

8.2 Generated Versus Handwritten Files

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The [Repository](#) should clearly separate generated files from handwritten files. This separation protects developers from editing files that generation processes may overwrite and helps reviewers understand the origin of each [Artifact](#).

Handwritten files include source definitions, [Node](#) implementation code, scripts, [Configuration](#) templates, tests, documentation, and other Artifacts that developers intentionally author and review.

Generated files include [IDL](#)-derived language bindings, [DDS](#) type support files, documentation, Configuration fragments, topic support files, and other outputs produced by an approved generation process.

The team should place generated files under approved generated directories, such as:

- generated/
- generated/dds/
- generated/docs/
- generated/config/

The team should not place generated files in `src/` unless the selected toolchain requires it and the handbook documents the reason. If a toolchain forces generated files into a source tree, the team should isolate them in a clearly named subdirectory and document the regeneration process.

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