
Subject: user rights for svn and software release tools

Posted by [Bertram Kopf](#) on Thu, 22 Jan 2009 14:39:51 GMT

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Hi all,

I have now heard about the policy for the usage of the svn. One point is that specific directories like base, geobase, etc. are shared by a couple of experiments like Panda, Cbm and Hades. For these parts only the FairRoot IT group is allowed to modify something. This is absolutely understandable since this is the core for the individual experiments and one has to ensure that this part works properly for everybody. On the other hand I think that this could also be an obstacle for development of the panda code. If you would like to modify or add new classes, it needs some time to check whether everything fulfills the requirements.

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Thanks in advance for your help and best regards,
Bertram.

Subject: Re: user rights for svn and software release tools

Posted by [Mohammad Al-Turany](#) on Thu, 22 Jan 2009 15:16:21 GMT

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Posted by [Bertram Kopf](#) on Thu, 22 Jan 2009 16:03:14 GMT
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Yesterday I posted a message concerning the non properly treated usage of the "std::map" (message 7709 in bugs, fixes, releases"std::map not treated properly"). To fix this it would be fine to introduce a template which should go to one of the base directories. Since I have no access to these directories it is not possible for me to do it. And what about new abstract classes which one would like to introduce and which should be used in some specific directories?

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Sorry that I didn't notice it. Great! Does it mean that all Panda related base classes should go into this directory?

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Posted by [Mohammad Al-Turany](#) on Thu, 22 Jan 2009 21:02:57 GMT
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Posted by [Bertram Kopf](#) on Thu, 22 Jan 2009 23:04:47 GMT
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The SRT tools provide among other things few commands which are related to the dependency control. Here is an extraction of the srt manual:

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Ciao,
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Subject: Re: user rights for svn and software release tools
Posted by [Florian Uhlig](#) on Fri, 23 Jan 2009 07:52:36 GMT
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Hope this helps.

Ciao

Florian

Subject: Re: user rights for svn and software release tools
Posted by [Bertram Kopf](#) on Fri, 23 Jan 2009 15:54:06 GMT
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Hi Florian,
thanks a lot for your mail. This is exactly that what I wanted to know.

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Each directory contains only "one" link*.mk file and if an application is defined there it contains just "one" bin*.mk file as well. As I already wrote in the message before these dependency files can be created automatically with the srt tools. In case that the compilation or the link procedure fails there are in addition some dagnostic tools available for checking whether there are circular dependencies etc..

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Correct. But normaly you only have to add new include directories and source files.

Ciao

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