SAIL Vocational Training Project Report On CSV Comparator

Implemented for developing a Python-Automation Tool for Comparing two CSV files. By

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INTRDOUCTION

The **steel industry** plays a crucial role in the economic development of any nation. It is often referred to as the **backbone of modern industrial society** due to its widespread applications across infrastructure, construction, transportation, manufacturing, and defense sectors.

Steel is an alloy primarily composed of iron and carbon and is valued for its **high strength**, **durability**, **and versatility**. The industry includes a wide range of processes—from mining and refining raw materials, to producing finished steel products in integrated steel plants or mini-mills.

Global Significance:

- The steel industry is one of the largest and most essential global industries.
- Countries like China, India, Japan, the U.S., and Russia are among the top steel producers.
- The demand for steel continues to grow with urbanization, industrialization, and infrastructural development.

Steel Industry in India:

- India is currently the **second-largest producer of crude steel** in the world.
- The Indian steel sector is dominated by **public sector undertakings (PSUs)** such as **SAIL** (Steel Authority of India Limited) and private players like Tata Steel and JSW Steel.
- The industry supports over **2 million jobs** directly and millions more indirectly through associated industries.

Importance of Steel:

- Construction: Bridges, buildings, pipelines, railways, and roads.
- Automotive: Manufacturing of cars, trucks, and heavy vehicles.
- Defense and Aerospace: High-grade steels are used in defense equipment and aircraft.
 - Energy: Used in the production and transport of oil, gas, and electricity.

Current Trends:

- Emphasis on green steel and environmental sustainability.
- Adoption of **Industry 4.0 technologies** like automation, data analytics, and machine learning.
- Focus on increasing energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions.

BOKARO STEEL PLANT(BSL):

The Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) is the fourth integrated steel plant in the public sector, established with assistance from the Soviet Union. It was initially incorporated as a limited company on 29 January 1964, and later merged with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)—first as a subsidiary and subsequently as a unit—under the Restructuring & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1978.

Construction officially commenced on 6 April 1968. The plant currently operates five blast furnaces with a liquid steel production capacity of 5.8 million tonnes (MT). Continuous modernization is underway, and production is expected to surpass 10 MT in the near future.

During the 1990s, BSL underwent significant industrial development, including upgrades to its **refining units** and installation of **continuous casting machines**. More recently, the plant initiated an **expansion program in collaboration with POSCO (Pohang Iron and Steel Company)** of South Korea.

For the establishment of the plant, approximately **64 moujas** (land units, each potentially including multiple villages) were acquired. Of the total land acquired, **7,765 hectares** were utilized for the steel plant infrastructure. Some parts of the land were later allocated by SAIL to private entities, allegedly without formal government approval.

In terms of financial performance:

- In FY 2003–04, the plant recorded a revenue of ₹11.2 billion (approx. USD 150 million).
- By FY 2007–08, revenue had increased to ₹84.26 billion.

In the financial year 2020–21, under the leadership of Managing Director Mr. Amarendu Prakash, the Bokaro Steel Plant surpassed its production and financial targets. It reported a Profit Before Tax (PBT) of ₹2,251 crore, a remarkable rise compared to the ₹48 crore PBT during the corresponding period last year (CPLY).

Social and Economic Impact:

- BSL has been a **major driver of employment**, industrial growth, and economic development in eastern India.
- The township around the plant includes schools, hospitals, recreational facilities, and housing for workers and their families.
- It contributes significantly to the local economy and plays a role in national steel supply chains.

Overview Role Of IT In Steel Industry

The **Information Technology (IT) sector** has become a transformative force in the **steel industry**, reshaping traditional manufacturing processes, improving efficiency, reducing costs,

and enhancing decision-making. In an era of digital transformation and Industry 4.0, IT acts as a **critical enabler of innovation** in steel production, logistics, quality control, and workforce management.

1. Automation and Process Control

- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Distributed Control Systems (DCS) automate and monitor critical operations like blast furnace temperatures, rolling mill speeds, and cooling systems.
- These systems ensure **real-time process optimization**, reduce human errors, and improve safety and reliability.

2. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems

- Steel plants like **SAIL**, **Tata Steel**, **and JSW** rely on ERP platforms (e.g., SAP, Oracle) for **integrated management** of supply chain, inventory, procurement, maintenance, finance, and HR.
- ERP streamlines business operations by providing **centralized access** to real-time data and performance metrics.

3. Predictive Maintenance

- IT enables **condition monitoring** of machines and equipment using IoT sensors and AI algorithms.
- Predictive maintenance minimizes **unplanned downtime**, extends asset lifespan, and reduces operational costs.

4. Quality Assurance and Data Analytics

- Computer Vision and AI-based systems are used to inspect steel surfaces and detect flaws in real time.
- Data analytics helps in analyzing product quality, performance trends, and customer feedback to drive **continuous improvement**.

5. Supply Chain and Logistics Optimization

- IT tools are used for supply chain visibility, fleet tracking, inventory planning, and order fulfillment.
- Integration of **RFID**, **GPS**, and **warehouse management systems** ensures timely delivery and reduces waste.

6. Energy Management and Sustainability

• IT helps monitor and optimize **energy consumption**, especially in energy-intensive units like furnaces and converters.

• Smart energy systems support **carbon footprint reduction** and ensure compliance with environmental norms.

7. Cybersecurity and Data Protection

- Steel companies are increasingly investing in **cybersecurity infrastructure** to protect industrial control systems (ICS) from cyberattacks.
- Security protocols and IT audits help prevent data leaks, sabotage, and ransomware threats.

8. <u>Human Resource Management</u>

- IT facilitates **digital attendance systems**, **resume screening tools** (like the ML-based one in your project), and **employee training portals**.
- Smart dashboards and AI can help HR teams **match candidates with job descriptions**, monitor performance, and plan training programs.

9. Research, Simulation, and Digital Twin

- IT allows simulation of production processes using **digital twin technology** to test changes virtually before real-world implementation.
- Helps in **cost analysis**, **layout planning**, and **equipment testing** without actual resource use.

10. Role in Industry 4.0 Integration

- Steel plants are adopting smart factory principles, leveraging AI, ML, Big Data, IoT, and Cloud Computing.
- Enables **real-time decision-making**, **remote monitoring**, and **end-to-end automation** of manufacturing and business processes.

Abstract & Problem Statements

Abstracts:

The CSV Comparator GUI Tool is a Python-based application developed during my internship at SAIL to automate payroll record audits by comparing master and slave employee datasets (CSV files). It identifies discrepancies in employee details (IFSC, DOJ, DOB) and detects new joiners, generating encrypted PDF reports for secure HR documentation. The tool features an intuitive Tkinter GUI with Light/Dark modes, searchable tables, and email integration to streamline compliance workflows. Built with Pandas (data analysis), ReportLab (PDF generation), and PyPDF2 (password protection), it reduces manual verification errors while ensuring data security.

Problem Statement:

SAIL's payroll team manually compared monthly CSV files (10,000+ records) to detect discrepancies in employee details—a time-consuming (8+ hours/month) and error-prone process. No automated system existed to:

- 1. Flag modified fields (e.g., updated IFSC codes)
- 2. Track new joiners efficiently
- 3. Generate shareable audit reports with data protection
- **4.** Email reports directly to HR/Finance teams
 The CSV Comparator solves these challenges by automating comparisons, securing PDFs with passwords, and integrating email—reducing processing time by 90% while improving accuracy.

Tools and Technologies Used

- 1. Python: A versatile programming language used for developing the application, known for its readability and extensive libraries.
- 2. Tkinter: The standard GUI toolkit for Python, used to create the application's user interface, allowing for interactive file selection and data display.
- 3. Pandas: A powerful data manipulation library in Python, utilized for reading, processing, and comparing CSV files to identify discrepancies in employee records.
- 4. ReportLab: A library for generating PDFs in Python, used to create well-structured and formatted reports from the comparison results.
- 5. PyPDF2: A library for manipulating PDF files, employed to add password protection to the generated reports, ensuring sensitive data is secure.
- 6. smtplib: A built-in Python library for sending emails, used to facilitate the direct emailing of generated PDF reports to specified recipients.
- 7. ttk.Treeview: A widget from the Tkinter library that provides a table-like interface for displaying data, allowing users to search and filter results interactively.

8. ttk.Style: A module in Tkinter that enables customization of the application's appearance, allowing users to toggle between Light and Dark modes for improved usability.

Dataset:

The dataset used in the CSV Comparator project consists of two primary CSV files: the Master and the Slave datasets, each containing detailed employee information. The Master dataset serves as the authoritative source, encompassing essential fields such as SAIL_PERNO (employee number), UNIT_PERNO (unit number), IFSC (Indian Financial System Code), DOJ (Date of Joining), DOB (Date of Birth), and other relevant employee details. The Slave dataset represents the updated payroll records for a specific period, which may include modifications to existing records and new joiners not present in the Master dataset. By comparing these two datasets, the tool identifies discrepancies in employee details, flags modified records, and isolates new joiners, thereby facilitating accurate payroll audits and ensuring data integrity for HR management. The datasets are structured to allow for efficient processing and analysis using the Pandas library, enabling seamless integration into the application's comparison logic.

Code

```
import tkinter as tk
from tkinter import ttk, filedialog, messagebox, simpledialog
from tkinter.ttk import Style
import pandas as pd
from reportlab.platypus import SimpleDocTemplate, Table, TableStyle, Paragraph
from reportlab.lib.pagesizes import letter
from reportlab.lib import colors
from reportlab.lib.styles import getSampleStyleSheet
import os
import smtplib
from email.message import EmailMessage
import PyPDF2 # Import PyPDF2 for PDF encryption
KEYS = ['SAIL PERNO', 'UNIT PERNO']
EXCLUDE COLUMNS = ['YYYYMM']
NEW JOINEE FIELDS = ['DOJ SAIL', 'DOB', 'IFSC CD', 'DOA']
SENDER EMAIL = ""
SENDGRID API KEY = ""
class CSVComparatorApp:
  def init (self, root):
     self.root = root
     self.root.title("CSV Comparator and New Joinees")
     self.root.geometry("1100x750")
     self.dark mode = False
     self.master file = ""
    self.slave file = ""
    self.data = {'diff': [], 'new': []}
    self.diff_pdf_path = ""
     self.new pdf path = ""
    self.setup_style()
     self.create widgets()
  def setup style(self):
     self.style = Style()
     self.apply light mode()
  def apply light mode(self):
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```
self.style.theme use("clam")
     self.style.configure("TFrame", background="#f4f4f4")
     self.style.configure("TLabel", font=("Segoe UI", 10), background="#f4f4f4")
     self.style.configure("TButton", font=("Segoe UI", 10), padding=6)
     self.style.configure("TNotebook", background="#ffffff")
     self.style.configure("TNotebook.Tab", padding=[10, 5], font=("Segoe UI", 10))
     self.style.configure("Treeview", font=("Segoe UI", 10), rowheight=25)
     self.style.configure("Treeview.Heading", font=("Segoe UI", 10, "bold"))
     self.root.configure(bg="#f4f4f4")
  def apply dark mode(self):
     self.style.theme use("clam")
     self.style.configure("TFrame", background="#2e2e2e")
     self.style.configure("TLabel", font=("Segoe UI", 10), background="#2e2e2e",
foreground="#ffffff")
     self.style.configure("TButton", font=("Segoe UI", 10), padding=6)
     self.style.configure("TNotebook", background="#3c3f41")
     self.style.configure("TNotebook.Tab", padding=[10, 5], font=("Segoe UI", 10))
     self.style.configure("Treeview", font=("Segoe UI", 10), rowheight=25,
background="#3c3f41", foreground="#ffffff", fieldbackground="#3c3f41")
     self.style.configure("Treeview.Heading", font=("Segoe UI", 10, "bold"),
background="#2e2e2e", foreground="#ffffff")
     self.root.configure(bg="#2e2e2e")
  def toggle dark mode(self):
     if self.dark mode:
       self.apply light mode()
       self.dark mode = False
     else:
       self.apply dark mode()
       self.dark mode = True
  def create widgets(self):
     frm top = ttk.Frame(self.root, padding=10)
     frm top.pack(pady=10, fill='x')
     title = ttk.Label(frm top, text="CSV Comparator and New Joinees", font=("Segoe UI",
16, "bold"))
     title.grid(row=0, column=0, columnspan=7, pady=(0, 20), sticky="w")
     ttk.Label(frm_top, text="Master CSV:").grid(row=1, column=0, sticky='e')
     self.master entry = ttk.Entry(frm top, width=60)
     self.master entry.grid(row=1, column=1)
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ttk.Button(frm top, text="Browse", command=self.browse master).grid(row=1,
column=2, padx=5)
     ttk.Label(frm top, text="Changes CSV:").grid(row=2, column=0, sticky='e')
     self.slave entry = ttk.Entry(frm top, width=60)
     self.slave_entry.grid(row=2, column=1)
     ttk.Button(frm top, text="Browse", command=self.browse slave).grid(row=2,
column=2, padx=5)
     btn frame = ttk.Frame(frm top)
     btn frame.grid(row=3, column=0, columnspan=7, pady=10)
     ttk.Button(btn frame, text="Compare", command=self.compare csvs).pack(side='left',
padx=5)
     ttk.Button(btn frame, text="Export Differences", command=lambda:
self.export to pdf('diff')).pack(side='left', padx=5)
     ttk.Button(btn frame, text="Export New Joinees", command=lambda:
self.export to pdf('new')).pack(side='left', padx=5)
     ttk.Button(btn frame, text="Toggle Dark Mode",
command=self.toggle dark mode).pack(side='left', padx=5)
     ttk.Button(btn frame, text="Email Differences", command=lambda:
self.send email('diff')).pack(side='left', padx=5)
     ttk.Button(btn frame, text="Email New Joinees", command=lambda:
self.send email('new')).pack(side='left', padx=5)
     self.status = tk.Label(self.root, text="Welcome to CSV Comparator", anchor='w',
bg="#e6e6e6", relief='sunken')
     self.status.pack(fill='x', side='bottom')
     self.notebook = ttk.Notebook(self.root)
     self.notebook.pack(expand=1, fill='both', padx=10, pady=10)
     self.tabs = \{\}
     self.create table tabs()
  def create table tabs(self):
     self.tables = \{\}
     self.search entries = {}
     for key in ['diff', 'new']:
       tab = ttk.Frame(self.notebook)
       self.tabs[key] = tab
       self.notebook.add(tab, text=f"{key.title()} (0)")
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```
top = ttk.Frame(tab, padding=10)
    top.pack(fill='x')
    ttk.Label(top, text="Search:").pack(side='left')
    search entry = ttk.Entry(top)
    search entry.pack(side='left', fill='x', expand=True, padx=(5, 10))
    search entry.bind('<KeyRelease>', lambda e, k=key: self.update table filter(k))
    self.search entries[key] = search entry
    tree frame = ttk.Frame(tab)
    tree frame.pack(fill='both', expand=True, padx=10, pady=5)
    cols = ("Employee Key", "Field", "Old Value", "New Value")
    tree = ttk. Treeview(tree frame, columns=cols, show="headings")
    vsb = ttk.Scrollbar(tree frame, orient="vertical", command=tree.yview)
    hsb = ttk.Scrollbar(tree frame, orient="horizontal", command=tree.xview)
    tree.configure(yscroll=vsb.set, xscroll=hsb.set)
    tree.grid(row=0, column=0, sticky='nsew')
    vsb.grid(row=0, column=1, sticky='ns')
    hsb.grid(row=1, column=0, sticky='ew')
    tree frame.grid rowconfigure(0, weight=1)
    tree frame.grid columnconfigure(0, weight=1)
    for col in cols:
       tree.heading(col, text=col)
       tree.column(col, anchor='w', width=150)
    style = ttk.Style()
    style.configure("Treeview", bordercolor="black", borderwidth=1)
    style.configure("Treeview.Heading", bordercolor="black", borderwidth=1)
    self.tables[key] = tree
def browse master(self):
  file = filedialog.askopenfilename(filetypes=[("CSV Files", "*.csv")])
  if file:
    self.master entry.delete(0, tk.END)
    self.master entry.insert(0, file)
    self.status.config(text=f"Selected Master: {os.path.basename(file)}")
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```
def browse slave(self):
     file = filedialog.askopenfilename(filetypes=[("CSV Files", "*.csv")])
     if file:
       self.slave entry.delete(0, tk.END)
       self.slave entry.insert(0, file)
       self.status.config(text=f"Selected Slave: {os.path.basename(file)}")
  def compare csvs(self):
     self.master file = self.master entry.get()
     self.slave file = self.slave entry.get()
     if not self.master file or not self.slave file:
       messagebox.showwarning("Warning", "Please select both Master and Slave CSV
files.")
       return
     try:
       dfl = pd.read csv(self.master file, dtype=str).fillna(")
       df2 = pd.read csv(self.slave file, dtype=str).fillna(")
     except Exception as e:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", f"Failed to read CSV files: {e}")
       return
     df1.set index(KEYS, inplace=True)
     df2.set index(KEYS, inplace=True)
     self.data = {'diff': [], 'new': []}
     matched keys = dfl.index.intersection(df2.index)
     for key in matched keys:
       row1 = df1.loc[key]
       row2 = df2.loc[key]
       differences = []
       for col in df1.columns:
          if col in EXCLUDE COLUMNS:
            continue
          val1 = str(row1[col]) if col in row1 else "
          val2 = str(row2[col]) if col in row2 else "
          if val1 != val2:
            differences.append((col, val1, val2))
       if differences:
          emp key = key[0]
          self.data['diff'].append({'key': emp key, 'field': ", 'old': ", 'new': "})
          for col, val1, val2 in differences:
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self.data['diff'].append({'key': emp key, 'field': col, 'old': val1, 'new': val2})
  new keys = df2.index.difference(df1.index)
  for key in new keys:
    emp key = key[0]
    self.data['new'].append({'key': emp key, 'field': ", 'old': ", 'new': "})
    for col in NEW JOINEE FIELDS:
       val = df2.loc[key][col] if col in df2.columns and col in df2.loc[key] else "
       self.data['new'].append({'key': emp key, 'field': col, 'old': ", 'new': val})
  # Generate PDFs automatically during comparison
  try:
    self.diff pdf path = self.export to pdf('diff', return path=True)
    self.new pdf path = self.export to pdf('new', return path=True)
    self.status.config(text="Comparison and PDF generation completed successfully.")
  except Exception as e:
    self.status.config(text=f"Comparison completed but PDF generation failed: {str(e)}")
  self.update tabs()
def update tabs(self):
  for tab key, tree in self.tables.items():
    tree.delete(*tree.get children())
    last key = None
    for row in self.data[tab key]:
       values = (row['key'], row['field'], row['old'], row['new'])
       tree.insert(", 'end', values=values)
       if last key is not None and row['key'] != last key:
          sep id = tree.insert(", 'end', values=(", ", ", "))
          tree.item(sep id, tags=('separator',))
       last key = row['key']
    tree.tag configure('separator', background='black')
    if tab key == 'diff':
       count = sum(1 for row in self.data[tab key] if row['field'] == " and row['key'])
    else:
       count = len(self.data[tab key]) // (len(NEW JOINEE FIELDS) + 1)
    self.notebook.tab(self.tabs[tab_key], text=f"{tab_key.title()} ({count})")
def update table filter(self, tab key):
  query = self.search entries[tab key].get().lower()
  tree = self.tables[tab key]
```

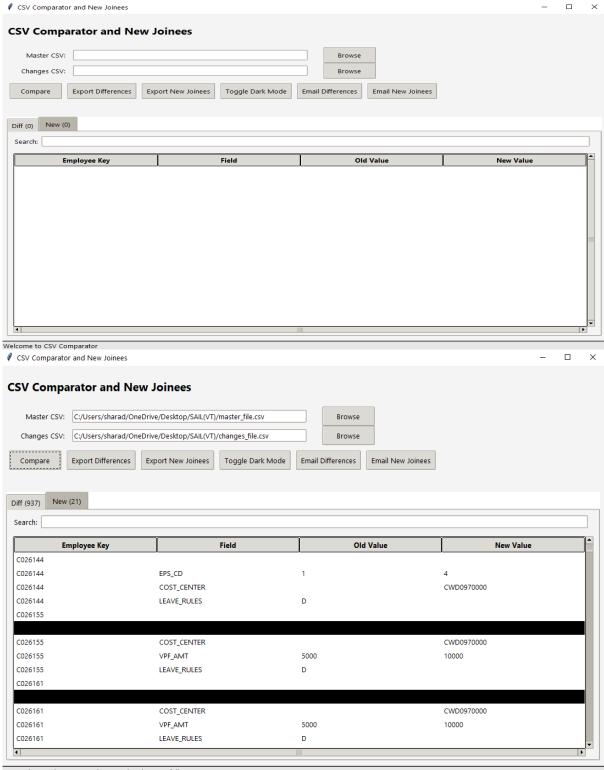
```
tree.delete(*tree.get children())
     last key = None
     for row in self.data[tab key]:
       if any(query in str(v).lower() for v in row.values()):
          values = (row['key'], row['field'], row['old'], row['new'])
          tree.insert(", 'end', values=values)
          if last key is not None and row['key'] != last key:
            sep id = tree.insert(", 'end', values=(", ", ", "))
            tree.item(sep id, tags=('separator',))
          last key = row['key']
     tree.tag configure('separator', background='black')
  def export to pdf(self, tab_key, return_path=False):
     file path = f"{tab key} report.pdf" # Default filename in current directory
     if not return path:
       file path = filedialog.asksaveasfilename(
          defaultextension=".pdf",
          filetypes=[("PDF files", "*.pdf")],
          title=f"Save {tab key.title()} Report",
          initialfile=f"{tab key} report.pdf"
       if not file path:
          return None
     # Ask for a password to encrypt the PDF
     password = simpledialog.askstring("Password", "Set a password to open the PDF:",
show='*')
     if not password:
       return None
     try:
       # Create the PDF with reportlab
       doc = SimpleDocTemplate(file path, pagesize=letter)
       elements = []
       styles = getSampleStyleSheet()
       elements.append(Paragraph(f"{tab key.title()} Report", styles['Title']))
       data = [["Employee Key", "Field", "Old Value", "New Value"]]
       prev key = None
       for row in self.data[tab key]:
          data.append([row['key'], row['field'], row['old'], row['new']])
          if prev key is not None and row['key'] != prev key:
            data.append([", ", ", "])
```

```
prev_key = row['key']
  table = Table(data, repeatRows=1)
  table style = TableStyle([
    ('BACKGROUND', (0, 0), (-1, 0), colors.grey),
    ('TEXTCOLOR', (0, 0), (-1, 0), colors.whitesmoke),
    ('ALIGN', (0, 0), (-1, -1), 'LEFT'),
    ('FONTNAME', (0, 0), (-1, 0), 'Helvetica-Bold'),
    ('BOTTOMPADDING', (0, 0), (-1, 0), 12),
    ('GRID', (0, 0), (-1, -1), 0.25, colors.black),
  ])
  for i in range(1, len(data)):
    if i < len(data) - 1:
       if data[i+1] == [", ", ", "]:
         table style.add('LINEABOVE', (0, i), (-1, i), 2, colors.black)
  table.setStyle(table style)
  elements.append(table)
  doc.build(elements)
  # Encrypt the PDF with the password
  with open(file path, 'rb') as f:
    reader = PyPDF2.PdfReader(f)
    writer = PyPDF2.PdfWriter()
    # Add all pages to the writer
    for page in reader.pages:
       writer.add_page(page)
    # Encrypt the PDF
    writer.encrypt(password)
  # Save the encrypted PDF
  with open(file path, 'wb') as f:
    writer.write(f)
  if not return path:
    messagebox.showinfo("Success", f" {tab key.title()} PDF exported to {file path}")
  return file path
except Exception as e:
  if not return path:
    messagebox.showerror("Error", f"Failed to export PDF: {e}")
```

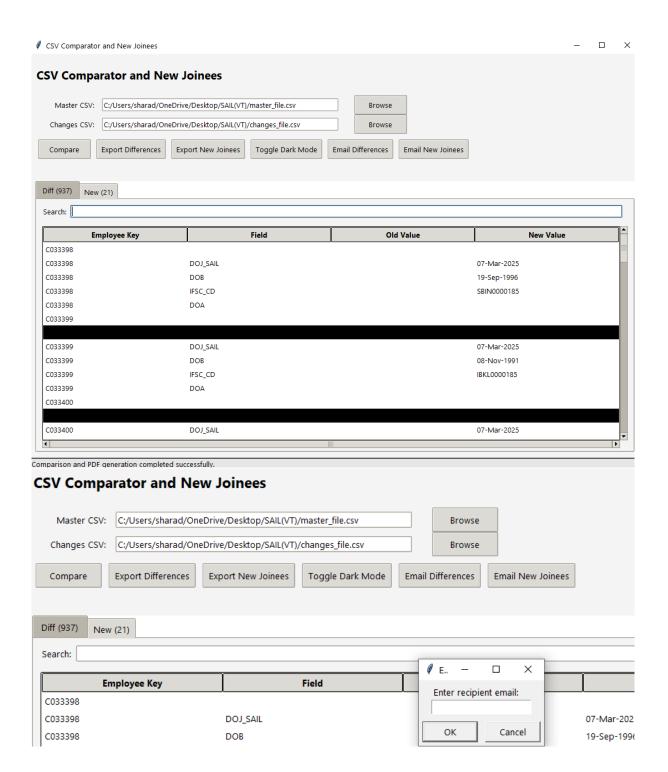
return None

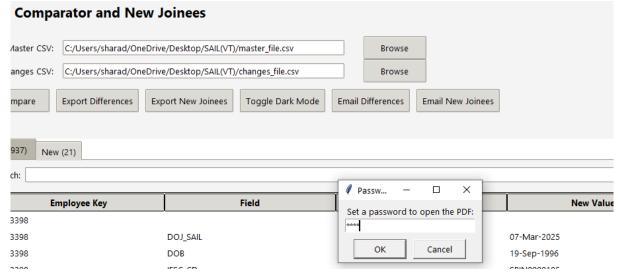
```
def send email(self, tab key):
     recipient email = simpledialog.askstring("Email", "Enter recipient email:")
     if not recipient email:
       return
     pdf path = self.diff pdf path if tab key == 'diff' else self.new pdf path
     if not pdf path or not os.path.exists(pdf path):
       messagebox.showwarning("Warning", f"No PDF generated for {tab key.title()}.
Please run comparison first.")
       return
     msg = EmailMessage()
     msg['Subject'] = f''{tab key.title()} Report''
     msg['From'] = SENDER EMAIL
     msg['To'] = recipient email
     msg.set content(f"Attached is the {tab key.title()} report generated by CSV
Comparator.")
     with open(pdf path, 'rb') as f:
       file data = f.read()
       file name = os.path.basename(pdf path)
       msg.add attachment(file data, maintype='application', subtype='pdf',
filename=file name)
     try:
       with smtplib.SMTP('smtp.sendgrid.net', 587) as smtp:
         smtp.starttls()
         smtp.login("apikey", SENDGRID API KEY)
         smtp.send message(msg)
       messagebox.showinfo("Success", f"Email sent to {recipient email}")
     except Exception as e:
       messagebox.showerror("Error", f"Failed to send email: {e}")
if __name__ == "__main__":
  root = tk.Tk()
  app = CSVComparatorApp(root)
  root.mainloop()
```

OUTPUT



Comparison and PDF generation completed successfully.





CHALLENGES

- 1. **Data Consistency**: Ensuring that both Master and Slave datasets maintain consistent formatting and data types (e.g., date formats, string representations) to facilitate accurate comparisons.
- 2. **Handling Large Datasets**: Efficiently processing and comparing large CSV files (often exceeding 10,000 records) without significant performance degradation or memory issues.
- 3. **User Interface Design**: Creating an intuitive and user-friendly GUI that allows users to easily navigate file selection, view results, and utilize features like search and filtering.
- 4. **Error Handling**: Implementing robust error handling to manage potential issues such as file read/write errors, missing data, or invalid inputs, ensuring a smooth user experience.
- 5. **Security Measures**: Incorporating effective security features, such as password protection for generated PDF reports, to safeguard sensitive employee information from unauthorized access.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the CSV Comparator GUI Tool significantly enhances the efficiency and accuracy of payroll data audits by automating the comparison process between Master and Slave datasets. By leveraging powerful libraries such as Pandas for data manipulation and ReportLab for PDF generation, the application streamlines the identification of discrepancies and new joiners, ultimately reducing the time spent on manual verification. The integration of features like password protection for reports and direct email functionality further ensures that sensitive employee information is handled securely and shared conveniently.

Overall, this project not only addresses the challenges faced by the payroll team at SAIL but also sets a foundation for future enhancements, such as incorporating machine learning algorithms for predictive analytics or expanding the tool's capabilities to handle additional data formats. The successful implementation of this tool demonstrates the potential of automation in improving operational efficiency and accuracy in HR processes, paving the way for more data-driven decision-making in the organization.

FUTURE WORK

- 1. **Web-based Interface** Migrate the desktop GUI to a web application using frameworks like Django/Flask for remote accessibility.
- 2. **Automated Scheduling** Implement scheduled comparisons that run automatically at month-end payroll cycles without user intervention.
- 3. **AI-Powered Anomaly Detection** Add machine learning to detect unusual patterns and potential payroll fraud in the comparison results.
- 4. **Multi-Factor Authentication** Enhance security for PDF decryption by requiring SMS/email verification in addition to passwords.
- 5. **Integration with HRMS** Develop API connections to directly pull data from HR management systems instead of CSV file uploads.

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