

## **Contents for Delta Help**



Delta is a tool that profiles a directory. Profiles can be saved and compared. Delta can be used to identify files that have been added, modified, or deleted during the course of a change to your system. A typical application would be to use Delta to identify changes to your hard disk caused by some installation programs.

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## How to use Delta for a typical application


A typical application would involve profiling a disk or directory to where you wish to install software. Normally the software's installation procedure, such as for windows software, would install files in more than one directory and modify certain files, such as AUTOEXEC.BAT and WIN.INI. You would run Delta once before installing the software, and once after you have installed the software to see which files were added, modified, or deleted. Below is a typical procedure for software that is installed on the C: drive:

1. Run Delta.
2. Click on . This will profile the C: drive.
3. Click on , and enter a file name. This will save the current profile of the C: drive.


*The file name should be distinctive. For example if you are installing Microsoft Word for Windows you might want to use the name wordpre.dlt. After you install Word for Windows you can profile the C: drive again and save it with the name wordpost.dlt.*
4. Run the installation software.
5. Go back to Delta. Click on , enter the file name you entered in step 2. This will retrieve the profile you had before you ran the installation procedure.
6. Click on . This will profile the C: drive with the installed software.
7. Click on , and enter a file name. The file will contain the results of which files were added, deleted, or modified.

*You can view the results, saved in step 7, with any text editor such as Notepad or Write.*


## How to profile a disk

To profile the contents of an entire disk, click on the desired drive letter: 



, etc.






## How to profile a directory

To profile a specific directory click on: . Select the directory through the browse dialog. Ensure the directory path name is displayed in the directory field and click on



## How to compare two previously saved profiles






To compare two previously saved profiles:

1. Click on  and enter the file name of the first profile. Delta will consider this as the old profile.
2. Click on . Delta will now consider the first profile retrieved as the new profile.
3. Click on  and enter the file name of the second profile.  
*The old profile should contain the profile you ran before the new profile. If this is not the case, then simply click on  again.*
4. Click on , and enter a file name. The file will contain the results of which files were added, deleted, or modified.

*You can view the results, saved in step 4, with any text editor such as Notepad or Write.*

## How to report the contents of an entire disk

With Delta it is also possible to list the entire contents of a disk:

1. If Delta is already running, quit Delta by clicking on .
2. Run Delta.
3. Click on the desired drive letter:   
  
, etc.
4. Click on , and enter a file name. The file will contain the contents of the entire disk. Because of Delta's nature all files will be marked as being added.  
*You can view the results, saved in step 4, with any text editor such as Notepad or Write.*

## Compare Command



is used to compare two profiles or view the contents of an entire disk.

## Define Command



is used to define a specific directory to profile. This command can be used when you want to profile only a portion of a your disk, not the entire disk.



## **Help Command**

{bml help.bmp} is used to invoke help.

## Quit Command



is used to quit Delta.

## Retrieve Command



is used to retrieve a previously saved profile.

## Save Command



is used to save the new profile you have just created. The name of the file is the name that appears in the title bar.

*Note this will over write the file you saved with the  command.*

## Save As Command



is used to save the new profile you have just created. The name of the file will appear in the title bar.

## Swap Command

Quit

is used to swap the new profile with the old profile. Normally the old profile would contain the profile you ran before the new profile. If this is not the case then

Quit

can be used to swap them out. For an application see [how to compare two previously saved profiles](#).

*Note be careful when using the {bmc swap.bmp} command in conjunction with the*

Quit

*or*

Quit

*commands, since the new profile will always be the one that's saved.*

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**Profile**

A profile consists of a directory's information. The information consists of all files in the directory, their time stamps, and their sizes.



**Notepad**

Notepad is a Microsoft Windows supplied text editor that can be used to edit small text files.

**Write**

Write is a Microsoft Windows supplied word processor that can be used to edit documents.

If you want to edit a text file with Write then you must convert it from text format to Write format. The easiest way to do this is to give the file a '.TXT' extension and Write will ask if you want to convert it. Select Yes.

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**Title Bar**

Located along the top of a window and contains the name of the application and new profile.