

# **Directory Comparison for Windows**

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## Overview

### What is Directory Comparison for Windows?

DirComp is a windows utility that compares the contents of two directories. It was inspired by a feature of the Norton Commander which I found Useful, but have not seen in any windows file management shell.

To use the program: use the two collapseable directory list boxes and their associated drive combo boxes to select the two paths to compare. Use the Mode combo box to select whether you want to show similarities or differences. Mark selected files to process and use the File Menu as appropriate to process those files.

As a speed-saving feature, the program will detect the presence of file panes in other applications upon start-up. See Directory Panes Found dialog.

## **File Menu**

You can browse, copy, move or delete selected files by marking them in the multiple selection list box and then selecting appropriately from the File menu.

Files are moved and copied from the "Path to compare" to the "Base Path". Files are deleted at the "Path to compare". Files are browsed from the "Path to compare".

## **Mode**

Use the Mode combo box to select whether you want to show the files that are the same at the two paths, or different between the two paths. When you select to show differences, the Selected Files that are shown are those that are different at the "Path to compare".

## **Options Menu**

You can select the program that is used to browse files. Enter the filename and the path to the file if that path is not on your PATH= environment variable. If the program can open more than one document at once then check the check box. if the box is unchecked, DCW will open as many instances of the program as necessary to fulfill the number of files selected in the multiple selection box.

## **View Menu**

The View...Flip Base menu command will make the "Base path" the "Path to compare" and vice versa, effectively showing the other set of differences.

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## **Register**

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## **Registration**

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## **Distribution Agreement**

Executables can be distributed alone.

Any source must be accompanied by the executables.

Files must be in unregistered state and must contain no reference to a specific registration identifier.

## Directory Panes Found dialog

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This dialog is displayed upon start-up if the application detects the presence of windows in other applications that have titles of the form [drive]:[path].

This is a useful feature because one usually launches Directory Comparison for Windows after examining one or both of the directories-to-be-compared in a "File Management"-type application.

To use the dialog, select an item from the list box and click either the "Base Path" or "Path to Compare" buttons. If the item is truly a directory, the selection will appear next to the button, if the item is actually a file name or uses a "short form" syntax like replacing a portion of a long name with ".."s, then you will be asked to edit that item so it reflects a valid path string.

You can click either button as often as necessary to make the correct selection. When finished, click the "OK" button, if you want to cancel your selection(s) click the "Cancel" button. The "Base Path" and "Path to Compare" on the main dialog will reflect your selections here.

This dialog currently detects pop-up windows and does not detect Multi-Document Interface (MDI) windows. Therefore, it will detect Norton Desktop(TM) windows, but not File-Manager windows.

