



SCS Case Study

A VSS-to-TFS Migration without any Productivity or History Loss

The Client

A leading financial services brokerage firm based in Minneapolis, MN with a staff of approximately 1,000 and in business for over 100 years, the client has software in many locations and in all versions of Microsoft technologies.

The Challenge

The client has been using Microsoft's Visual SourceSafe, a file-level version control system, to house their source code for a long time. Developers were continually blocked from working on the same files for fear of overwriting each other's work. Additionally, the client wanted to gain the many advantages of a modern Source Control solution. However, with so much legacy source code, they feared losing change history, even with code that had not been touched in years.

The Solution

The client partnered with Superior Consulting Services (SCS) to guide them through the migration from Visual SourceSafe (VSS) to Microsoft's Team Foundation Server (TFS). SCS was able to quickly understand their development process and recommend a solution that would not only maintain the history of all of the source code from VSS, but one that would also allow them to begin to adopt current best practices in Application Lifecycle Management (ALM). SCS configured TFS so that active projects were separated into individual TFS projects to keep source code and project documentation together. Legacy projects were moved into a TFS project called "Legacy" to maintain history.

The Result

The client has been able to decommission their VSS server and migrate all of their source code with history to TFS and back it up per the Microsoft-recommended approach. Their development team was able to seamlessly cut over from VSS to TFS without any loss of productivity or history. As a result of using TFS, the development team can now confidently work with the same file and know that TFS will manage merging changes without having to worry about losing or overwriting someone else's work.

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