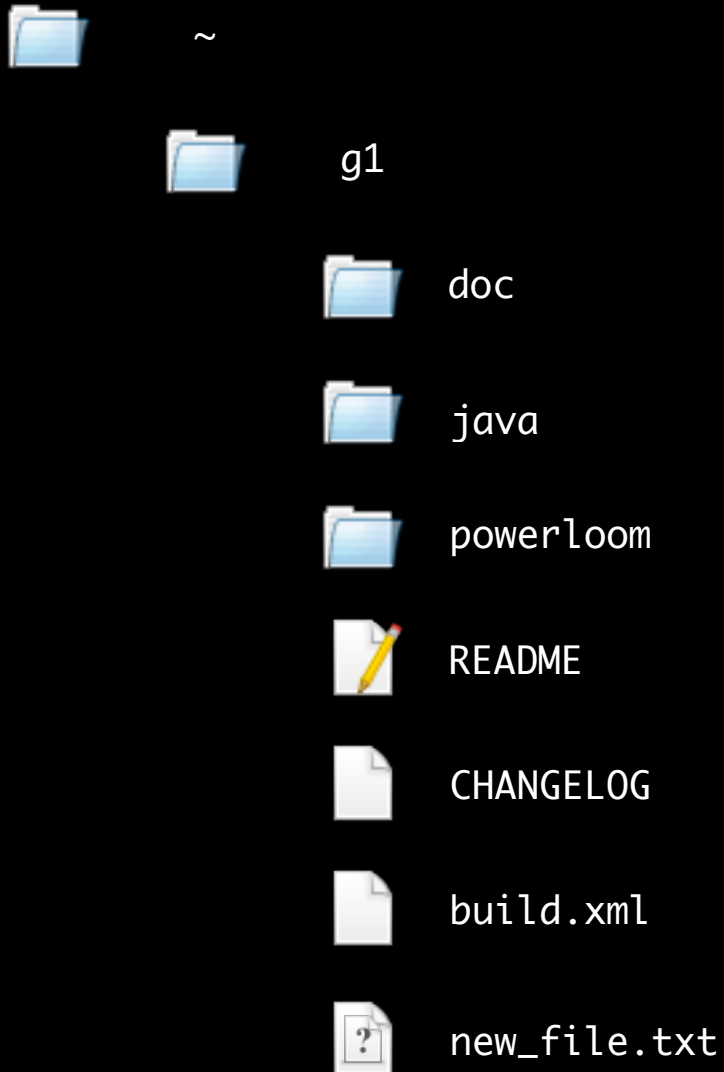
## Adding & Editing Files



```
$ svn update  
At revision 3.  
  
$ echo "Chunky bacon!" >> README
```

# Usage Example

## Adding & Editing Files



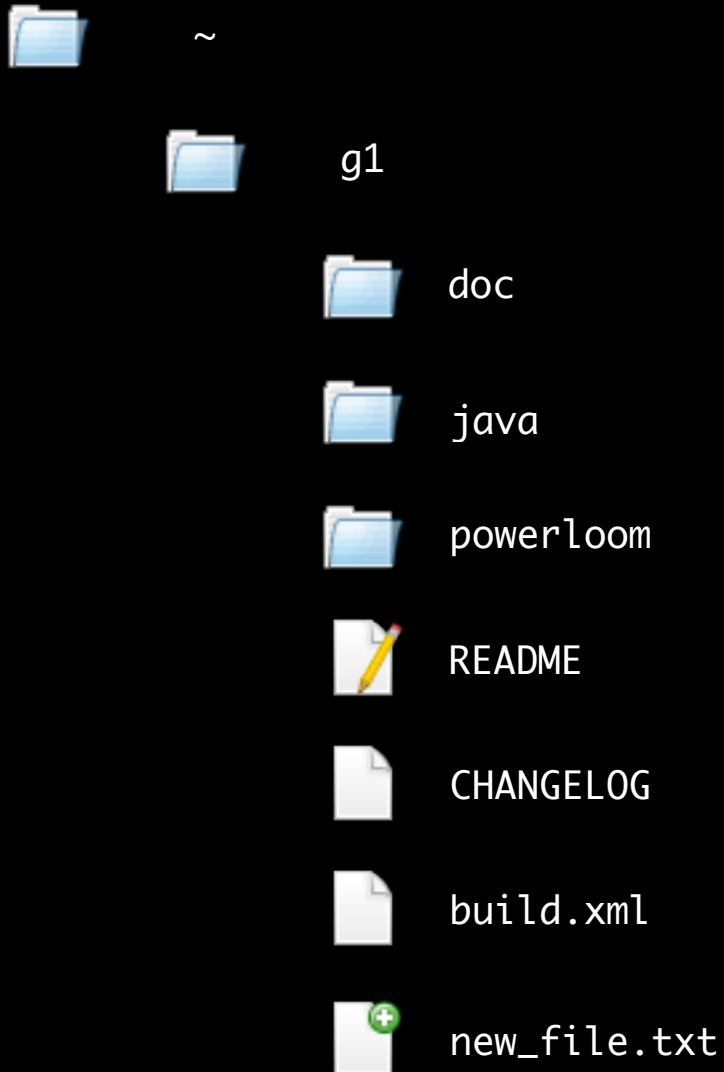
```
$ svn update
At revision 3.

$ echo "Chunky bacon!" >> README

$ echo "Hello world!" >> new_file.txt
```

# Usage Example

## Adding & Editing Files



```
$ svn update
At revision 3.

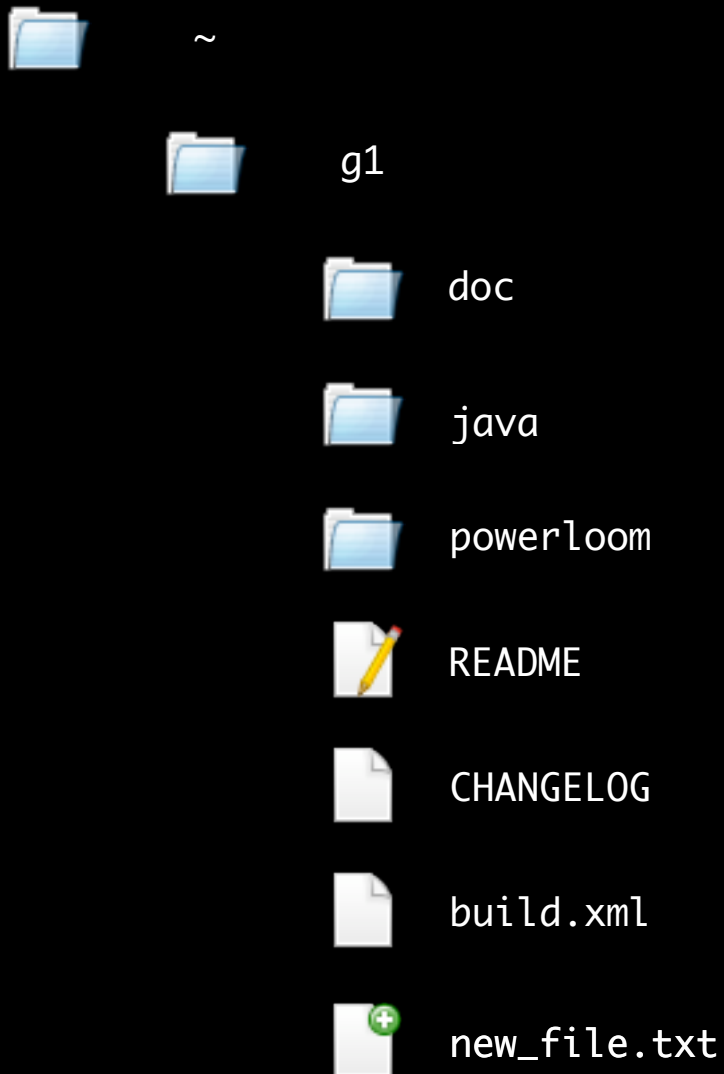
$ echo "Chunky bacon!" >> README

$ echo "Hello world!" >> new_file.txt

$ svn add new_file.txt
```

# Usage Example

## Adding & Editing Files



```
$ svn update
At revision 3.

$ echo "Chunky bacon!" >> README

$ echo "Hello world!" >> new_file.txt

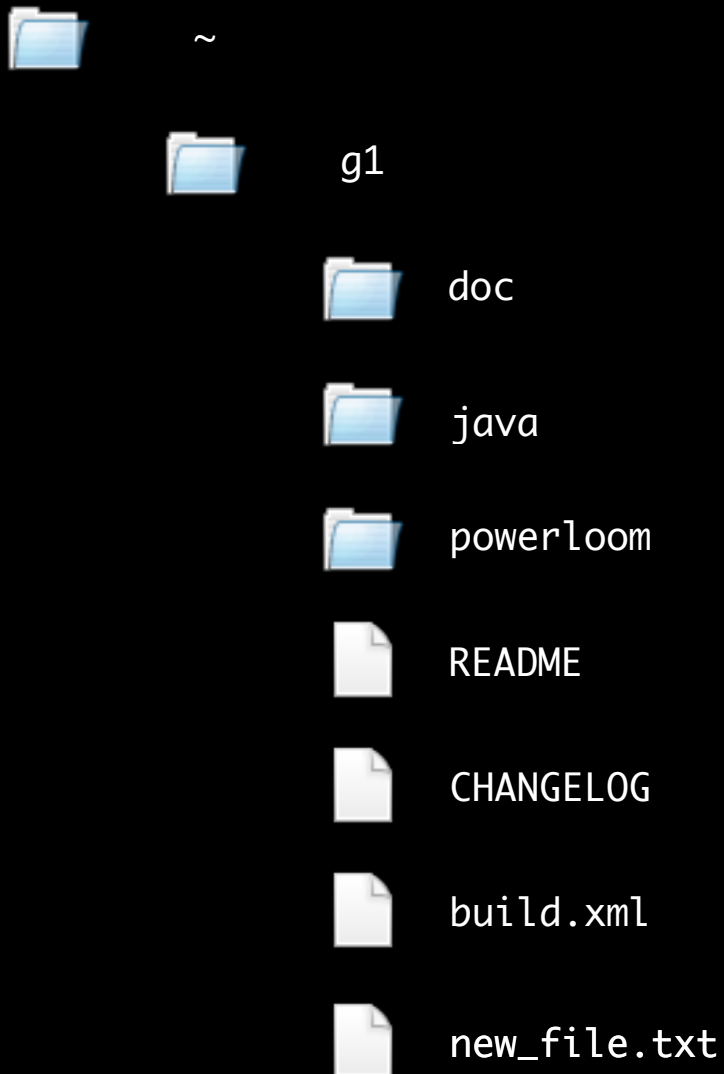
$ svn add new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Edited readme and added a new file.

Sending      README
Sending      new_file.txt
Transmitting file data...
Committed revision 4.
```

# Usage Example

## Adding & Editing Files



```
$ svn update
At revision 3.

$ echo "Chunky bacon!" >> README

$ echo "Hello world!" >> new_file.txt

$ svn add new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Edited readme and added a new file.

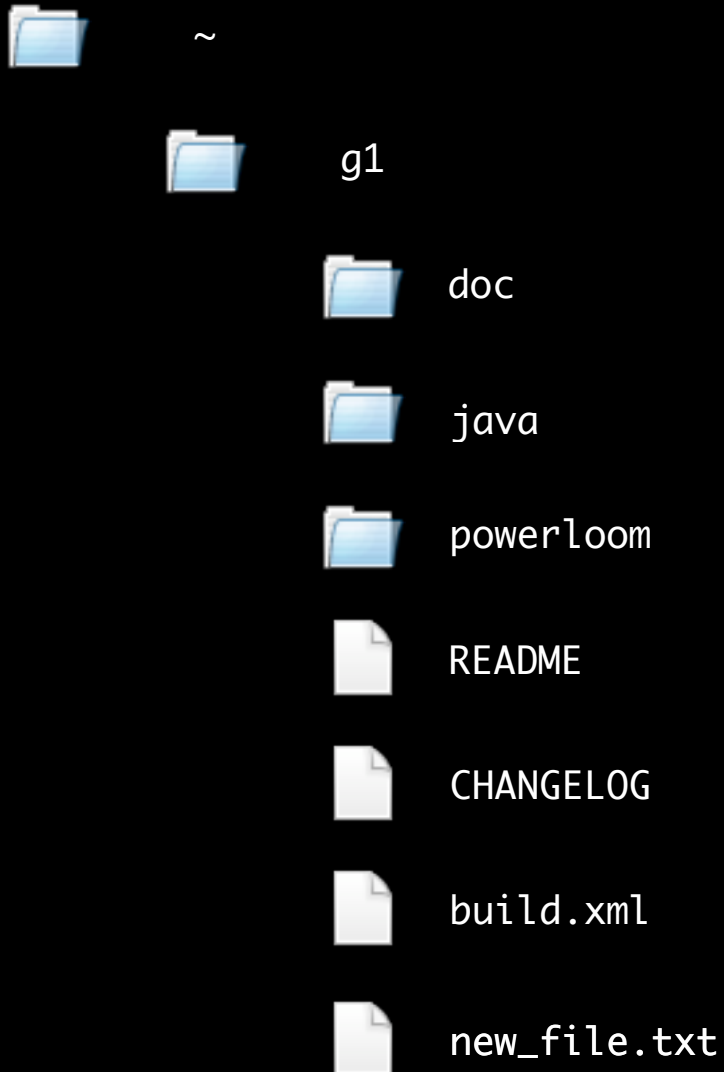
Sending      README
Sending      new_file.txt
Transmitting file data...
Committed revision 4.
```

# Usage Example

Resolving Conflicts

# Usage Example

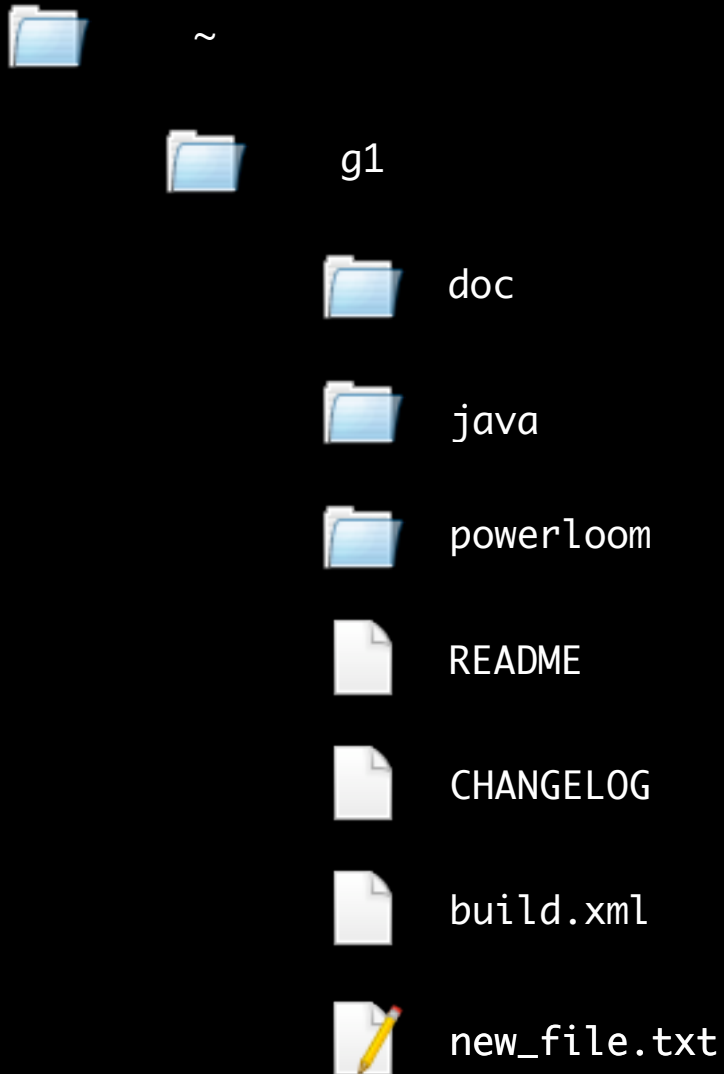
## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn up  
At revision 4.
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts

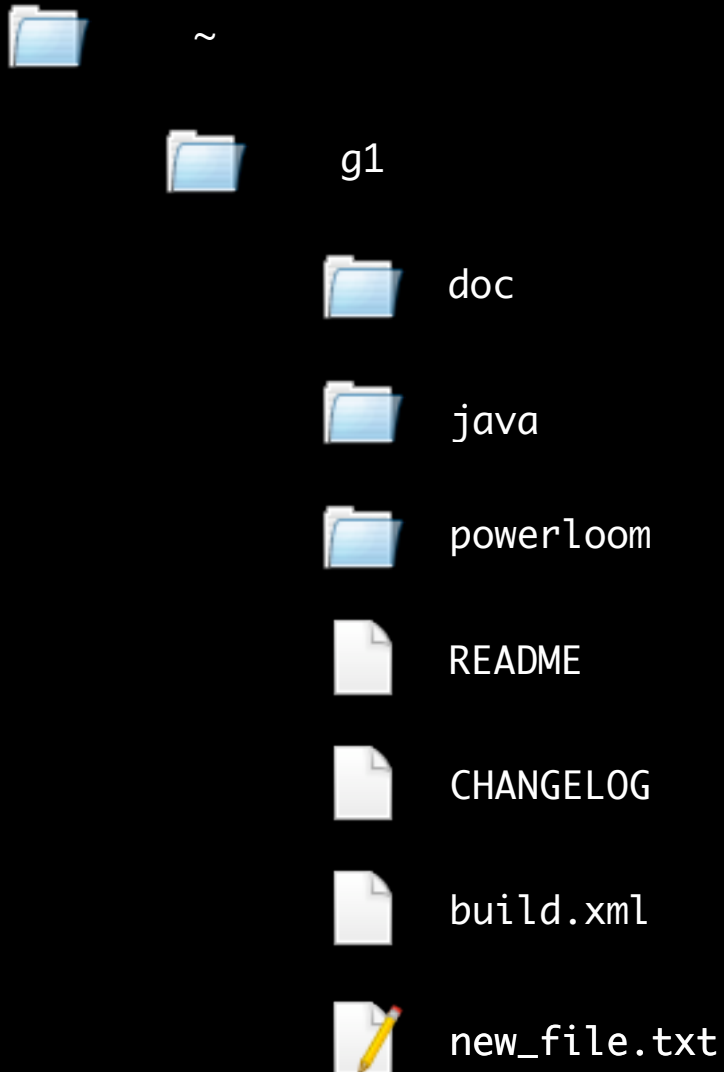


```
$ svn up  
At revision 4.
```

```
$ echo "There are four lights." >> new_file.txt
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn up
At revision 4.

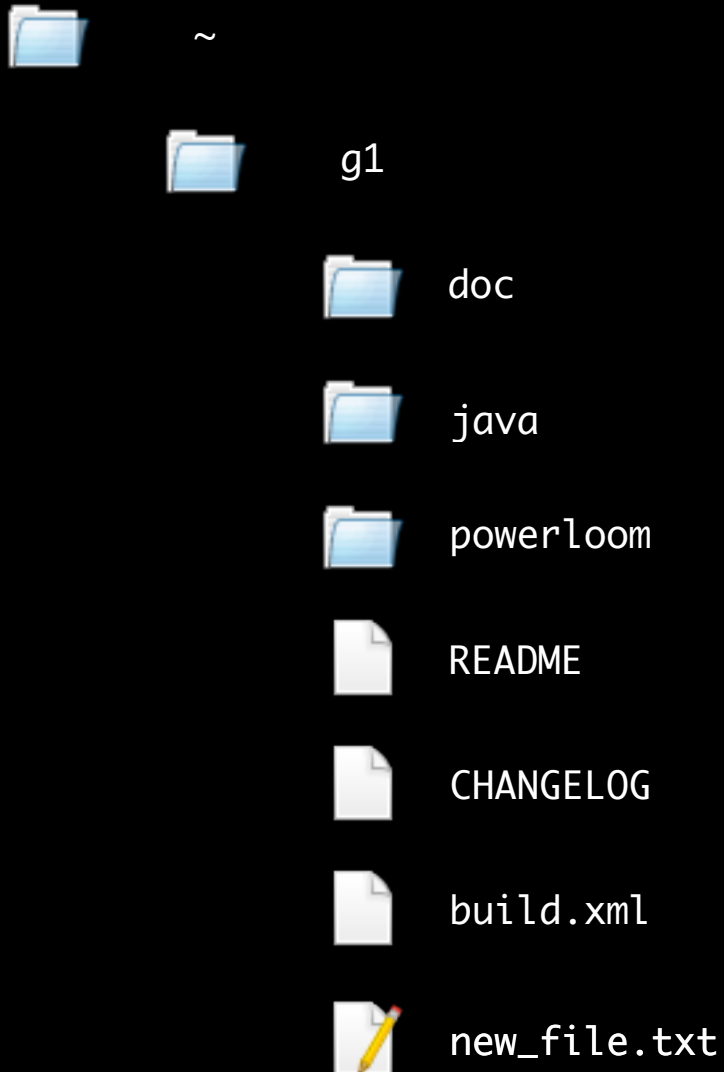
$ echo "There are four lights." >> new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Added the number of lights to the new file.

Sending      new_file.txt
svn:Transaction is out of date
svn:Commit failed (details follow):
svn:out of date:'/trunk/new_file.txt'
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn up
At revision 4.

$ echo "There are four lights." >> new_file.txt

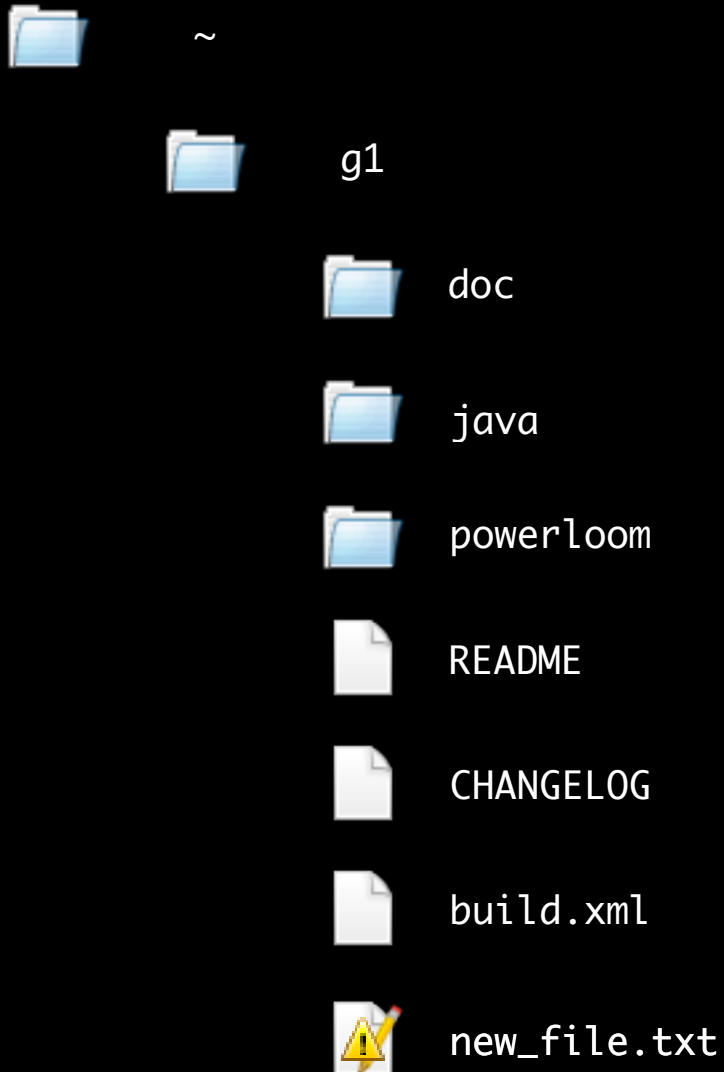
$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Added the number of lights to the new file.

Sending      new_file.txt
svn:Transaction is out of date
svn:Commit failed (details follow):
svn:out of date:'/trunk/new_file.txt'

$ svn up
C    new_file.txt
Updated to revision 5.
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn up
At revision 4.

$ echo "There are four lights." >> new_file.txt

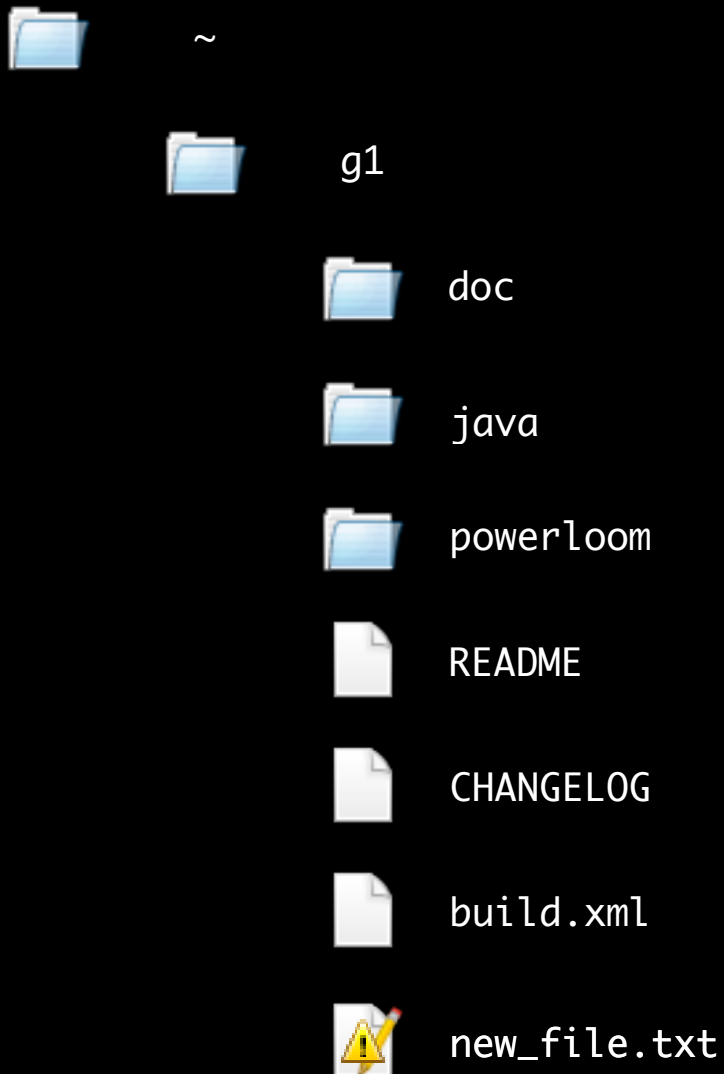
$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Added the number of lights to the new file.

Sending      new_file.txt
svn:Transaction is out of date
svn:Commit failed (details follow):
svn:out of date:'/trunk/new_file.txt'

$ svn up
C   new_file.txt
Updated to revision 5.
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn up
At revision 4.

$ echo "There are four lights." >> new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Added the number of lights to the new file.

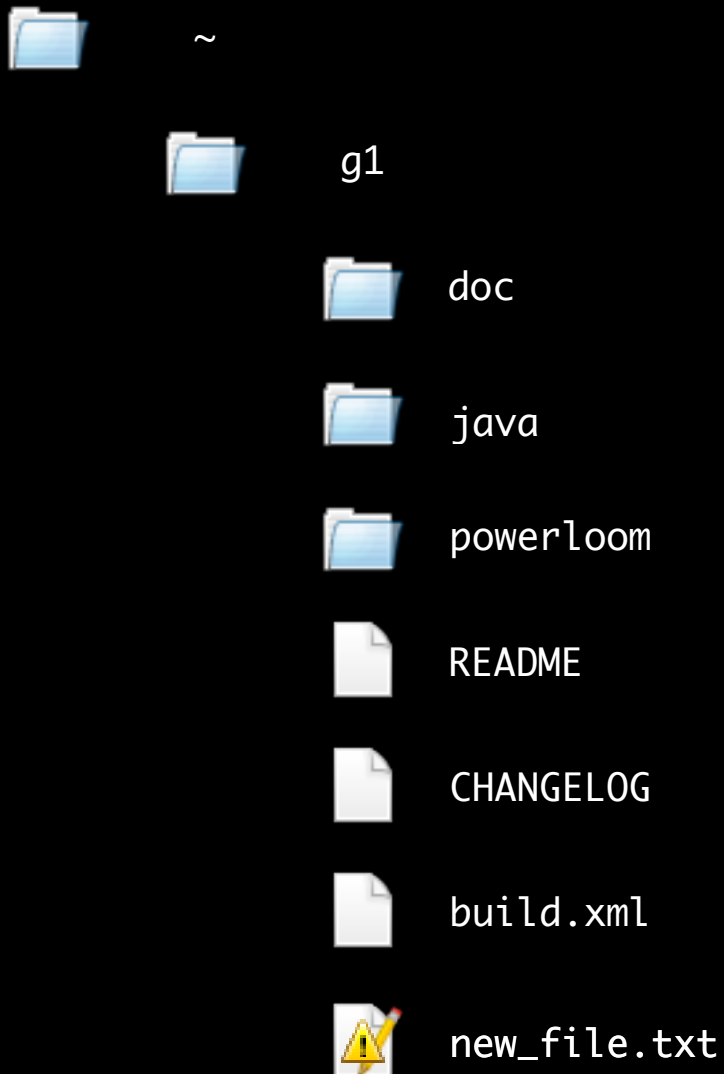
Sending      new_file.txt
svn:Transaction is out of date
svn:Commit failed (details follow):
svn:out of date:'/trunk/new_file.txt'

$ svn up
C   new_file.txt
Updated to revision 5.

$ vim new_file.txt
Hello world!
<<<<<<< .mine
There are four lights.
=====
There are five lights.
>>>>>>> .r44
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn up
At revision 4.

$ echo "There are four lights." >> new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Added the number of lights to the new file.

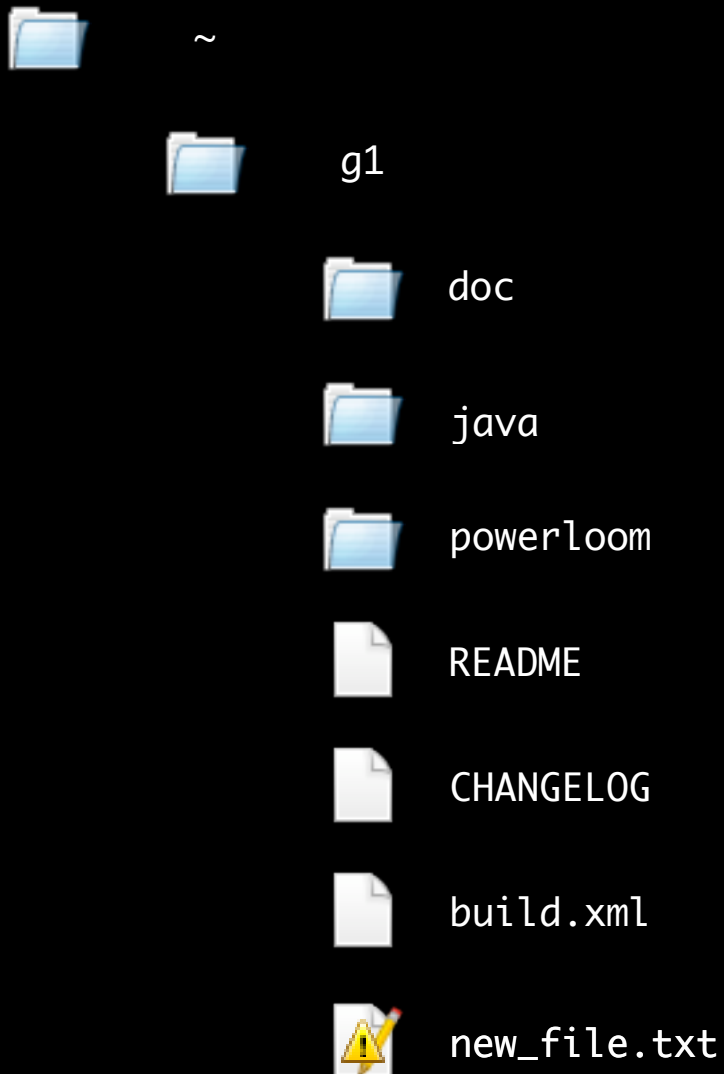
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svn:Transaction is out of date
svn:Commit failed (details follow):
svn:out of date:'/trunk/new_file.txt'

$ svn up
C   new_file.txt
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$ vim new_file.txt
Hello world!
<<<<<<< .mine
There are four lights.
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There are five lights.
>>>>>>> .r44
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn up
At revision 4.

$ echo "There are four lights." >> new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Added the number of lights to the new file.

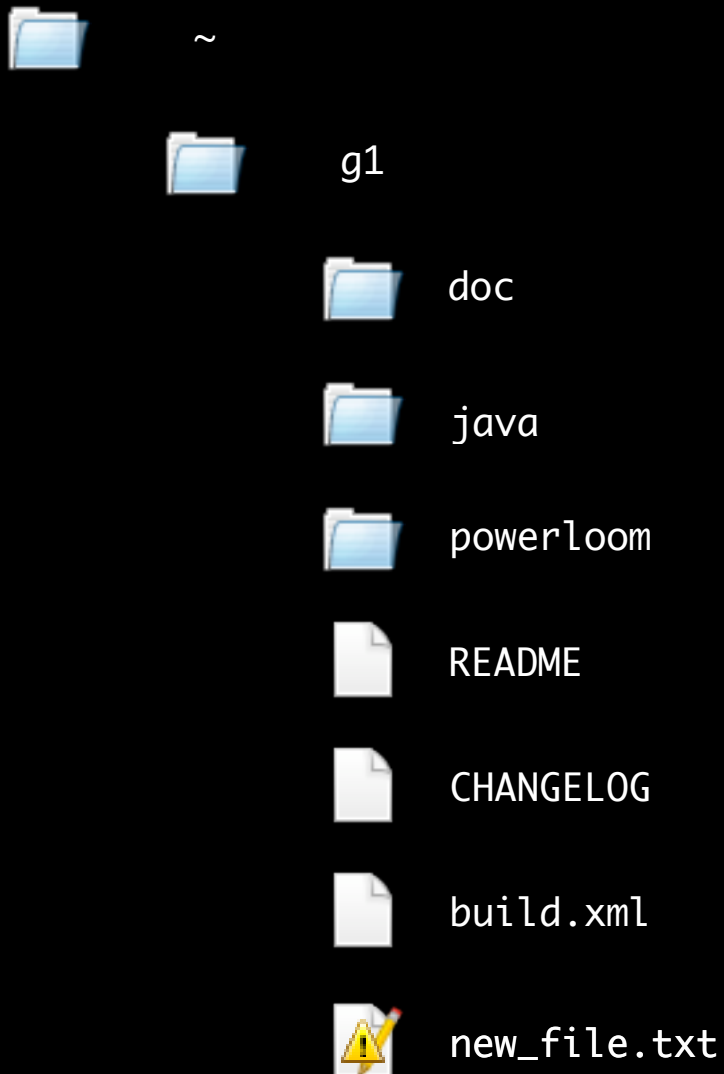
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svn:Transaction is out of date
svn:Commit failed (details follow):
svn:out of date:'/trunk/new_file.txt'

$ svn up
C   new_file.txt
Updated to revision 5.

$ vim new_file.txt
Hello world!
There are four lights.
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn up
At revision 4.

$ echo "There are four lights." >> new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Added the number of lights to the new file.

Sending      new_file.txt
svn:Transaction is out of date
svn:Commit failed (details follow):
svn:out of date:'/trunk/new_file.txt'

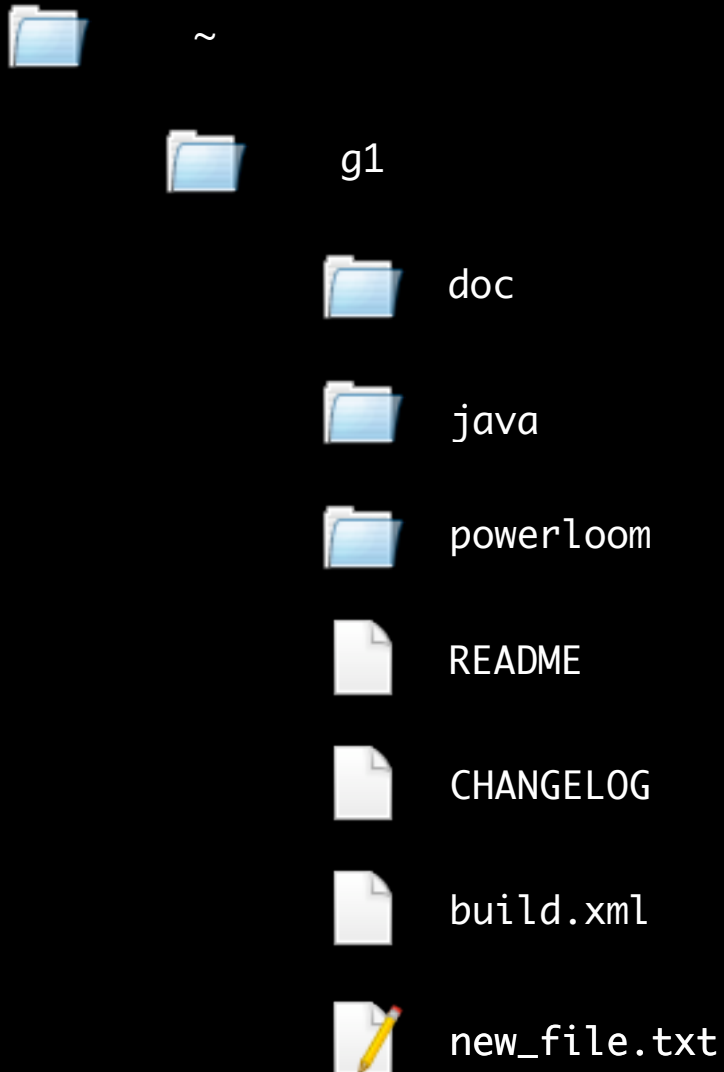
$ svn up
C   new_file.txt
Updated to revision 5.

$ vim new_file.txt
Hello world!
There are four lights.

$ svn resolved new_file.txt
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn up
At revision 4.

$ echo "There are four lights." >> new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Added the number of lights to the new file.

Sending      new_file.txt
svn:Transaction is out of date
svn:Commit failed (details follow):
svn:out of date:'/trunk/new_file.txt'

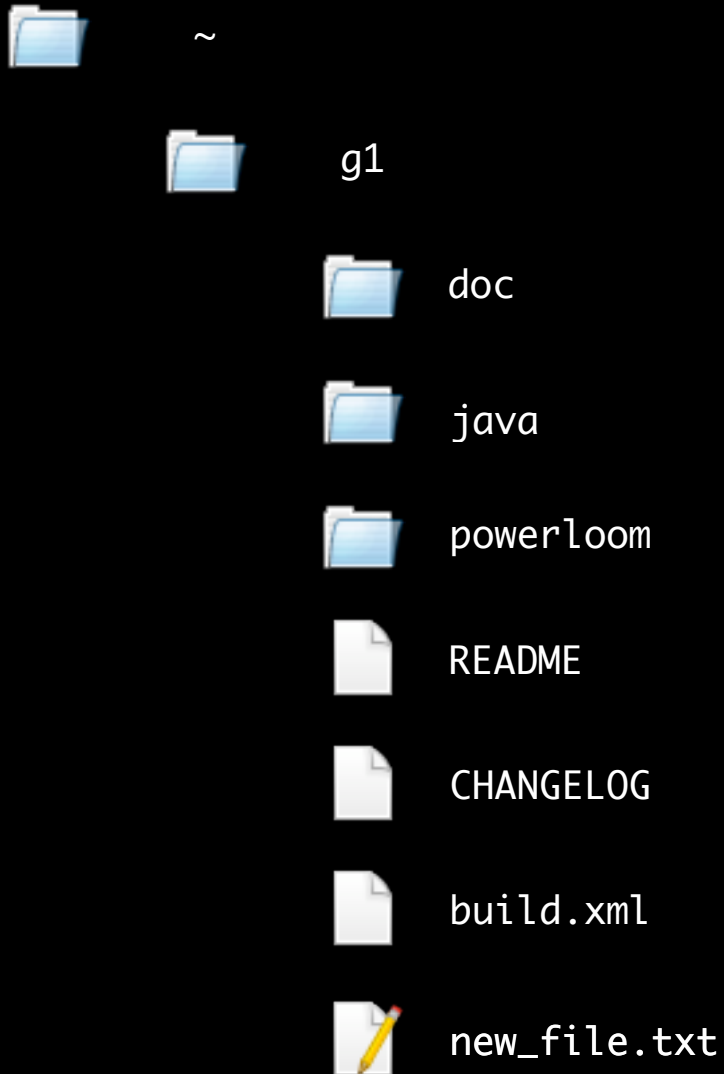
$ svn up
C   new_file.txt
Updated to revision 5.

$ vim new_file.txt
Hello world!
There are four lights.

$ svn resolved new_file.txt
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts

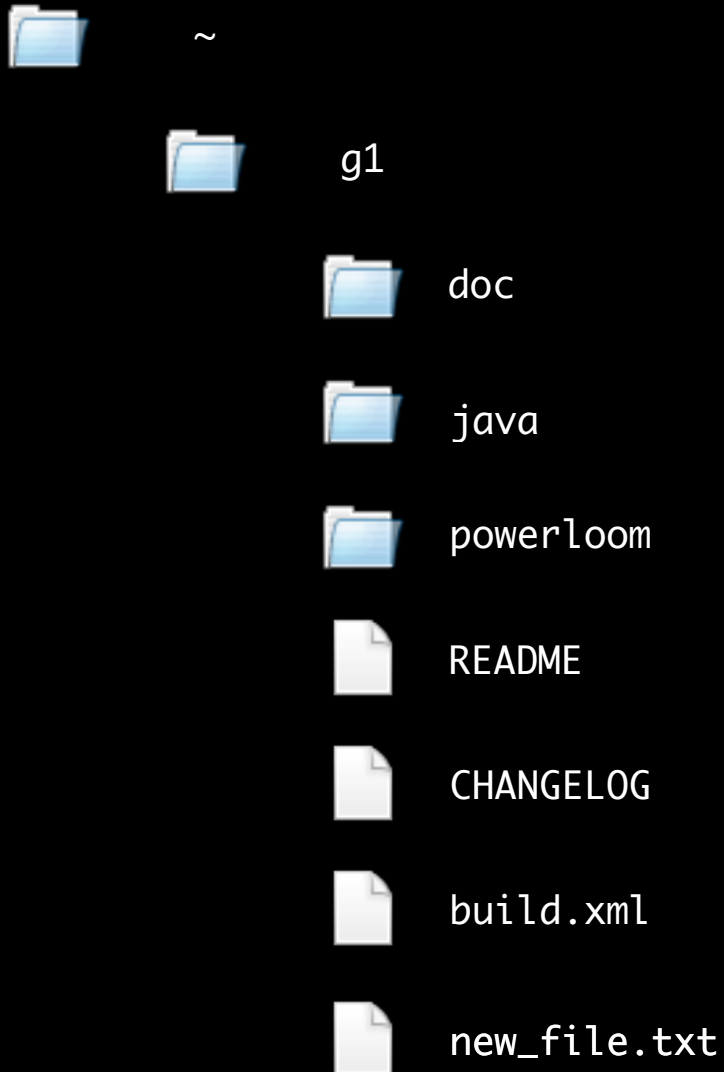


```
$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Fixed the number of lights to the new file.

Sending      new_file.txt
Transmitting file data...
Committed revision 6.
```

# Usage Example

## Resolving Conflicts



```
$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Fixed the number of lights to the new file.

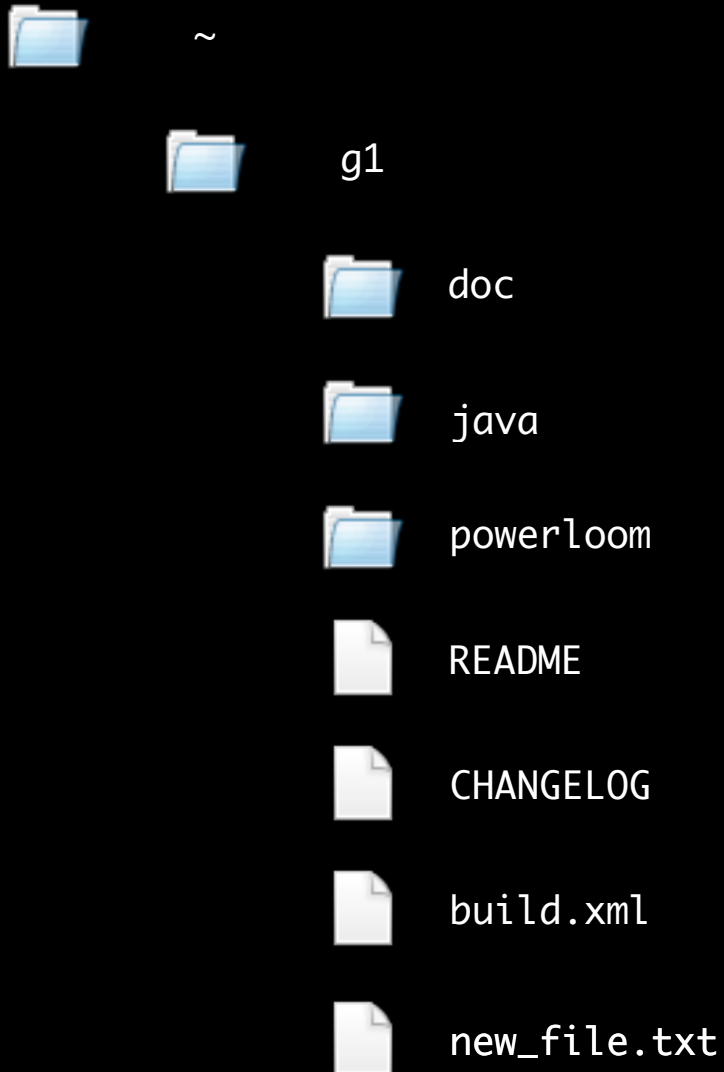
Sending      new_file.txt
Transmitting file data...
Committed revision 6.
```

# Usage Example

Branches & Tags

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn cp svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/tags/p2-submitted
```

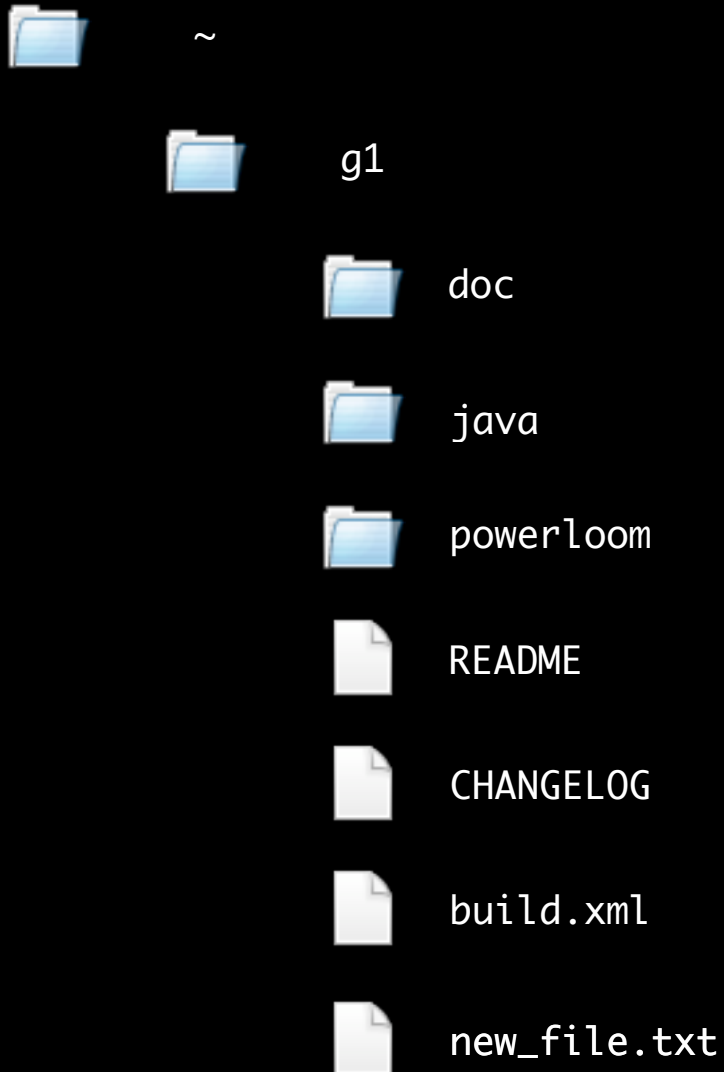
```
Enter log message:
```

```
    Tagging submission for project 2.
```

```
Committed revision 7.
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn cp svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/tags/p2-submitted
```

```
Enter log message:
```

```
    Tagging submission for project 2.
```

```
Committed revision 7.
```

```
$ svn cp svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental
```

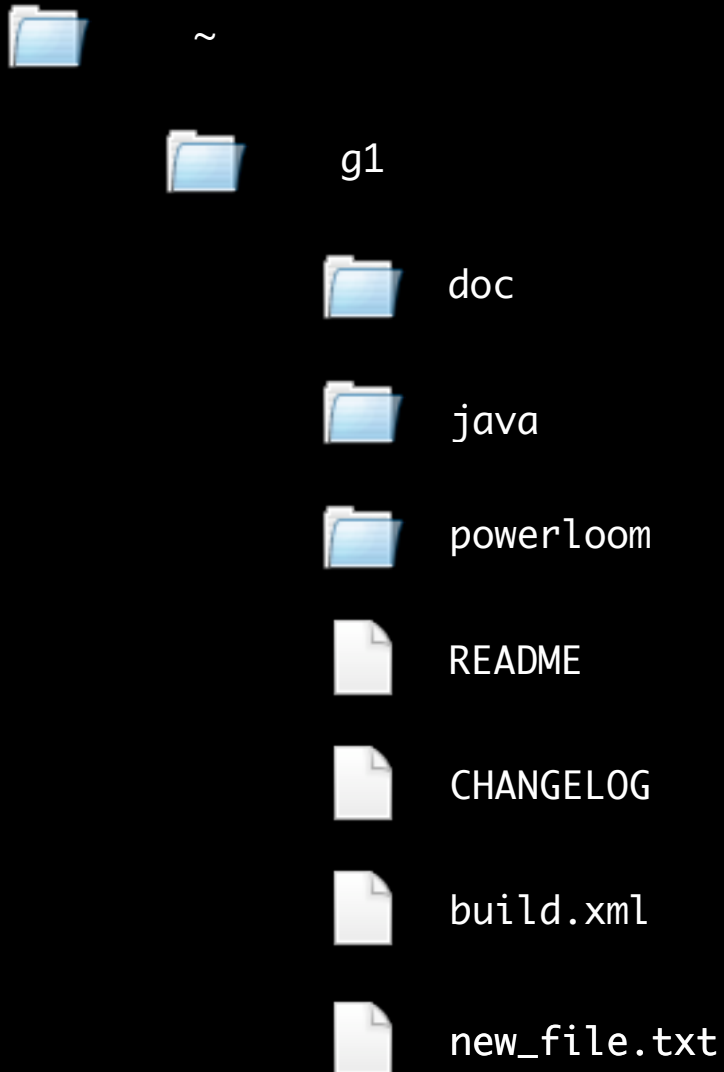
```
Enter log message:
```

```
    Creating branch for experimental features.
```

```
Committed revision 8.
```

# Usage Example

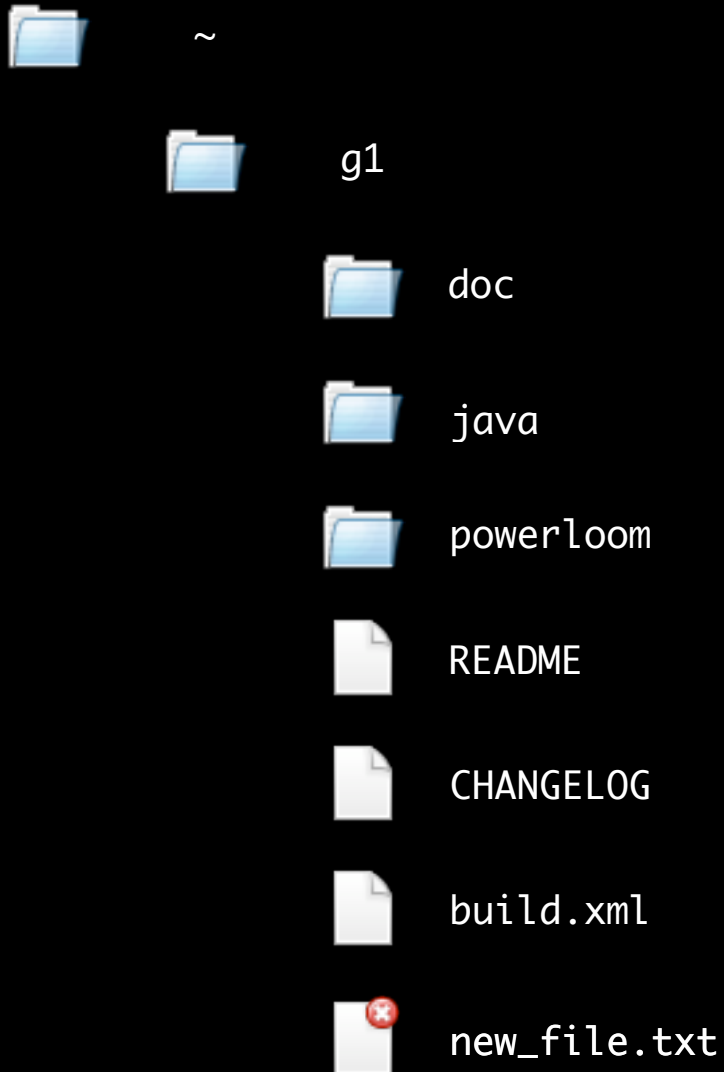
## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental  
At revision 8.
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags

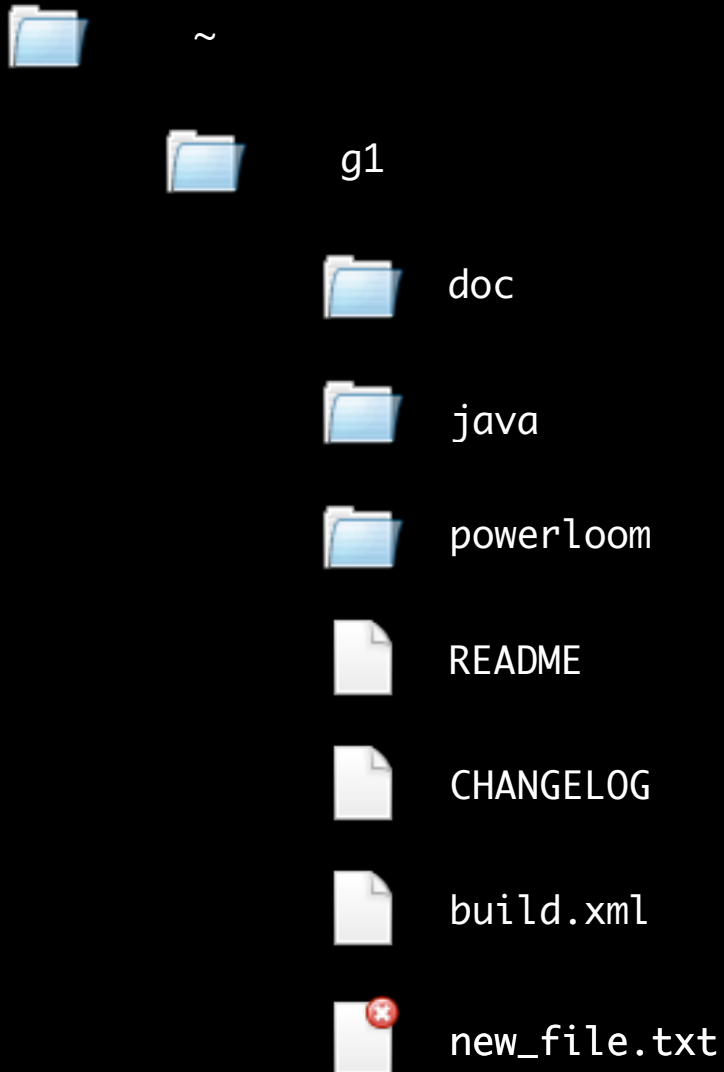


```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental  
At revision 8.
```

```
$ svn rm new_file.txt
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental
At revision 8.

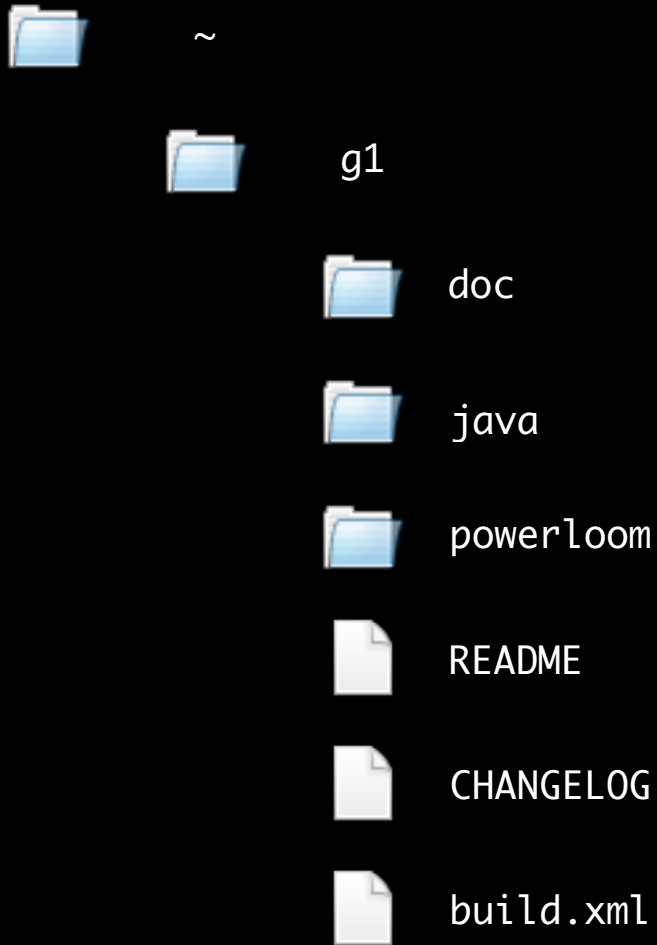
$ svn rm new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Deleting new_file.txt since we don't need it in this branch.

Deleting      new_file.txt
Committed revision 9.
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental
At revision 8.

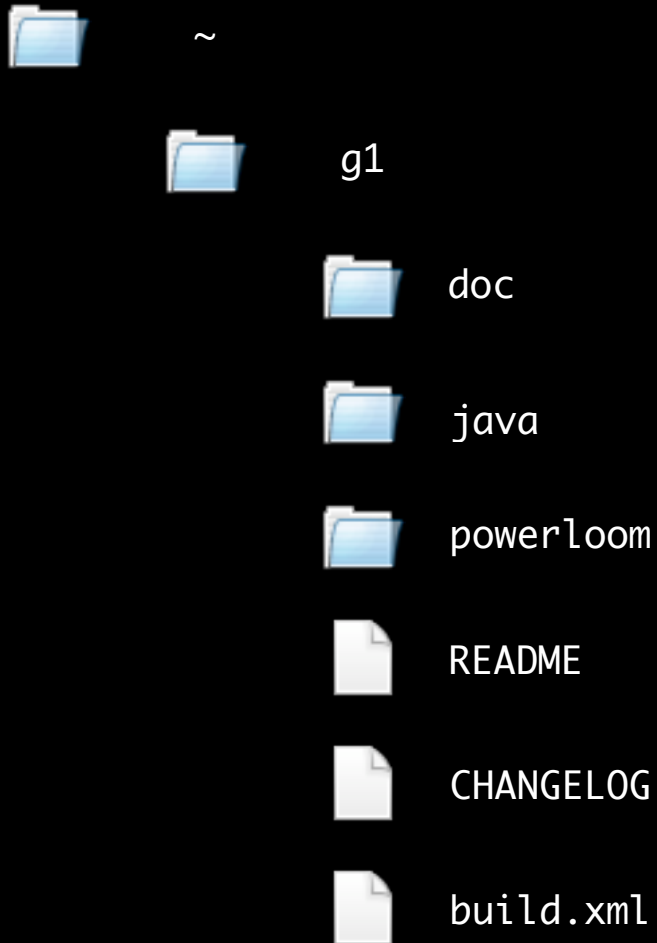
$ svn rm new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Deleting new_file.txt since we don't need it in this branch.

Deleting      new_file.txt
Committed revision 9.
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental
At revision 8.

$ svn rm new_file.txt

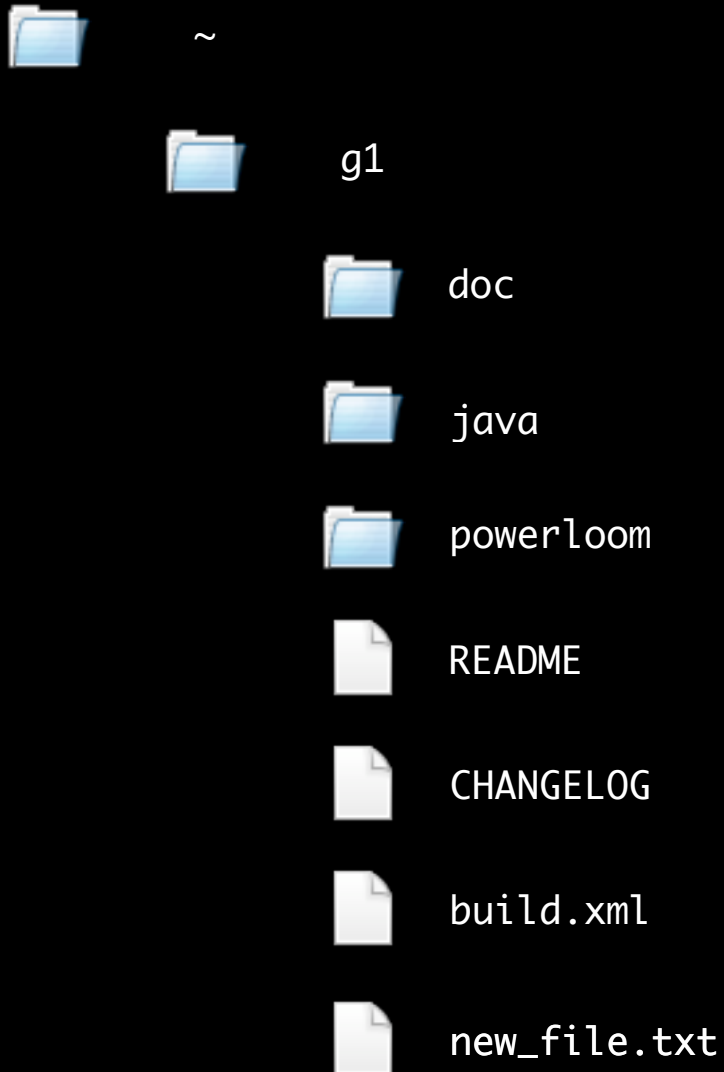
$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Deleting new_file.txt since we don't need it in this branch.

Deleting      new_file.txt
Committed revision 9.

$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk
A      new_file.txt
At revision 9.
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental
At revision 8.

$ svn rm new_file.txt

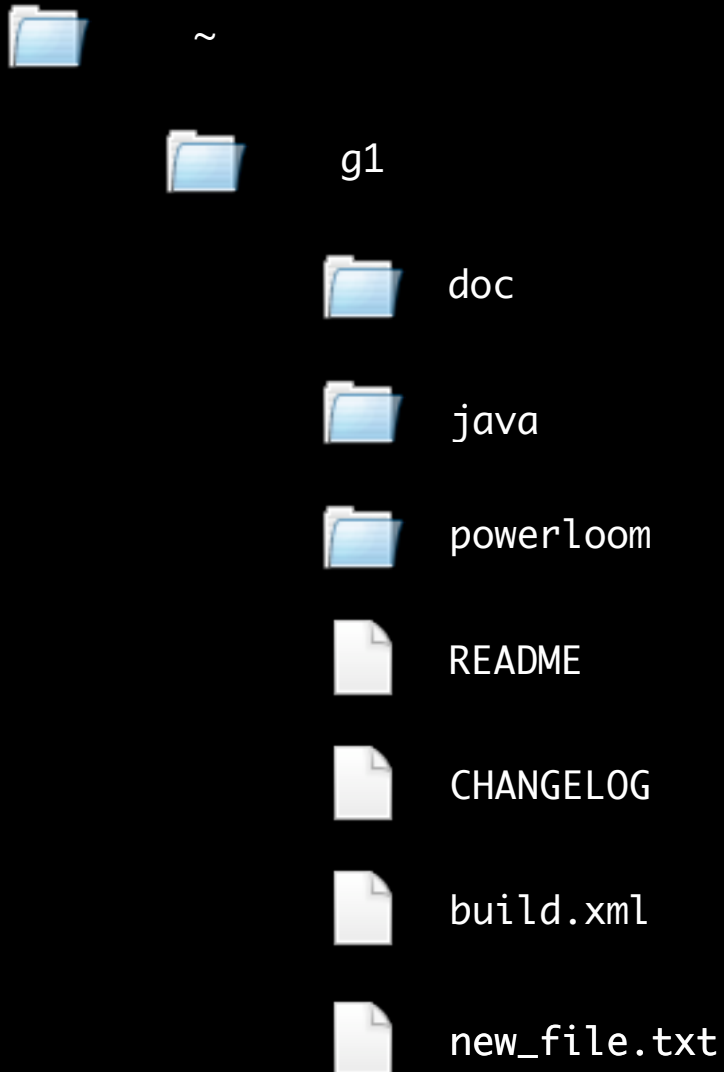
$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Deleting new_file.txt since we don't need it in this branch.

Deleting      new_file.txt
Committed revision 9.

$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk
A      new_file.txt
At revision 9.
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental
At revision 8.

$ svn rm new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Deleting new_file.txt since we don't need it in this branch.

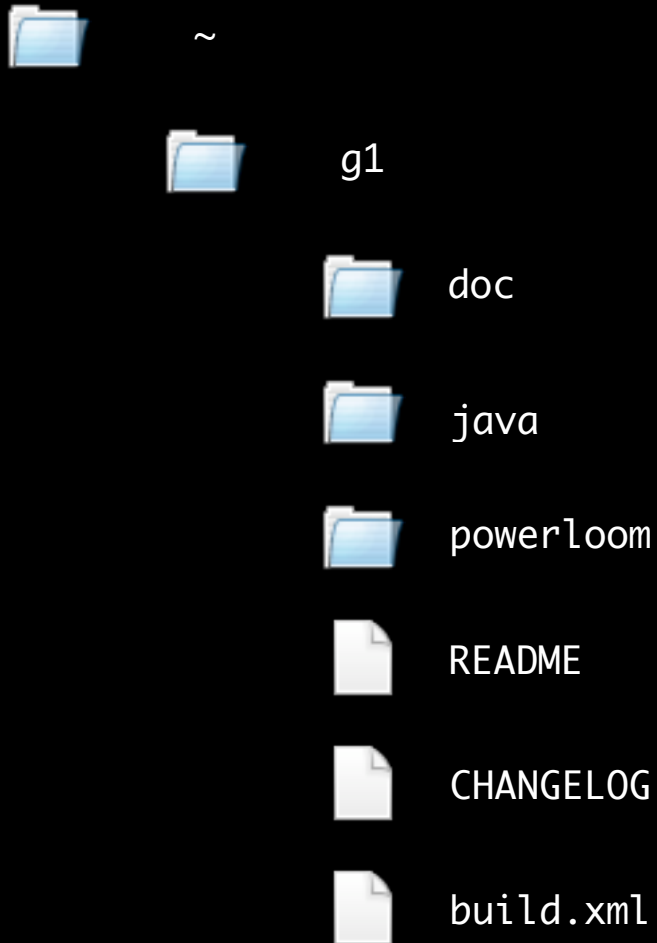
Deleting      new_file.txt
Committed revision 9.

$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk
A    new_file.txt
At revision 9.

$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental
D    new_file.txt
At revision 9.
```

# Usage Example

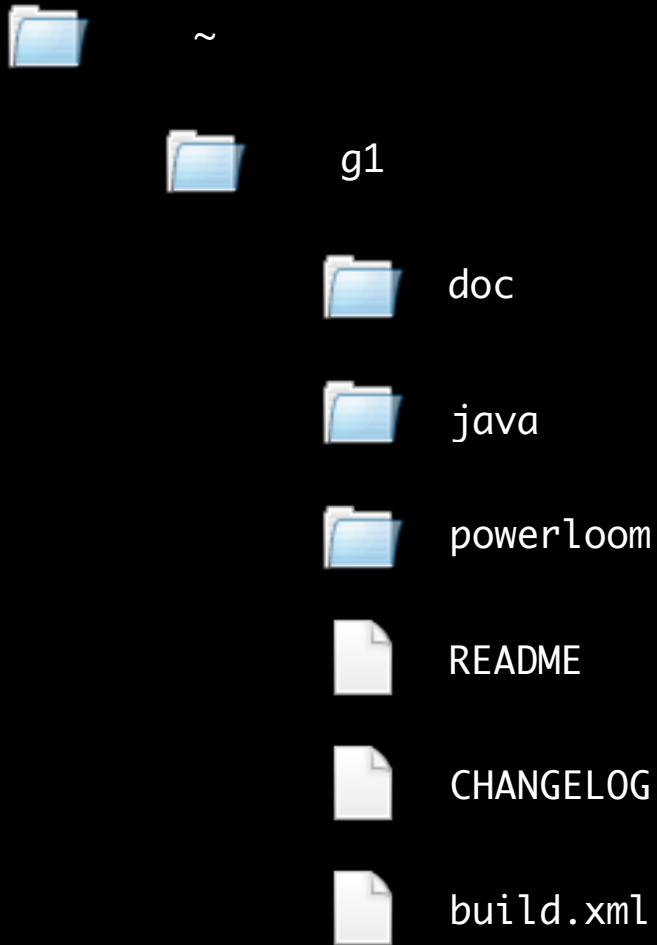
## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental  
At revision 8.  
  
$ svn rm new_file.txt  
  
$ svn commit  
Enter log message:  
    Deleting new_file.txt since we don't need it in this branch.  
  
Deleting      new_file.txt  
Committed revision 9.  
  
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk  
A    new_file.txt  
At revision 9.  
  
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental  
D    new_file.txt  
At revision 9.
```

# Usage Example

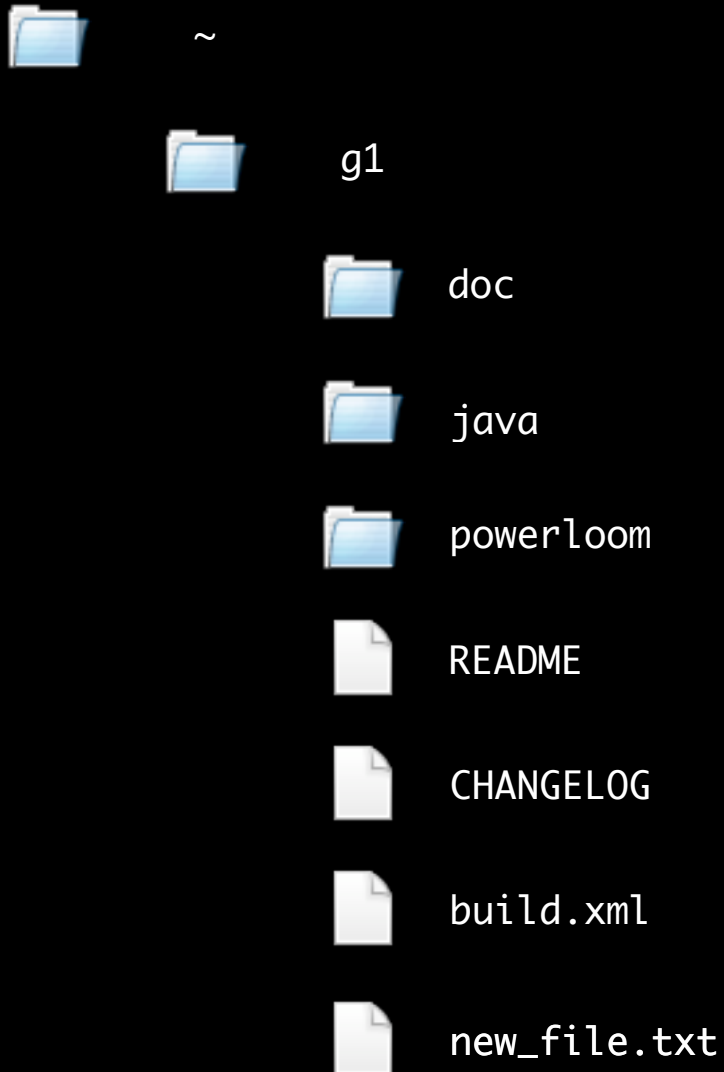
## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk  
At revision 9.
```

# Usage Example

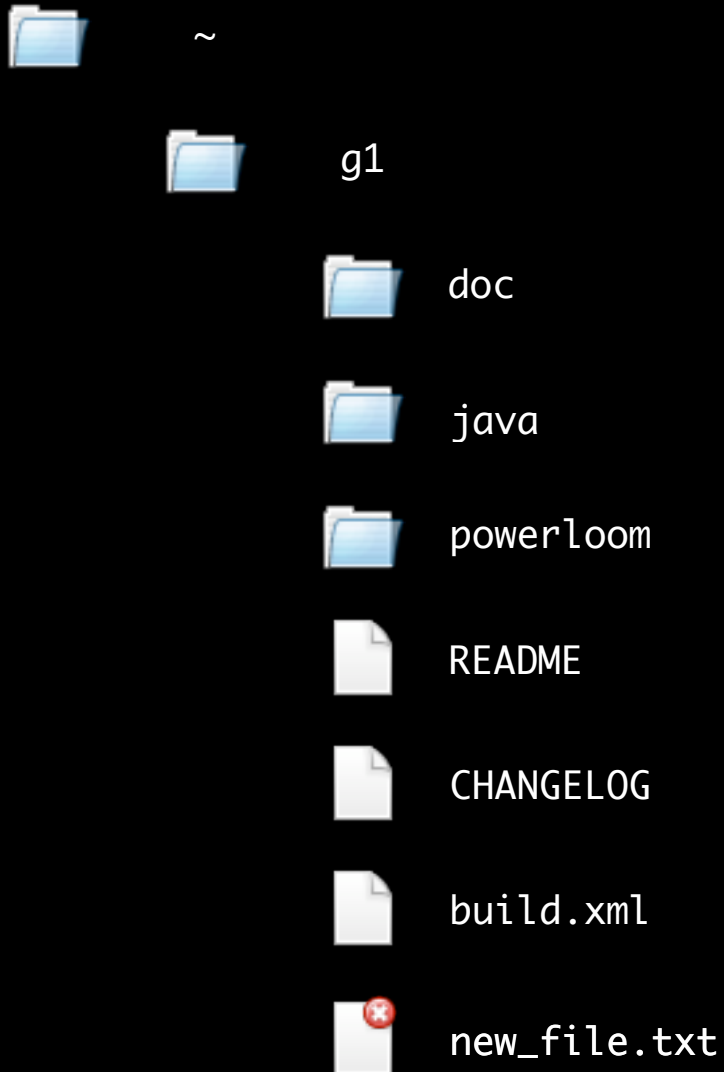
## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk  
At revision 9.
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags

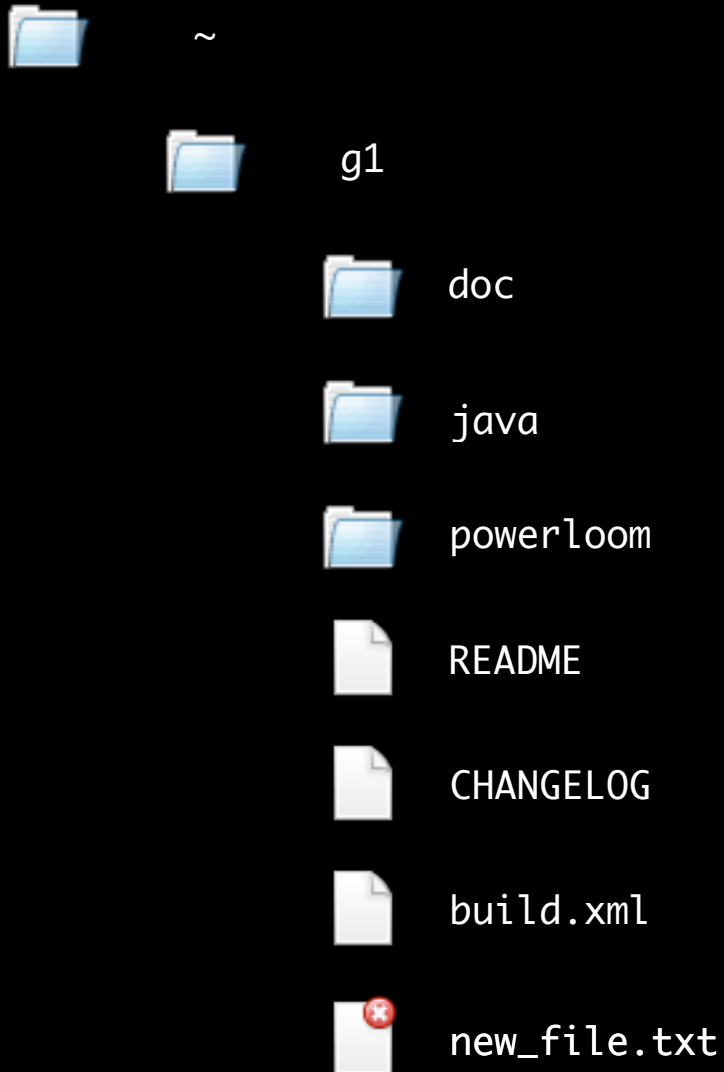


```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk  
At revision 9.
```

```
$ svn merge -r 8:HEAD svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/  
experimental  
D    new_file.txt
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk
At revision 9.

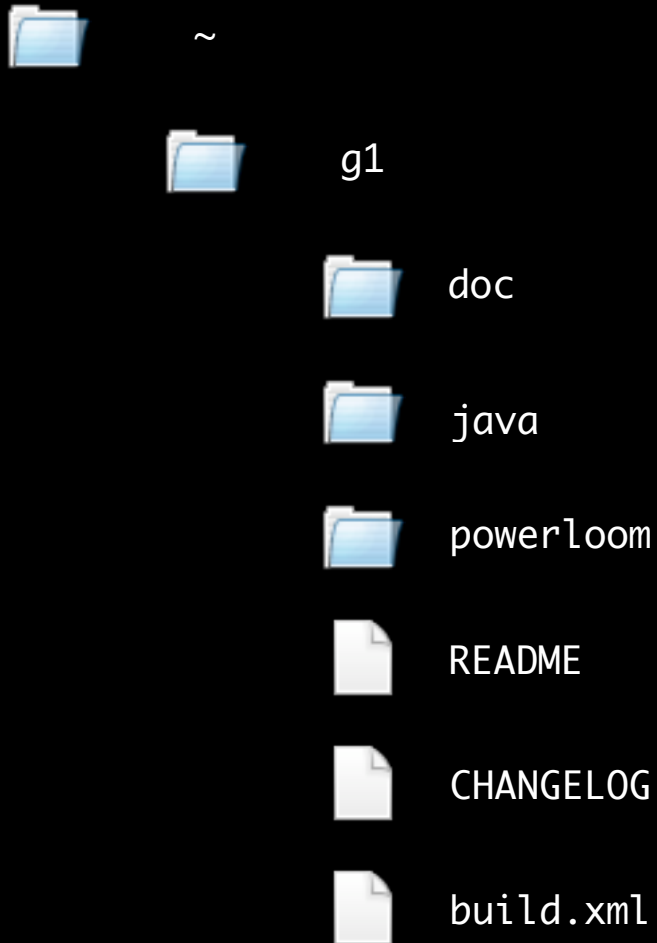
$ svn merge -r 8:HEAD svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/
experimental
D    new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Merging changes from branches/experimental (created in revision
    8) to trunk.

Deleting    new_file.txt
Committed revision 10.
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk
At revision 9.

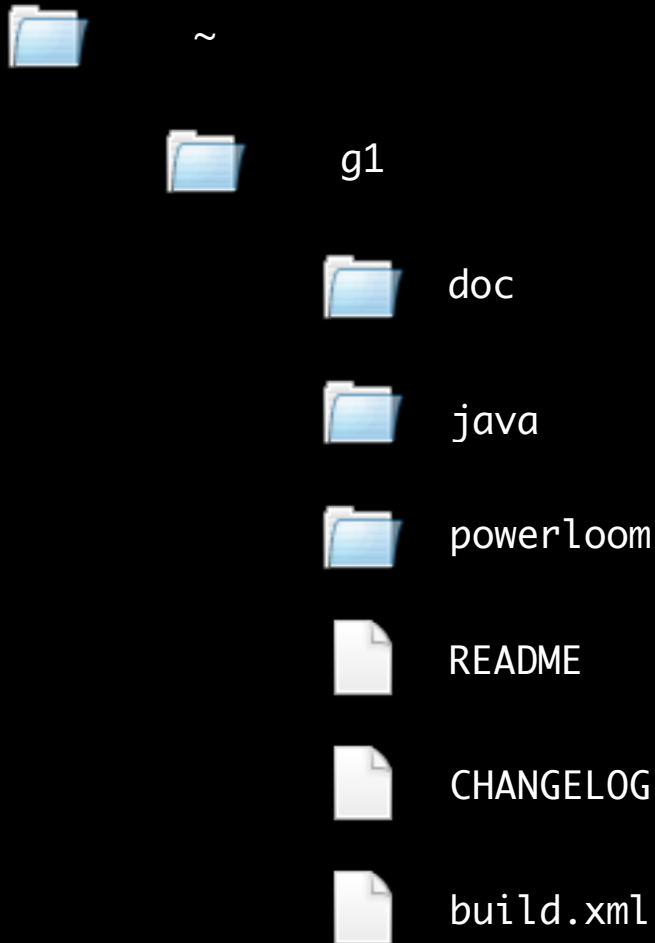
$ svn merge -r 8:HEAD svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/
experimental
D    new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Merging changes from branches/experimental (created in revision
    8) to trunk.

Deleting    new_file.txt
Committed revision 10.
```

# Usage Example

## Branches & Tags



```
$ svn switch svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/trunk
At revision 9.

$ svn merge -r 8:HEAD svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/
experimental
D    new_file.txt

$ svn commit
Enter log message:
    Merging changes from branches/experimental (created in revision
    8) to trunk.

Deleting    new_file.txt
Committed revision 10.

$ svn rm svn://ursa.usc.edu:2201/g1/branches/experimental
Enter log message:
    No longer using branches/experimental. Deleting.

Committed revision 11.
```

# For More Information

Read the SVN manual. It's very well written.

<http://svnbook.red-bean.com/>