

diff example

See [Wikipedia](#) for a good explanation of how `diff` works and the meaning of its output.

Output from diff Ignore line wraps in this column	comments
<pre>\$ diff ../../libraryHolmes/64_OrderedArrayList_v1/OrderedArrayList.java OrderedArrayList_String.java</pre>	<p>This is a single command on one line.</p> <p><code>diff</code> takes 2 arguments, in the order you'd expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a path to the original file, from <code>libraryHolmes</code> in this case• a path to the modified file, in the current directory in this case
<pre>2c2</pre>	<p>Line 2 in the original file was changed to line 2 in the modified file</p>
<pre>< OrderedArrayList v1 --- > OrderedArrayList_String, based on OrderedArrayList v1</pre>	<p>The modification can be achieved by removing (<) the line in the original file that says <code>OrderedArrayList v1</code> and inserting (>) the line that starts with <code>OrderedArrayList_String, based...</code></p>
<pre>4,7c4,5 < a list with the invariant the elements are in order by < increasing value. < < has-A standard ArrayList, rather than our SuperArray --- > a list of String elements, with the invariant the elements are in order by increasing value.</pre>	<p>In updating the header comments, I changed lines 4 through 7 in the original file into lines 4 through 5 in the modified file.</p>