

Text Compare

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When the Text Compare is completed the result of the compare will be indicated in the application using a combination of symbols and colors.

<!	indicates that data is in the left file but not the right file
!>	indicates that data is in the right file but not the left file
*	indicates that data is different between the compared files on the indicated line

Along with the items above, lines detected as being different will be highlighted with the color specified for the Difference Background in the Colors dialog (by default a violet color) in the Options menu. The active line is indicated with the color specified for the Navigation Background (by default a peach color).

The status bar will also indicate the number of blocks and lines containing differences in the compared files. For example:

38 block(s) diff 156:204 line(s) diff

would indicate that there are 38 blocks where differences have been detected between the compared files and that the Source (left) file contains 156 lines of text in these differenced blocks and the Destination (right) file contains 204 lines in these differenced blocks.

If Differences in context result is selected in the **Backup & Save** pane in **Configuration** the following symbols will be used:

+++	identifies the file in the first pane
---	identifies the file in the second pane
+	indicates that text is from the file in the first pane
-	indicates that text is from the file in the second pane

@@ +1201,4 -1204,4 @@ indicates that the differenced text begins on line 1201 in the first pane and line 1204 in the second pane and the number of lines including differences for this section is 4.

Word Level Selection, Replace and Insertion

During a text compare the user may select words in one compare pane and copy them to the clipboard using the context menu or CTRL+C. After clicking in the other compare pane, the user may insert the contents of the clipboard or overwrite a specific word by pasting using the context menu or CTRL+V. Users may also edit directly in the compare panes, selecting, overwriting, and inserting text as desired.

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