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Introduction

WinMatch is a program designed to compare documents line by line. To compare two files, do the following steps:

Open a file to be used as the "Old" file, by clicking on the Open Old toolbar button or using the Open Old command in the File menu.

Open a second file to be used as the "New" file, by clicking on the Open New toolbar button or using the Open New command in the File menu.

Compare the two files by clicking on the Match Files toolbar button or using the Match Files command in the Action menu.

WinMatch will process each file and display the Old file with line numbers on the left side and the New file with corresponding line numbers on the right side. If there is a mismatch, the incompatible lines will be displayed as a deletion from the old file and/or an addition to the new file.

To view the differences, you can either browse through the files using the scrollbar, or use the Next Difference and Previous Difference buttons or commands to jump to the next section of mismatching text. Likewise, you can use the Next Match and Previous Match buttons or commands to skip over a difference and find a matching section of text again.

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Toolbar

The toolbar is located just below the main menu. It provides a quick way to open, close, and compare files, jump to the next or previous difference or match, and to rearrange the windows.

Click on one of the buttons below for more help:



Open Old

The Open Old command in the File menu and the corresponding toolbar button opens the file to be used as the "old file" for comparison; i.e. the one which will show lines deleted from it using a red strikeout font. It does not really have to be older than the "new" file, but typically is.

After an Old file has been successfully opened, the Open Old button will turn green (i.e., "lit"), and the Close Files button will be enabled. If a New file has also been opened, the Match Files button will be enabled. Click on it to begin match the two files.

Open New

The Open New command in the File menu and the corresponding toolbar button opens the file to be used as the "new file" for comparison; i.e. the one which will show lines added to it using a green (optionally bold) font. It does not really have to be newer than the "old" file, but typically is.

After a New file has been successfully opened, the Open New button will turn green (i.e., "lit"), and the Close Files button will be enabled. If an Old file has also been opened, the Match Files button will be enabled. Click on it to begin match the two files.

Close Files

The Close Files command in the File menu and the corresponding toolbar button closes any open files, prior to opening up another pair to match. The Close Files button will be disabled, and the Open Old and Open New buttons will no longer be "lit."

Match Files

The Match Files command in the action menu and the corresponding toolbar button starts matching the two open Old and New files.

Assuming the option to display both the Old and New files in the same window is *not* enabled (the default case), then two "child windows" will be opened up below the toolbar, one for the Old file and one for the New. Matching lines will be lined up between the two files. For every difference found, "deleted" lines will be struckout in red in the Old file, and "added" lines will be shown in green (optionally bold) in the New file.

If there are more deleted lines than added lines, then there will be some blank space (without any line numbers) in the New file until the two files match up again. Likewise, if there are more added lines than deleted ones, there will be some blank space (without any line numbers) in the Old file.

You can use either the mouse and scrollbars, or the Page Up/Down and cursor arrow keys to browse through the file. Both windows always scroll synchronously, both vertically and horizontally.

If the option to display both the Old and New files in the same window is enabled, then only one window will be used to display the Old and New files. Matching lines are shown just once. Differences are shown with the deleted lines shown first in red strikeout, followed by the added lines shown in (optionally bold) green.

Next Difference

The Next Difference command in the View menu and the corresponding toolbar button finds the next difference between the Old and New files. If there are no more differences, it sticks where it is.

If a next difference is found, the first line of the difference will be located at the second line from the top of each of the two child windows. This allows for one line of matching text to be displayed before the difference.

The accelerator key combination Ctrl+N can also be used to find the next difference.

Prev Difference

The Prev Difference command in the View menu and the corresponding toolbar button finds the previous difference between the Old and New files. If there are no previous differences, it sticks where it is.

If a previous difference is found, the first line of the difference will be located at the second line from the top of each of the two child windows. This allows for one line of matching text to be displayed before the difference.

The accelerator key combination Ctrl+P can also be used to find the previous difference.

Next Match

The Next Match command in the View menu and the corresponding toolbar button finds the next match between the Old and New files. If there are no more matches, it sticks where it is.

If a next match is found, the first line of the match will be located at the top of each of the two child windows.

Prev Match

The Prev Match command in the View menu and the corresponding toolbar button finds the previous match between the Old and New files. If there are no previous matches, it sticks where it is.

If a previous match is found, the first line of the match will be located at the top of each of the two child windows.

Tile Vertical

The Tile Vertical command in the Window menu and the corresponding toolbar button arranges the Old and New file windows side-by-side vertically, like the button icon.

Tile Horizontal

The Tile Horizontal command in the Window menu and the corresponding toolbar button arranges the Old and New file windows side-by-side horizontally, like the button icon.

Cascade

The Cascade command in the Window menu and the corresponding toolbar button arranges the Old and New file windows cascaded on top of each other, like the button icon.

Close All

The Close All command in the Window menu closes all open child windows. It does *not* close the files, however, as does the Close Files file menu command.

Menus

Click on one of the menu items below for more help:.

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Configure...

The Configure command in the Options menu opens up a dialog box, to enable viewing or changing any of the WinMatch options. If you click on the OK button, the current settings will be saved to a file called WINMAT.INI in the WinMatch directory.

Options:

Show Old/New in same window. With the default setting of off, individual child window are used for both the Old and New files. If this option is enabled, then both the Old and New files are merged together, and shown in the same window.

Full Listing. Display all lines, not just those not found in the other file. If this option is turned off, then only one line of matching text before each difference, and one line of matching text after each difference will be shown. Default is on, show all lines.

Use bold font for Adds. On some monochrome displays, such as those used on laptops, the standard green font used to show added lines looks too much like the normal black letters to be easily distinguishable. Selecting this option uses a bold version of this font, which stands out more. Default is off, use normal weight characters.

Ignore upper/lower case. Ignores case during file comparison. Default is off, do not ignore case.

Ignore spaces and tabs. Ignore spaces and tabs when matching. Default is off, do not ignore whitespace.

Tab size. Change the tab size. The default is 8 spaces per tab. Use this option when the input files were created in an environment having a different tab size. This option affects only the display of the lines, not the comparison.

Consecutive lines which must be matched. This is the number of consecutive lines that must match or they will be rejected as an addition/deletion. Used to avoid falsely matching up on common sequences of lines that might be found several times in the same document (such as blank lines) or language files (such as end of functions). WinMatch defaults to 4 lines.

Max lines to compare before advancing. Increase the comparison depth with this option. WinMatch defaults to comparing 150 lines before assuming there is no match for the current line compared in the other file. If your files have deleted or added text larger than 150 lines use this option.

Contents

The Contents command in the Help menu opens the Help file and displays the Contents page. It is the same as pressing function key F1.

About

The About command in the Help menu displays the current version number of WinMatch and a copyright message.

About Shareware

Shareware distribution gives users a chance to try software before buying it. If you try a Shareware program and continue using it, you are expected to register.

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WinMatch 1.0 is a "shareware program" and is provided at no charge to the user for evaluation. Feel free to share it with your friends, but please do not give it away altered or as part of another system. The essence of "user-supported" software is to provide personal computer users with quality software without high prices, and yet to provide incentive for programmers to continue to develop new products.

Registration

If you find this program useful and find that you are using WinMatch and continue to use WinMatch after a 21-day trial period, you must register it by sending a payment of \$20.00 to SOFTWEST. To print out a registration form, jump to the Order Form topic, and select Print Topic from the Help File menu. (This is also on disk as the file ORDER.DOC).

When you register, you will receive the latest version of WinMatch, and be eligible for three months of technical support (either by telephone, limited to a total connect time of 30 minutes; or via FAX, CompuServe email, or regular mail). You will also receive a printed version of the on-line documentation, and a copy of the DOS version of Match, which includes printing and wildcards on the command line.

You will also receive, when it is available, a free upgrade to WinMatch 2.0, which will feature matching of word processing files including Windows Write and MS Word for Windows. I expected this to be available around October, 1993.

You can order the complete source code for WinMatch for only \$40.00. It is set up to compile under both Borland C++/OWL Version 3.1 (source available now) and Microsoft Visual C++/MFC (source available Sept. 1993), and can be used to make custom versions of the program for your own use.

If you are already a registered user of DOS Match 2.0, you can upgrade to WinMatch for just \$10.00. See the order form file (ORDER.DOC) for details.

The registration fee will license one copy for use on any one computer at any one time. You must treat this software just like a book. An example is that this software may be used by any number of people and may be freely moved from one computer location to another, so long as there is no possibility of it being used at one location while it's being used at another.

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You are encouraged to pass an unaltered copy of the shareware version of WinMatch 1.0 along to your friends for evaluation. Please encourage them to register their copy if they find that they can use it.

By registering your copy of WinMatch 1.0, you will be encouraging future versions of the program. I hope you enjoy using WinMatch, and let me know what you would like to see in the next version.

Tom Crosley
July, 1993

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WinMatch source code (BC++/OWL & MSVC++/MFC), add:	40.00
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