

# Backing Up Databases - Surround SCM 2008.1 and Earlier

**Note:** The following information only applies to Surround SCM 2008.1 and earlier. See [Backing Up Databases - Surround SCM 2009 and Later](#) for information about later versions.

The Surround SCM database contains branches, repositories, source files, users, groups, and server options. We strongly recommend backing up the database frequently.

The database files are located in the Surround SCM application directory. Following are the default database file locations:

- **Windows:** C:\Program Files\Seapine\Surround SCM\SCMServDb
- **Mac OS X:** /Applications/SurroundSCM/SCMServDb
- **Linux:** /var/lib/Surround SCM/SCMServDb/\*

## Backing up databases

1. Stop the Surround SCM Server. You can also lock the database. To lock a database, choose Tools > Administration > Lock Database.
2. Recursively copy the SCMServDb directory.

**Note:** If you locked the database, and you try to copy the SCMServDb directory, the following error is returned: 'Cannot copy <filename>: It is being used by another person or program. Close any files that might be using the file and try again.' If this error is displayed, you must manually select all files except those with a .lck extension.

3. Restart the Surround SCM Server and unlock the database after the backup is complete.

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