

# FAQ : Mayank's Folder Compare Utility, Ver: 0.21 alpha

## Q. Why I created this utility.

It was created to compare text, pdf and image files at the root of two folders with same name and generates HTML report on its finding and along with diff files in specified report folder

## Q. What do you mean by root of two folders

It means it will not traverse inside the folders and will only check for the files at the base of both the folders and not in any subdirectories.

If you have a need for such feature, just ping me and I will add the feature.

## Q. How do I use it

The first step is to create a configuration file, I have added a configuration file (opt.conf) as sample. It contains of 5 parameters.

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[conf]
old_folder:/home/mayank/working/junk/1
new_folder:/home/mayank/working/junk/2
report_folder:/home/mayank/working/junk/report/
diff_type:diff
helpers:20
```

old\_folder and new\_folder contains the paths of two folder to be compared.

report\_folder is the location where the report files will be copied

diff\_type is the type of diff files you want, options are diff, ndiff, html, play around them to know the difference.

Helpers: maximum number of threads which will be created by program while checking the files for differences.

Once the file is created you can execute the script by calling the following command

```
python cmpfiles.py -c opt.conf
```

after the execution is completed, open the report.html files from the report folder you have mentioned in the configuration file to view the results.

## Q. I found a bug or needs a feature to be added .

Use the sourceforge.net bug / feature option from

<https://sourceforge.net/p/pyfoldercompare/tickets/?source=navbar>.

I will try to add the feature, but no promises.