

NewAntFeaturesInDetail DefaultExcludes

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Your editor always creates backup files under the name *.backup and you want to ignore them just like **/*~?

```
<defaultexcludes add="**/*.backup"/>
```

and it has become a default exclude pattern. You can even remove it again at a later point or reset the list of patterns to the built-in list (that still exists).

If you can't remember which patterns make up the default excludes, run

```
<defaultexcludes echo="true"/>
```

If you need to, you can also remove an item or three from the default excludes temporarily, like maybe...

```
<target name="dangerous-cvs-stuff">
  <defaultexcludes remove="**/CVS"/>
  <defaultexcludes remove="**/CVS/**"/>
  <defaultexcludes remove="*.backup"/>

  <copy todir="../reposbackup">
    <fileset dir="/usr/cvs/myRepos"/>
  </copy>
  <copy todir="../wdbackup">
    <fileset dir="."/>
  </copy>

  <defaultexcludes default="true"/>
  <defaultexcludes add="**/*.backup"/>

  (do stuff with cvs task that you havn't tested yet)

</target>
```