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The File Compare Toolbar

See Also

The File Compare toolbar lets you search for similar or different blocks of text between files compared in the left and right panes, sort your displayed [INI files](#), as well as display only the differences between two compared files. To use the toolbar, [click](#) the appropriate button along the top of the File Compare windows. Click on the toolbar below to learn more about each tool button.



Search

This tool button allows you to search through your compared files using several different parameters. You can choose to search for blocks of text that are the same or different from one another in the left and right panes. In addition, File Compare also allows you to search through the files displayed in the left and right panes for a particular word or phrase.

INI Mode

This tool button is used only when you are comparing INI files in the left and right panes. When you click this toolbar button, File Compare automatically sorts the different sections contained in your displayed INI files alphabetically, filters out any comments and extraneous information, and only displays section names and INI statements in the left and right panes.

Diffs Only

This tool button is used to only display differences between two compared files in the left and right panes.

Edit Text

Use this tool button to make your own changes to your compared files using your default text editor.

Exit

This tool button is used to exit File Compare.

Mouse and Keyboard Operations
Menu Commands




Mouse and Keyboard Commands

See Also

To help you navigate, File Compare supports many mouse and keyboard operations. Some of the most helpful include:

Double-click

on  Closes dialog box or window, or exits File Compare.

↑ Selects available settings.

↓ Selects available settings.

→ Moves cursor one character to the right.

← Moves the cursor one character to the left.

Spacebar Toggles options between enabled and disabled, or presses a command button.

Alt+↓ Activates the prompt button to open a drop-down list or combination box.

Tab Moves forward through a dialog box.

Shift+Tab Moves forward through a dialog box.

Ctrl+F6 Makes the next drive window, group window, or document window active.

Alt+Tab Cycle through running applications; release Alt at desired application.

Alt+Tab,... Cycle through applications while pressing Tab. Release Alt when you reach the desired application.

Alt+Spacebar Activates the Control menu.

Alt+F4 Minimizes File Compare.

The File Compare Toolbar
Menu Commands



Menu Commands

▼ Expand

⊕ File menu

⊕ Print menu

⊕ Options menu



Menu Commands

▼ Expand

☰ **File menu**



Open Left Pane...



Open Right Pane...



Refresh Both Panes



Edit Text



Exit



Print menu



Options menu



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Print Left Pane



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Open Left Pane...



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Print Right Pane



Print Comparison



Printer Setup



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Undo Selected Changes



Exclude



Edit Exclusions

Open Left Pane command (File menu)

See Also

Use this command to open a file to view in the left pane of the File Compare window. When you select this menu command, or when you launch File Compare without INI Tracker, the Open Left File dialog box appears.

Use File Compare without INI Tracker to compare versions of any text file. For example, if Norton Utilities modified your AUTOEXEC.BAT file, it saved a previous version of this file as AUTOEXEC.NU8. You can compare these two files in File Compare to view the changes that were made when Norton Utilities was installed on your system.

NOTE: This command is ordinarily used when File Compare is launched without INI Tracker.

Opening a Left or Right File

Open Right Pane command (File menu)

See Also

Use this command to open a file to view in the right pane of the File Compare window. When you select this menu command, the Open Right File dialog box appears.

NOTE: This command is ordinarily used when File Compare is launched without INI Tracker.

Opening a Left or Right File

Refresh Both Panes command (File menu)

See Also

Use this command to update the left and right panes and display the most recent changes to your compared files. This command is useful if you have been editing files displayed in File Compare and you want to update the left and right panes to reflect the changes you made.

NOTE: If you are using File Compare with INI Tracker, all changes to compared snapshots are automatically updated and displayed in File Compare.

Opening a Left or Right File

Edit Text command (File menu)

See Also

Use this command to edit compared files, such as INI Tracker snapshots, in Desktop Editor (if you have Norton Desktop) or Notepad. Depending on the options you choose, you can edit temporary files of INI Tracker snapshots, or temporary files that are created when you select the INI Mode command while viewing current or previous versions of a selected file. You can also choose to forego the safety of editing temporary files and edit the actual current file your system is using.

The types of files you can edit are displayed above each button in the Edit File Selection dialog box. If you are comparing INI Tracker snapshots with one another, File Compare lets you edit either snapshot displayed in the left and right panes.

NOTE: When the INI Mode command is selected, you can edit temporary files created by File Compare. If the INI Mode command is not selected, you can edit INI Tracker snapshots, if you are comparing INI Tracker snapshots, or the actual files your system is using.

When you edit a INI Tracker snapshot, you are changing the contents of the temporary file, not the current file in use by your system.

Selecting a File to Edit

Exit command (File menu)

Use this command to close and exit File Compare.

Print Left Pane command (Print menu)

See Also

Use this command to print the contents of the file displayed in the left pane.

Printing a File

Print Right Pane command (Print menu)

See Also

Use this command to print the contents of the file displayed in the right pane.

Printing a File

Print Comparison command (Print menu)

See Also

Use this command to print a side-by-side comparison of both files displayed in the left and right panes of the File Compare window.

Printing a File

Printer Setup command (Print menu)

See Also

Use this command to select the printer you are going to use. Further options allow you to specify paper source, size, orientation and number of copies to print. In addition, you can also choose to print to a file, set margins, send a header, or select font types (depending on the printers you have installed).

Printing a File

Customize command (Options menu)

See Also

Use this command to configure File Compare to your own needs and preferences. You can set display options such as setting the text color of differing or moved lines of text, or set comparison options such as setting File Compare to ignore uppercase or lowercase differences between compared files. In addition, you can change the look of File Compare by setting toolbar preferences or changing the font of the files displayed.

Customizing File Compare
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Search command (Options menu)

See Also

Use this command to search for text in files displayed in the left and right panes of the File Compare window. File Compare gives you several search options you can use to help you find what you're looking for. For example, you can search for matching blocks of text. This useful feature allows you to scan through two files and quickly view one or more blocks of text that are the same in both files. In addition, you can scan through and view blocks of statements that are different from one another in two compared files by using the Search For Non-Matching Block option. File Compare also allows you to search your displayed files for a particular word or phrase.

NOTE: When using the Search For Matching Or Non-Matching Block options, be sure the Show Differences Only command is not selected.

Searching for Text

Show Differences Only command (Options menu)

See Also

Use this command to display only the differences between two files you are comparing. This command is useful if you are comparing two versions of a particularly large file (such as WIN.INI) and you want to quickly determine whether there are any differences between the two files. When this command is selected, File Compare only displays differences between the two compared files, such as text that has been added, moved or deleted, in either of the two files. File Compare automatically filters out text that is the same in both files, and only displays differences between the two compared files. If this command is selected when you compare two files--such as snapshots from INI Tracker--and both panes are empty, you can quickly be assured that there are no differences between the two files.

NOTE: This command should be turned off if you are performing any search options.

Searching for Text

Setting Compare Options

INI Mode command (Options menu)

See Also

This command performs several functions when selected. When INI Mode is selected, File Compare automatically sorts the different sections contained in your displayed INI files alphabetically, filters out any comments and extraneous information, and only displays section names and INI statements in the left and right panes.

NOTE: INI Mode is used only when you are comparing .INI files.

Opening a Left or Right File

Undo Selected Changes command (Options menu)

See Also

This command can be used with INI Tracker to reverse any changes you have made to a file, and return selected current settings or statements to what they were before you made any changes. This is done by comparing a current INI Tracker snapshot of the changed file, with a snapshot that was made before you made any changes. This is very helpful if you have been performing changes on a file, such as changing settings in INI statements for example, and the changes are less than what you expect. You can quickly undo any changes you made by comparing a current INI Tracker snapshot of the changed file with a snapshot that was taken of the file before you made the changes. You can then select and undo the statements you want reversed to what they were in the previous INI Tracker snapshot. In addition, File Compare also gives you the choice to save the reversed changes in an alternate file you can implement in the future by renaming the alternate file to the filename that is in use by your system.

File Compare also allows you to undo changes using previous versions of files, such as AUTOEXEC.NU8, which is a previous version of your AUTOEXEC.BAT file that is saved when you install the Norton Utilities.

NOTE: To ensure the best success in undoing changes using INI Tracker snapshots, make sure you have a current snapshot of the file you are going to change *before* you make any changes. You must then check to make sure INI Tracker has made a snapshot of the file *after* you have made the changes. This way, you have a clear comparison in File Compare of the file before and after you made changes. Also, by default, INI Tracker only checks for changes and takes snapshots of your AUTOEXEC.BAT, CONFIG.SYS, SYSTEM.INI and WIN.INI files. If you are making changes to files other than these, and you want to be able to reverse any changes you make, be sure INI Tracker is configured to check and take snapshots of these other files.

Undoing Selected Changes

Exclude command (Options menu)

See Also

Use this command when you are using INI Tracker snapshots to monitor your files for changes. This command is used to exclude selected .INI statements from being checked for changes by INI Tracker. This command is useful if there are selected statements in an .INI file for which changes do not concern you, and you don't want the changes displayed in File Compare.

An example could be the M_WINDOWPOSITION statement in WIN.INI. This statement is used to set the current size and position of the Windows help window and will change as you change the size and position of this window. If you are not concerned about changes in this (or other .INI statements), you can choose to exclude it from being checked for changes by INI Tracker. Excluded statements will not be removed from your .INI file. Instead, these statements will not be monitored for changes by INI Tracker. .INI statements that have been excluded are contained in a file named EXCLUDE.INI that is stored in your SYMANTEC\cfguad directory. You can easily remove any exclusions you have previously defined by using the Edit Exclusions command.

NOTE: You can exclude statements from .INI files; this command is dimmed when you are comparing files other than .INI files. In addition, you can exclude file listings from directory snapshots.

Opening a Left or Right File

Edit Exclusions command (Options menu)

See Also

Use this command to remove, or edit any exclusions you have previously defined. When you select this command INI Editor is automatically launched. This command is useful if you have previously selected .INI statements to be excluded, and you want to remove these excluded statements from your EXCLUDE.INI file. After you have removed excluded .INI statements, INI Tracker will begin to monitor those previously excluded statements for changes.

NOTE: This command is dimmed if you have not defined any exclusions in current or previous sessions of File Compare.

Opening a Left or Right File

Open Left Pane command (File menu)

Open Right Pane command (File menu)

Refresh Both Panes command (File menu)

Edit Text command (File menu)

Exit command (File menu)

Print Left Pane command (Print menu)

Print Right Pane command (Print menu)

Print Comparison command (Print menu)

Printer Setup command (Print menu)

Customize command (Options menu)

Search command (Options menu)

Show Differences Only command (Options menu)

INI Mode command (Options menu)

Undo Selected Changes command (Options menu)

Exclude command (Options menu)

Edit Exclusions command (Options menu)

Open Left/Right File dialog box

This dialog box appears when you launch File Compare without INI Tracker, or choose the Open Left or Open Right Pane commands. Use this dialog box to open and display the files you want to compare.

File Name text box

Files list box

Directories list box

List Files Of Type drop-down list box

Drives drop-down list box

File Name text box

Enter a filename or use wildcards for a range of files. If you want to choose from a specific file type, you can use the list in the List Files of Type drop-down list box

Files list box

Lists the names of files in the current directory in alphabetical order.

Directories list box

Displays the directories on a particular drive. (Use the Drives drop-down list box to select the drive.)
Double-click the name of a directory to select it. The files in the directory appear in the Files list box.

List Files Of Type drop-down list box

Select an extension of a particular file type that you would like to view.

Drives drop-down list box

Lets you choose a particular drive. Use the drop-down list box to display your available drives.

Edit File Selection dialog box

Use this dialog box to select the version of a compared file you want to edit. File Compare lets you edit INI Tracker snapshots for safety, or you can perform changes on the actual file you are comparing.

1 button

2 button

1 button

Select this button to edit the file displayed in the left pane. The path and filename, or the INI Tracker snapshot date and time, is displayed above the button. In addition, if you are using INI Tracker snapshots, or if the File Compare INI mode command is selected, the filename of the temporary files will also be displayed. Temporary files of INI Tracker snapshots are denoted by (~snp*N*) and INI mode temporary files are denoted by (~fc*N*), where *N* is the snapshot or INI mode temporary file number. The selected file will appear in your default text editor.

2 button

Select this button to edit the file displayed in the right pane. The path and filename, or the INI Tracker snapshot date and time, is displayed above the button. In addition, if you are using INI Tracker snapshots, or if the File Compare INI mode command is selected, the filename of the temporary file will also be displayed. Temporary files of INI Tracker snapshots are denoted by (~snp*N*) and INI mode temporary files are denoted by (~fc*N*), where *N* is the snapshot or INI mode temporary file number. The selected file will appear in Desktop Editor (if you have Norton Desktop) or Notepad.

Printer Setup dialog box

Use this dialog box to select a printer to print your compared files. In addition, you can also customize print options to your own needs, such as setting paper size, or increasing the number of copies to be printed.

Printer list box

Setup... command button

Printer list box

This box displays all the printers that are connected to your system. Select the printer to which you want to print.

Setup... command button

Select this command button to customize print options, such as paper source, size or number of copies.

Compare panel

Set File Compare display and comparison options to your own preferences. You can change the fonts of the files displayed in the left and right panes, or even change colors representing differing or moved text.

Categories list box

Show Comparison Statistics check box

Show Line Numbers check box

Differing Text Color drop-down list box

Moved Text Color drop-down list box

Ignore All Tabs and Spaces check box

Ignore Changes in Tabs and Spaces check box

Ignore Upper/Lower Case Differences check box

Font... command button

Categories list box

Use this list box to select either Toolbar or Compare configuration dialog boxes.

Show Comparison Statistics check box

Check this box if you want the comparison statistics displayed in the toolbar area of the File Compare window. The Comparison Statistics display the number of lines that have been moved, deleted, or added between the two versions of the file you are comparing.

Show Line Numbers check box

Check this box if you want line numbers displayed with each open file in the left and right panes.

Differing Text Color drop-down list box

Select the color you want to be displayed for the lines that differ from one another in each of the file panes.

Moved Text Color drop-down list box

Select the color you want to be displayed for lines of text that have been moved to a different location in the left or right panes.

Ignore All Tabs and Spaces check box

Check this box if you want File Compare to ignore all tabs and spaces when it compares files displayed in the right and left panes.

Ignore Changes in Tabs and Spaces check box

Check this box if you want File Compare to ignore any tab or space changes that have been made to either file displayed in the right or left pane.

Ignore Upper/Lower Case Differences check box

Check this box if you want File Compare to ignore any uppercase or lowercase differences between the two files displayed in the left and right file panes.

Font... command button

Click this command button to change the font of the files displayed in the left and right panes. When you click this command button, the Font dialog box appears.

Font dialog box

Use this dialog box to set font options of files displayed in the left and right panes of the File Compare window. In addition to changing the font, you can also set the style of the font, or even the point size.

Font combination box

Font Style combination box

Size combination box

Sample display box

Font combination box

Select the font you want displayed for each of the files displayed in the left and right panes.

Font Style combination box

Select the Font Style you want displayed for each of the files displayed in the left and right panes.

Size combination box

Select the point size of the selected font you want displayed in the left and right panes. This option is useful if you have lines of text that run off the sides of either pane. You can easily correct this by decreasing the point size of the files displayed in the left and right pane.

Sample display box

Displays a sample of the font, font style, and point size you have selected.

Customize panel

Use this dialog box to customize the look and feel of File Compare by changing the style and appearance of the File Compare toolbar.

Categories list box

Top option button

Left option button

Right option button

Bottom option button

Text Only option button

Icon Only option button

Text And Icon option button

No Toolbar option button

Top option button

Select this option button if you want the toolbar positioned on the top of the File Compare window.

Left option button

Select this option button if you want the toolbar positioned along the left side of the File Compare window.

Right option button

Select this option button if you want the toolbar positioned along the right side of the File Compare window.

Bottom option button

Select this option button if you want the toolbar located on the bottom of the File Compare window.

Text only option button

Select this option button if you want only text displayed in each of the buttons on the toolbar. The icons will not be displayed in the toolbar.

Icon only option button

Select this option button if you want only icons displayed in each of the buttons of the toolbar. No text will be displayed in the toolbar buttons.

Text and Icon option button

Select this option if you want both text and icons displayed in the toolbar.

No Toolbar option button

Select this option if you don't want a toolbar displayed in the File Compare window.

Search dialog box

Use this dialog box to select your search options of files displayed in File Compare. Select the Matching Block option button to search and display entire blocks of text that are the same in both panes.

Matching Block option button

Non-Matching Block option button

Text option button

Text text box

Match Case check box

Up command button

Down command button

Matching Block option button

Select this option button to search for matching blocks of text between the two panes. As you select the Up or Down command buttons, matching blocks will move to the top of the left and right panes.

NOTE: Make sure the Show Differences Only command is not selected.

Non-Matching Block option button

Select this option button to search for non-matching blocks between the two panes. As you select the Up or Down command buttons, non-matching blocks will move to the top of the left and right panes.

NOTE: Make sure the Show Differences Only command is not selected.

Text option button

Select this option button to search for a particular word or phrase in the left or right panes.

Text text box

This text box becomes active when you select the Text option button. Enter the word or phrase you want File Compare to search for in the left and right panes.

Match Case check box

Check this box to match the case in the search of the word or phrase entered in the text box.

Up command button

Use this command button to search upward both file panes for selected search criteria.

Down command button

Use this command button to search downward both file panes for selected search criteria.

Undo Selected Changes dialog box

Use this dialog box to view the changes you want undone and to select if you want the changes to take place immediately or to wait and save the changes in an alternate file to be implemented later.

Text scroll box

Save command button

Save As... command button

Text display box

This text box displays the file that is being undone. Changes that are being undone are highlighted in red.

Save command button

Click this button to undo all selected changes.

NOTE: You may need to restart Windows for reversed changes to take effect. (You can use INI Tuner to restart Windows.)

Save As... command button

Click this button to save all undo information in a separate file. When you are ready to undo previous versions of the file, rename the the undo file to the file you are currently using.

Save As dialog box

Use this dialog box to save changes you have undone in an alternate file. Your changes will take effect when you rename your file containing undone changes to the filename of the file currently in use.

File Name text box

Files list box

Directories list box

List Files of Type drop-down list box

Drives drop-down list box



Opening a Left or Right File

See Also [Dialog Box Settings](#)

If you are not comparing INI Tracker snapshots in File Compare, you can quickly select files you want to view and compare in the File Compare left and right panes. You can compare the current version of a file with a previous version of the same file. For example, if you let Norton Utilities make changes to AUTOEXEC.BAT when you installed Norton Utilities, you can compare the current AUTOEXEC.BAT with the file titled AUTOEXEC.NU8, which contains the previous version of your AUTOEXEC.BAT before changes were made.

To open a left or right file:

- 1 Choose Open Left Pane... or Open Right Pane... from the File menu.
- 2 Select the file you want to view.
- 3 Click OK.

Selecting a File to Edit

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Selecting a File to Edit

See Also [Dialog Box Settings](#)

File Compare allows you to edit files displayed in the left or right panes with your default editor, such as Notebook or Desktop Editor (in Norton Desktop). Depending on options you choose in INI Tracker (if you are comparing INI Tracker snapshots) or File Compare, you can edit INI Tracker snapshots, temporary files created by File Compare, or the actual files that are in use by your system.

NOTE: Be careful if you are editing actual files and not temporary versions of the actual files. A misplaced or wrong entry, especially in .INI files, may cause adverse effects, or may even crash your system. Because it is easy to make typographical errors with a text editor, it is best to use INI Tuner, INI Editor, or INI Advisor to edit .INI files.

To edit INI Tracker snapshots displayed in the left or right pane:

- 1 Select the INI Tracker snapshots you want to compare from INI Tracker.
- 2 Deselect INI Mode from the Options menu.
- 3 Select Edit Text... from the File menu.
- 4 Select the file you want to edit. INI Tracker snapshots appear with a filename of (~snpN) with a time and date the snapshot was taken above buttons 1 and 2 in the Edit File Selection dialog box.

To edit temporary files created by File Compare:

- 1 Choose INI Mode from the Options menu if you are comparing .INI files.
- 2 Choose Edit Text... from the File menu.
- 3 Select the file you want to edit. File Compare temporary files will appear with a filename of (~fcN) above buttons 1 and 2.

NOTE: The following procedure is used when File Compare is launched without INI Tracker.

To edit actual non-INI Tracker snapshot files displayed in File Compare:

- 1 Deselect INI Mode in the Options menu if you are comparing .INI files.
- 2 Choose Edit Text... from the File menu.
- 3 Select the file you want to edit.

To edit actual INI Tracker snapshot files displayed in File Compare:

- 1 Select the INI Tracker snapshots you want to compare from INI Tracker.
- 2 Choose Edit Text... from the File menu.
- 3 Select button 1 from the Edit File Selection dialog box.

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Printing a File

See Also [Dialog Box Settings](#)

File Compare gives you several printing options you can use to create permanent copies of files you are comparing. You can print the contents of files displayed in the left or right panes, or print only the displayed differences between two files you are comparing.

To print a file displayed in the left or right pane:

- ◆ Choose Print Left Pane or Print Right Pane from the Print menu.

To print a comparison of the files displayed in the left and right panes:

- ◆ Choose Print Comparison from the Print menu.

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Selecting a Printer

See Also [Dialog Box Settings](#)

With File Compare, you can select a printer to print your displayed files. File Compare gives you a selection of installed printers to choose from.

To select a printer:

- 1 Choose Printer Setup... from the Print menu.
- 2 Select the printer to which you want to print your files.
- 3 Click OK.

NOTE: You can use INI Tuner to install other printer drivers if necessary.

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Setting Compare Options

See Also [Dialog Box Settings](#)

Get the most out of File Compare by customizing compare and display options to your own preferences. You can choose color combinations of differing or moved text of compared files displayed in the left and right panes, or select comparison options, such as selecting File Compare to ignore changes in tabs and spaces between compared files. In addition, you can select text options such as point size, style, and displayed font.

To customize compare options:

- 1 Choose Customize... from the Options menu.
- 2 Select your file comparison options in the Compare panel.
- 3 Click OK.

Opening a Left or Right File
Customizing File Compare
Undoing Selected Changes



Customizing the File Compare Toolbar

See Also [Dialog Box Settings](#)

Change the look and feel of File Compare by customizing the File Compare toolbar. You can change the toolbar position to any side of the File Compare window you choose. You can also select the style of the File Compare toolbar, or choose to have no toolbar at all.

To customize the toolbar:

- 1 Choose Customize... from the Options menu.
- 2 Select Toolbar from the categories list box.
- 3 Select your toolbar preferences.
- 4 Click OK.

Selecting a File to Edit

Printing a File

Undoing Selected Changes



Undoing Selected Changes

See Also [Dialog Box Settings](#)

Use File Compare to reverse any changes you make to a file by using a previous version of the file, such as an INI Tracker snapshot. Use this option if you make a change to a file that is not as useful as you expect and you want to reverse the changes back to what the original statements were before changes were made.

You can accomplish this by comparing a current INI Tracker snapshot of the changed file with a previous snapshot of the file before the changes were made. You can then simply highlight the statements you want reversed in the File Compare window and select Undo Selected Changes.

File Compare also lets you save your reversed changes to a file with an alternate filename so you can undo your changes at a later time. To implement your undone changes, simply rename the alternate file to the name of the file currently in use by your system.

NOTE: To ensure the best success in undoing changes using INI Tracker snapshots, make sure you have a current snapshot of the file you are going to change *before* you make any changes. You must then check to make sure INI Tracker has made a snapshot of the file *after* you have made the changes. This way, you will have a clear comparison in File Compare of the file before and after you made changes. Also, by default, INI Tracker only checks for changes and takes snapshots of your AUTOEXEC.BAT, CONFIG.SYS, SYSTEM.INI and WIN.INI files. If you are making changes to files other than these, and you want to be able to reverse any changes you make, be sure INI Tracker is configured to check and take snapshots of these other files.

To undo selected changes:

- 1 Highlight the portion of text you want to undo in the file displayed in the left pane.
NOTE: To make it easier to find the portion of text you want to undo, you may want to display only the differences between the two files by clicking the **Diff Only** button on the toolbar.
- 2 Choose **Undo Selected Changes** from the **Options** menu.
- 3 Verify that the text you want to undo is contained in the file displayed in the text box by scrolling down to the portion of text you want to undo. The settings that will be undone will be highlighted in red in this text box (except in INI Mode).
- 4 If you want the selected changes to be immediately undone, click the **Save** command button. The selected changes will be set to what was displayed in the right file pane.

NOTE: You may need to restart Windows for changes that were undone to take effect.

Or,

- 5 Click **OK**.
If you want to save the changes in a file, click the **Save As...** command button.

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Save File As dialog box



Searching for Text

See Also [Dialog Box Settings](#)

File Compare gives you several search options you can use to help you find what you're looking for in files displayed in the left and right panes of the File Compare window. In addition to searching for a word or phrase that is contained in your compared files, File Compare also gives you the option to search for blocks of text that are either the same or different between the two files you are comparing. These two search options allow you to quickly find and view entire sections of statements (such as in [.INI files](#)) that are the same or different from one another, depending on the option you choose.

To search for text in an open file:

- 1 Choose Search... from the Options menu.
- 2 Select the desired search options. Click *Dialog Box Settings* at the top of this window for an explanation of each setting.

NOTE: When using the Search For Matching or Non-Matching Block options, make sure the Show Differences Only command is not selected.

- 3 Click OK.

Opening a Left or Right File

Selecting a File to Edit

Setting Compare Options

Undoing Selected Changes



Working with Exclusions

See Also

Use File Compare to select INI statements you want to be ignored and not monitored for changes by INI Tracker. This feature is primarily used to define and exclude INI statements whose changes you are not concerned with, and you don't want INI Tracker to check for or even display them in File Compare if they do change from one snapshot to the next.

Excluded statements are not checked for differences by INI Tracker. Keep in mind that when you exclude statements, you are not removing them from the .INI file, you are only informing INI Tracker not to check these defined statements for changes.

If you change your mind about some or all previously defined exclusions and you want INI Tracker to begin monitoring excluded INI statements again, you can easily remove or edit exclusions using INI Editor.

NOTE: You can only exclude statements from INI files.

To exclude INI settings from INI Tracker while in File Compare:

- 1 Select the setting or settings you want excluded by selecting them from the left pane of a compared .INI file.
- 2 Choose Exclude from the Options menu.
- 3 Click OK.

To add, remove or edit any exclusions:

- 1 Choose Edit Exclusions... from the Options menu.
INI Editor displays any exclusions you have currently defined.
- 2 Perform any changes you want to your exclude.ini file.
- 3 Choose Save from the File menu.
- 4 Exit INI Editor.

Selecting a File to Edit

Opening a Left or Right File

Printing a File

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How do I...?

Set File Compare options	Customize how your files are compared.
Undo my file changes	Reverse file changes using Tracker snapshots or previous version of files.
Search for text	Search your compared files for a particular word or phrase.
Exclude INI statements	Exclude selected INI statements from being checked for changes.



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To access The Norton Utilities Forum on America Online:

- ◆ Choose Keyword... from the Go To menu, type SYMANTEC and click OK.

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