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Subversion Troubleshooting Tips

This document contains suggestions for troubleshooting the most common problems you may encounter with Subversion. If you get an error message, be sure to make a note of the error number, as this is often critical to identifying and correcting the issue.

Problem	Suggestion
Connection trouble (you cannot connect to the repository).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure the protocol you've selected is correct.• Double-check the server and path and your username, and password.• Has your site used this repository more than once for the same file names? If you have tried to connect with Subversion and you've previously uploaded files with the same names, this can sometimes cause issues. Check with your server admin regarding how to correct this issue.
You can get files from the repository but you cannot add any new files.	You may have "read permissions" but not "write permissions." Double-check your permissions to be sure you have write permissions for the repository, or the server will block you from adding any files.
Error #160020: File already exists.	Begin by loading your site into a newly created repository or check with your server administrator.
Error #155005: Unable to lock.	This can be caused if you changed your scheme or hostname path and had used Subversion previously, or if Subversion found unversioned items when it compared the working copy to the copy in the repository.

For other errors, a good first step is to try searching for the error number on the Web for solutions.