

Merge Plugins Standalone by Mator aka matortheeternal

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Comparison

Deprecated Features

Several features were present in the Merge Plugins script, but are no longer present in Merge Plugins Standalone. These features are listed below:

| Feature | Reason |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Removing plugins from a merged plugin | This can't be done properly due to issues with the Rule of One and conflicting asset files. Rather than providing a feature that will randomly not work, I've deprecated this feature. If you want to remove a plugin from a merge, just rebuild the merge. |
| Renumber none | There's no reason for you to use this with the standalone version of Merge Plugins. The standalone program reloads the plugins so this feature has no use case and would only create conflicting FormIDs and broken merged plugins. |
| Two-pass copying | This used to be necessary a long time ago due to NAVI/NAVM copying issues, but is no longer necessary. It provides no quantifiable benefits, and has thus been deprecated. |

New Features

Merge Plugins Standalone provides a large number of new features that greatly enhance the experience of merging plugins and managing merges. New features are listed below:

| Feature | Description |
|---------------------------|---|
| Script fragment handling | Script fragments are small scripts that are created by the game to assist with Quests, Scenes, and Dialog Topics. These script fragments have FormID specific filenames, and thus need to be renamed and recompiled when the FormID of the record they're associated with changes. Merge Plugins Standalone does this if you set up the Papyrus Compiler and Champollion Decompiler integrations. |
| INI file handling | Some ESP files have INI files associated with them. These INI files are loaded by the game based on their filename. In Merge Plugins Standalone, INI files are renamed and combined so their functionality is retained after merging. |
| Merged BSA creation | Merge Plugins Standalone can create a merged BSA file for your merges. This is done through the BSAOpt integration. |
| Toggleable asset handling | In Merge Plugins Standalone you can toggle what asset copying features you want to make use of. This allows users to debug merges more effectively. |
| Speed increase | Because Merge Plugins Standalone is a compiled program, rather than an interpreted script, it runs a lot faster. You will now be able to build merges faster than ever before. |
| Merge tracking | Merges created with Merge Plugins Standalone will be tracked from within the program. When a plugin that is in a merge changes (e.g. is updated), the merge it is associated with will flag itself as needing to be rebuilt. |
| Easy merge rebuilding | You can now rebuild a merge with the click of a button. Combined with merge tracking, this makes for a far more efficient workflow around merging plugins. |

| Integrated dictionary updates | With the script, you had to update the dictionary through the Merge Plugins Report Client Java application. Now, you will be notified of dictionary updates directly from the program and will be able to update the dictionary without the hassle of having to start another application. |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Integrated program updates | Merge Plugins Standalone can be updated easily. You won't need to redownload it from the Nexus to update it, you will be informed of updates from within the program itself, and can update the program with a click of a button. |
| Integrated reporting | With the script, reports had to be generated as text files that were then read by a separate Java application which sent them to a server to be combined into a dictionary file. With Merge Plugins Standalone this functionality has been integrated into the main program, so you don't need to start a separate program to submit reports anymore. |
| Plugin error tracking | Once you check a plugin for errors in Merge Plugins Standalone, its errors will be saved, and then reloaded the next time you use the program. These saved errors are linked to the CRC32 hash of the plugin, so when the plugin is updated you'll have to check it for errors again (it may have more/fewer errors). |
| Multiple languages | With an easily extensible language system, the program can now be easily translated. Several translations have already been made thanks to some volunteer translators. |
| Statistics tracking | Merge Plugins Standalone will locally track statistics relating to merging. Now you can keep track of how many merges you've build, how many plugins you've checked for errors, how many times you've started the program, etc. |

Guide to the GUI

Game Selection Window

The game selection window is where you can specify the game mode you want Merge Plugins to start in. Note: this window will be removed when Merge Profiles are introduced.

Splash Window

The splash will be displayed after a game mode has been specified. The splash shows the progress of the loading of plugins, merges, and plugin information. It also displays the version of the application. The splash should close automatically and open the main application window after 10-30 seconds, depending on the size of your load order and your system specs.

Main Application Window

The main application window is the location from which you interface with all of the functionality offered by Merge Plugins.

Quick Bar

The Quick Bar provides multiple buttons to quickly access various functionalities in the application.

Create Merge

You can click the Create Merge button at any time to create a new merge. The button will automatically bring up the Edit Merge window for the new merge so you can specify the merge's name, filename, and options.

Build Merges

Clicking the Build Merges button will build any merges that are ready to be built or rebuilt. The button will be disabled if the background loader is not completed or if there are no merges to build. See Merge Statuses if you want to force a rebuild of your merges.

Report on Merges

Clicking the Report on Merges button will bring up the Report Window. From there, the user can create and submit reports on all plugins in merges that have been built successfully, excluding plugins the user has already submitted reports for.

View Dictionary

Clicking the View Dictionary button will bring up the Dictionary Viewer with no filters set.

Options

Clicking the Options button will bring up the Options Window.

Update

Clicking the Update button will update the dictionary and application if any update is available. Hovering over the Update button will display a hint specifying what updates are available and a brief change log.

Help

Clicking the Help button will bring up the help pages. Note that help pages are available both as a .chm file and as hosted webpages. You can specify which you want to be directed to in the Advanced Tab of the Options Window.

Plugins Tab

The Plugins Tab displays an ordered list of loaded plugins. Unless simple plugins list is enabled, the plugins will be colored based on average rating reported by users. See Rating Colors for a table of colors and their meaning.

Plugin Fields

| Name | Description |
|----------|--|
| Index | The hexadecimal load-order index of the plugin. |
| Filename | The filename of the plugin. |
| Flags | The flags associated with the plugin. If you have simple plugins list enabled, flags will be represented by a single character, else flags will be displayed as icons. |
| Merge | The merge that the plugin is associated with. |

Plugin Flags

| Icon | Character | Description |
|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| × | Х | Is blacklisted |
| (| E | Has errors |
| <u> </u> | R | Errors ignored |
| ② | N | Has no errors |
| = | A | Has a BSA file |
| 2 | G | Has FaceGenData |
| ₽~ | V | Has voice data |
| - | Т | Has MCM translations |
| 0 | I | Has an INI file |
| ß | F | Has script fragments |
| | D | Disallow merging |

Plugins Popup Menu

Right-clicking on the plugins list will bring up a popup menu with various options. Below is a listing of these options, what they do, and under what conditions they're enabled.

| Name | Action | Enabled |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Add to merge → <new merge=""></new> | Creates a new merge and adds the selected plugins to it. | If no selected plugin is blacklisted, marked as do not merge, or in a merge. |
| Add to merge → <merge></merge> | Adds the selected plugins to the specified merge. | If no selected plugin is blacklisted, marked as do not merge, or in a merge. |
| Remove from merge | Removes the selected plugins from any merge they're in. | If all selected plugins are in a merge. |
| Report on plugin | Brings up the Report Window for the selected plugins. | If no selected plugin is blacklisted. |
| Check for errors | Starts an error-checking task for the selected plugins. | If the background loader is done, no selected plugin is blacklisted, and no selected plugin has been checked for errors. |
| Ignore errors | Marks selected plugins with the Errors Ignored flag if they have errors. | If no selected plugin is blacklisted, no selected plugin hasn't been checked for errors, and all selected plugins have errors. |
| Unignore errors | Unsets the errors ignored flag on selected plugins. | If all selected plugins have the ignore errors flags set. |
| Disallow merging | Marks selected plugins with the Do Not Merge flag. | If all selected plugins are not blacklisted or in a merge. |
| Allow merging | Unsets the Do Not Merge flag on selected plugins. | If all selected plugins have the do not merge flag set. |
| Open plugin location | Opens the location of each selected plugin file in explorer. | Always. |

Plugin Details

When you select a plugin, its details will be populated in the Details Pane. Below is a listing of these details, with descriptions.

| Name | Description | |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Filename | The filename of the plugin. | |
| Hash | The CRC32 hash of the plugin file. This is used to track when the plugin is updated. | |
| File size | The file size of the plugin. | |
| Date modified | The date the plugin was last modified. | |
| Merge rating | The plugin's average rating as reported by users, between 0.0 and 4.0. See Merge Ratings for more information. | |
| Flags | A list of the flag characters associated with the flags on the plugin. See Plugin Flags for more information. | |
| Number of records | The number of records in the plugin. | |
| Number of overrides | The number of override records in the plugin. | |
| Author | The author of the plugin. | |
| Description | The description of the plugin. | |
| Masters | The master files of the plugin. | |
| Errors | The errors in the plugin. Will be "None" if no errors were found in the plugin. | |
| Reports | A list of the user reports submitted on the plugin. | |

Merges Tab

The Merges Tab displays a list of merges managed with the program. Merges are colored based on their status. Also see Merge Statuses.

Merge Fields

| Name | Description |
|------------|--|
| Index | The build order of the merge. |
| Name | The name of the merge. |
| Filename | The filename of the plugin file created for the merge. |
| Size | The size of the merge in number of plugins. |
| Date built | The date when the merge was last built. |

Merges Popup Menu

Right-clicking on the merges list will bring up a popup menu with various options. Below is a listing of these options, what they do, and under what conditions they're enabled.

| Name | Action | Enabled |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Create new merge | Creates a new merge and opens the Edit Merge Window for it. | Always. |
| Edit merge | Opens the Edit Merge Window for each selected merge. | If a merge is selected. |
| Check plugins for errors | Creates an error-checking task for the plugins in selected merges that haven't been checked for errors. | If the background loader is done, a merge is selected, and one or more plugins in the selected merges need to be checked for errors. |
| Clean merge | Removes plugins that have errors or that aren't loaded from the merge. | If the merge has unloaded plugins or plugins with errors. |
| Delete merge | Deletes the selected merges. | If a merge is selected. |
| Build merge | Builds the selected merges. | If a selected merge is ready to be built/rebuilt. |
| Open in explorer | Opens the folder associated with the merge in explorer. | If a merge is selected. |
| Report on merge | Opens the Report Window with all plugins in selected merges. | If one or more selected merges is up to date. |
| Force rebuild status | Switches merges from the "Up to date" status to "Ready to be rebuilt [forced]". | If one or more selected merges is up to date. |
| Ignore rebuild status | Switch merges from the "Ready to be rebuilt" status to "Up to date [forced]" | If one or more selected merges is ready to be rebuilt. |

Merge Details

When you select a merge, its details will be populated in the Details Pane. Below is a listing of these details, with descriptions.

| Name | Description |
|--------------|---|
| Status | The status of the merge. See Merge Statuses. |
| Merge name | The name of the merge. |
| Filename | The filename of the merge. |
| Plugin count | The number of plugins in the merge. |
| Date built | The date the merge was last built. |
| Plugins | A list of the plugins in the merge. |
| Merge method | The merge method that will be used when building the merge. |
| Renumbering | The renumbering method that will be used when building the merge. |
| Files | A list of the files associated with the merge. If there are over 250 files the list will not be displayed. |
| Fails | A list of the failures that occurred when last building the merge. If there are over 250 failures the list will not be displayed. |

Log Tab

The Log Tab displays enabled log messages that have occurred during program execution. You can change the colors of log messages from the Options Window. You can filter what log messages are displayed from the Log Popup Menu.

Note: Log messages are displayed as a single string. The log message template string can be specified from the Options Window.

Log Fields

| Name | Description |
|---------|---|
| Time | The time when the log message was created. |
| AppTime | The application time when the log message was created. (00:00:00 is when the application is started). |
| Group | The group the log message is assocaited with. See Log Groups. |
| Label | The label the log message is associated with. See Log Labels. |
| Text | The text of the log message. |

Log Popup Menu

Right-clicking on the log will bring up a popup menu with various options. Below is a listing of these options, what they do, and under what conditions they're enabled.

| Name | Action | Enabled |
|--|--|---|
| Filter group → <toggle> <group></group></toggle> | Toggles visibility of log messages from the specified group. | Always |
| Filter label → <toggle> <group>, <label></label></group></toggle> | Toggles visibility of log messages from the specified group-label combination. | Always |
| Copy to clipboard | Copies selected log messages to the clipboard. | If one or more log messages are selected. |
| <toggle> auto scroll</toggle> | Toggles autoscroll of the log. | Always |
| Save and clear | Saves the log to a file and then clears it. | Always |

Application Details

Application Details appear in the Details Pane when you switch to the Log Tab. Below is a listing of these details, with descriptions.

| Name | Description |
|----------------------------|---|
| Application | The name of the running application, "Merge Plugins". |
| Author | The author of the running application, "matortheeternal". |
| Version | The version of the application you're using. |
| Date built | The date when the version of the application you're using was built. |
| Game mode | The game mode you're currently using the application in. |
| Language | The current language mode you're using the application in. |
| Times run | The number of times you've run the application. |
| Merges built | The number of merges you've built. |
| Plugins checked for errors | The number of plugins you've checked for errors. |
| Plugins merged | The number of unique plugins you've merged. |
| Reports submitted | The number of reports you've submitted. |
| Website | The website for the Merge Plugins project. |
| API Credits | Credits for APIs used in Merge Plugins. |
| xEdit Version | The version of xEdit that Merge Plugins is using. |
| xEdit Credits | Credits for the creators of xEdit. |
| Testers | List of beta testers who contributed to the development of Merge Plugins. |
| Translators | List of translators who have translated Merge Plugins into different languages. |

Status Bar

The Status Bar provides quick reference to the status of various aspects of the Merge Plugins program.

Status Panels

| Name | Icons | Description |
|------------------|----------|--|
| Message panel | N/A | Displays a message regarding overall program status. |
| Blocking panel | X | Displays its icon if a blocking background operation is in progress (e.g. background loader, checking for errors, or merging plugins). |
| Connection panel | € € | Displays an icon indicating whether or not the program is connected to the Merge Plugins server. |
| Merges panel | 7 | Displays its icon if there are merges that are ready to be rebuilt. |
| Dictionary panel | 3 | Displays its icon if a dictionary update is available. |
| Program panel | <u>@</u> | Displays its icon if a program update is available. |
| Language panel | N/A | Displays the current language mode. |
| Version panel | N/A | Displays the program's version. |

View Dictionary Window

The View Dictionary Window displays a list of all dictionary entries in the dictionary file for the current game mode. The View Dictionary Window supports full filtering and sorting functionality.

Filtering and Sorting

You can sort by any single column by clicking on its header. You can reverse the order of sorting from ascending to descending and vice versa by clicking on the column header a second time.

Filtering options are provided in a groupbox above the entries list. After entering your filters, press Enter in any of the filtering text fields to filter the entries list.

| Field | Modes | Filtering functionality |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Filename | Contains | Selects entries which have filenames that contain the entered text. |
| Records | Greater than, less than, equal to | Selects entries which have a number of records <mode> the entered integer number.</mode> |
| Version | Greater than, less than, equal to | Selects entries which have a version <mode> the entered floating point number.</mode> |
| Rating | Greater than, less than, equal to | Selects entries which have a rating <mode> the entered floating point number.</mode> |
| Reports | Greater than, less than, equal to | Selects entries which have a number of reports <mode> the entered integer number.</mode> |

Entry Fields

| Name | Description |
|----------|--|
| Filename | The filename of the plugin to which the dictionary entry corresponds. |
| Records | The largest reported number of records in the plugin the dictionary entry corresponds to. |
| Version | The latest version of Merge Plugins that has had a report submitted on the plugin to which the dictionary entry corresponds. |
| Rating | The average rating of all reports submitted on the plugin to which the dictionary entry corresponds. |
| Reports | The number of reports associated with the dictionary entry. |

Dictionary Information

The Dictionary Information panel lists various stats relating to the dictionary file being viewed.

| Name | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| Filename | The filename of the dictionary file being viewed. |
| File size | The file size of the dictionary file being viewed. |
| Date modified | The date when the dictionary was last modified (updated). |
| Number of entries | The number of entries in the dictionary file. |
| Number of reports | The number of reports in the dictionary file. |
| Entries displayed | The number of entries currently being displayed due to filtering. |
| Blacklist size | The number of plugins in the dictionary file that have been marked as blacklisted. |

Entry Notes

The Entry Notes panel displays the user notes associated with the selected entry. User notes have a header associated with them which displays information relating to the particular report the notes are associated with. Depending on whether or not the report was submitted before before Merge Plugins Standalone's public release, the header will differ.

Reports submitted with Merge Plugins Standalone:

[User: {{user}}] [Hash: {{hash}}] [Version: {{version}}]

Reports submitted with the Merge Plugins Report Client:

[User: {{user}}] [Records: {{records}}] [Version: {{version}}]

Report Window

The Report Window is used to create reports on the merge-ability of plugins to be submitted to the Merge Plugins server, where it is later built into the dictionary file.

| Element | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| Filename | The filename of the plugin you're reporting on. |
| Hash | The CRC32 hash of the plugin you're reporting on. |
| Records | The number of records in the plugin you're reporting on. |
| Flags | The flags associated with the plugin you're reporting on, as a string. |
| Average rating | The average rating from existing user reports on the plugin you're reporting on. |
| Number of reports | The number of reports that have already been submitted on the plugin you're reporting on. |
| View details | Opens the View Dictionary Window with a filename filter for the plugin you're reporting on. |
| Rating | This is a drop-down where you can specify the rating you want to submit for the plugin. |
| Notes | Notes on the merge-ability of the plugin for your report. You are required to enter at least 16 characters in the notes field to create a report. |
| Next button | Proceed to reporting on the next plugin in the reporting task you created. Changes to "Done" when you reach the last plugin. |
| Previous button | Go back to the report on the previous plugin in the reporting task you created. |

Edit Merge Window

The Edit Merge Window is used to edit the details of a merge.

| Element | Description |
|---------------|---|
| Name | The name of the merge you're editing. This is used for naming the folder the merge will be stored in, and for identifying the merge in the application. The text will turn red and will display a hint if a folder matching the specified name already exists in the merge destination directory. |
| Filename | The filename of the ESP file that will be produced by the merge. Also used for determining the path of various asset files. The text will turn red and the OK button will be disabled if an ESP of the specified filename is currently loaded in Merge Plugins. |
| Merge method | The method that will be used when merging the plugins in the merge. Two methods are available: Overrides and New Records. |
| Renumbering | The method that will be used when renumbering FormIDs for the merge. Two methods are available: Conflicting and All. |
| OK button | Click to save your changes to the merge. Will be disabled if a conflicting filename is entered. |
| Cancel button | Click to cancel your changes to the merge. |

Options Window

The options window is where you can set options that dictate how the program runs and how merges are executed. You won't need to go here much after initial set up.

General Tab

Language

Here you can set the language to be used by the program. For information on creating translations, see Making a Translation.

Reports

This group has controls that pertain to the submission of user reports to the backend. If you want to submit reports on plugins you've merged to the backend, you need to register a username.

- 1. Enter a username in the text box. The username must be between 4 and 32 characters long.
- 2. Click the "Check" button to see if the username is available.
- 3. If the username is available, the "Check" button will change to say "Register". Click it to register the username.

Technical

Whenever you start the program, the program generates a random 32-character long Base64 key. When you register, your key at the time of registering is stored in your settings.ini file and in the registry. This key serves to authenticate you to the server. If you somehow lose this key, you can attempt to reset it by clicking the Reset button. This will only work if your IP address hasn't changed since the key was lost.

If you're planning on reformatting your drive and want to maintain access to your old username, you should save your settings.ini file somewhere where you can access it later (e.g. email, upload to dropbox, external storage medium, etc.).

Style

| Element | Description |
|------------------------|--|
| Simple dictionary view | Affects the View Dictionary Window. Disables the coloring of dictionary entries. |
| Simple plugins list | Affects the Plugins Tab. Disables the coloring of plugins, and uses flag characters instead of flag icons. |

Updating

| Element | Description |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Update dictionary automatically | If checked, Merge Plugins will check for a dictionary update once initial plugin loading is complete. If an update is available, it will be downloaded automatically. |
| Update program automatically | If checked, Merge Pluigns will check for a program update as soon as the program is started. If an update is found, it will be downloaded and installed automatically, and the program will restart itself. |
| Dictionary status label | Indicates whether or not a dictionary update is available. |
| Program status label | Indicates whether or not a program update is available. |
| Update dictionary | If a dictionary update is available, you can click this button to download and install it. |
| Update program | If a program update is available, you can click this button to download and install it. Note: The program will close and restart itself when updated. |

Merging Tab

Asset handling

| Element | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Merge destination directory | The directory that merges will be created in. Merges will be created in separate folders corresponding to their name. You can click the browse button to specify a folder to use, or enter the path manually. |
| Handle FaceGenData | If checked, file-specifc FaceGenData will be handled when merging. This means that facegeom and facetint data files that were associated with the plugins you were merging will be copied to a new directory for the merged plugin and renamed if the FormID of the NPC record they are associated with was changed. If not checked, the grey face bug will occur for new NPCs in the merged plugin. |
| Handle voice assets | If checked, file-specific voice assets will be handled when merging. This means that sound\voice data files that were associated with the plugins you were merging will be copied to a new directory for the merged plugin and renamed if the FormID of the record they are associated with was changed. If not checked, NPCs will lose any custom voicing. |
| Handle MCM translations | If checked, MCM translation files for the plugins being merged will be combined into a single MCM translation for the merged plugin. If not checked, some MCMs may become garbled to variable names instead of proper labels. |
| Handle INI files | If checked, INI files that were associated with the plugins being merged will be combined into a single INI file for the merged plugin. If not checked, INI files will be ignored during merging. |
| Handle script fragments | If checked, Script Fragments that were associated with the plugins being merged that were associated with a record that was renumbered will be recompiled. This requires setting up the decompiler and compiler integrations correctly. If not checked, Quests, Scenes, and Dialog Topics that relied on new script fragments may not work correctly. |
| Extract BSAs | If checked, BSAs associated with the plugins being merged will be extracted in the merge's data folder. This does not require setting up the BSAOpt integration. This is only necessary if you are not using Mod Organizer, which supports the loading of arbitrarily named BSAs. |
| Build merged BSA | If checked, a merged BSA will be created from the contents of all the BSAs associated with plugins that were merged. This requires setting up the BSAOpt integration. This is a nice alternative to Extract BSAs if you're using NMM. Note: BSAs have a maximum filesize of 2gb. |
| Batch copy assets | If checked, all file-specific and general asset copying operations will be performed through a batch (.bat) script. This is a recommended option, as it is more efficient than copying files through Delphi methods. |

Advanced Tab

Privacy

| Element | Description |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Don't send usage statistics | If checked, user statistics such as how many merges you've made and how many plugins you've checked for errors will not be sent to the backend. Other server-side statistics will still be tracked (e.g. bandwidth usage, date last seen, etc.). For a full listing of client-side and server-side statistics, please see |
| Only connec t to server when required | If checked, the client will only connect to the Merge Plugins server when absolutely necessary, and will promptly disconnect after the operation is completed. E.g. to get update status, to download an update, or to send a report. |

Logging

| Element | Description |
|----------|--|
| Client | Specifies the color of Client messages in the log. |
| General | Specifies the color of General messages in the log. |
| Load | Specifies the color of Load messages in the log. |
| Merge | Specifies the color of Merge messages in the log. |
| Plugin | Specifies the color of Plugin messages in the log. |
| Errors | Specifies the color of Errors messages in the log. |
| Template | Specifies the template to be used by messages in the log. The accessible variables are: {{Time}}, {{AppTime}}, {{Group}}, {{Label}}, and {{Text}}. |
| Sample | A sample log message using the template you've specified. |

Integrations Tab

The integrations tab allows you to configure the integrations supported by Merge Plugins. You can have Merge Plugins search for installed integrations by clicking the Detect Integrations button.

Mod Organizer

| Element | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| I'm using Mod Organizer | If checked, the program will attempt to use the Mod Organizer integration. |
| Mod Organizer mods path | Set this to the path to Mod Organizer's mods folder. The default location is the folder "mods" in the same directory as ModOrganizer.exe. You will not be able to build merges if this is not set and the Mod Organizer integration is enabled. |
| Copy general assets | If checked, general assets (ones that aren't file-specific) will be copied. This is only possible with the Mod Organizer integration. |

Papyrus

| Element | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Champollion Decompiler path | The path to the Champollion Decompiler executable. This must be set to make use of the handle script fragments option. |
| Papyrus Compiler path | The path to the Papyrus Compiler executable. This must be set to make use of the handle script fragments option. |
| Papyrus flags path | The path to the papyrus flags file (TESV_Papyrus_Flags.flg). This must be set to make use of the handle script fragments option. |

BSAs

| Element | Description |
|----------------|---|
| BSAOpt path | The path to the BSAOpt executable. This must be set to make use of the build merged BSA option. |
| BSAOpt options | The target line options you want to use with BSAOpt. |

Progress Window

The Progress Window is a window that comes up when Merge Plugins is performing a large task, such as merging plugins or checking plugins for errors. The window displays the progress of the task being performed through an embedded log and a progress bar.

| Element | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| Progress label | Displays text corresponding to the operation currently being performed. |
| Progress bar | Displays the progress of the task currently being performed. Allows you to track how close the operation is to completion. |
| Log | Displays log messages corresponding to the task currently being performed, including errors. The log is only visible if you click the show details button. |
| Show/Hide details | Clicking this button will toggle the log's visibility. |
| Cancel/Close | Clicking this button while the task is being performed will cancel it. Once the task is completed, it can be clicked to close the progress window. |

General Reference

Merge Statuses

| Color | Title | Description |
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| Grey | Unknown | The status for this merge has not yet been determined. |
| Red | No plugins to merge | The merge has no plugins in it and can't be built. |
| Red | Directories invalid | Your directories are invalid. Set them in the Options Window. |
| Red | Plugins not loaded | Plugins from the merge are not loaded in the application. |
| Red | Errors in plugins | Plugins in the merge have errors in them. |
| Red | Merge failed | Building the merge failed. |
| Orange | Check for errors required | You need to check all plugins in the merge for errors before the merge can be built. |
| Blue | Up to date | The merge has been built and doesn't need to be rebuilt. |
| Blue | Up to date [Forced] | The merge has been marked as up to date by the user. |
| Green | Ready to be built | The merge has never been built before, and is ready. |
| Green | Ready to be rebuilt | The merge has been built, but changes in source plugin files have been detected. |
| Green | Ready to be rebuilt [Forced] | The merge has been built, but marked as needing to be rebuilt by the user. |

Rating Colors

| Color | Meaning |
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| Grey | No user reports on this plugin. Merge rating unknown. |
| Black | Plugin blacklisted. This plugin should never be merged under any circumstances. |
| Red | Average rating ~0.0, failure to merge |
| Orange | Average rating ~1.0, dysfunctional |
| Yellow | Average rating ~2.0, partially functional |
| Olive | Average rating ~3.0, tweaking required |
| Green | Average rating ~4.0, merges perfectly |

Also see Plugin Ratings.

Plugin Ratings

| Rating | Notes |
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| -1: Blacklist | Only recommend a plugin be blacklisted if you're certain there are no circumstances in which it will ever be mergeable. This is for plugins that absolutely cannot be merged. Please explain why you feel the plugin should be blacklisted in the notes section. |
| 0: Failure | Failure to merge means merging the plugin fails completely. E.g. the merged plugin causes CTDs, major stability problems, or merging fails to create a plugin at all. |
| 1: Dysfunctional | Dysfunctional means the merge doesn't work ingame, with major aspects of the plugins that were merged not working or being entirely missing. |
| 2: Partially functional | Partially functional means the majority of the plugin content works but some of it doesn't. This would be if the plugin achieves its goals but has bugs that were created in merging. |
| 3: Tweaking required | Tweaking required means you got the plugin to work perfectly in a merge, but had to tweak some things to get it to work. E.g. you modified the plugin or its asset files. |
| 4: Perfect | Perfect means all aspects of the plugin work perfectly right away and you didn't have to do any tweaking. Nothing missing, nothing broken. |