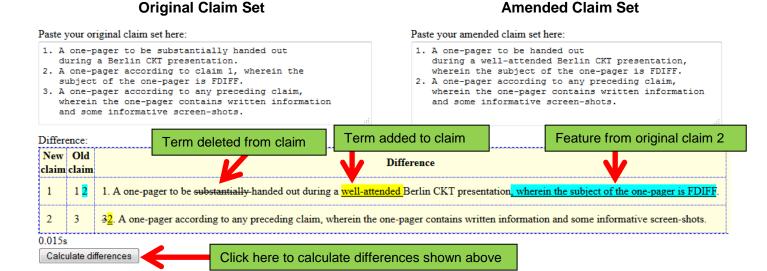
FDIFF - An improved text compare tool for claim sets

<u>Summary:</u> Unlike other text compare tools available such as the Trimaran DiffTool, FDIFF is directed to comparing two claim sets (original/amended). FDIFF identifies claim amendments and provides a basis for the amendments in the original claim set.

How to: Start FDIFF by typing <u>q/FDIFF</u> in your browser (preferably Mozilla Firefox). Paste your original claim set and your amended claim set in the corresponding text boxes, and click on "Calculate differences"- see the screen-shot below.



In the "Difference" box, you will be provided with a basis (in the "old claim" column) for each claim, color-coded to facilitate identification of any amendment. Each added feature will be <u>underlined</u>, and each deleted feature will be <u>struck through</u>. In the case above, amended claim 1 is based on the combination of original claims 1 and 2, where the term "substantially" has been deleted and the term "well-attended" has been added.

<u>Other options:</u> You can switch the FDIFF algorithm so as to compare any two texts on a word-by-word or letter-by-letter basis by using the radio buttons under the heading "Select Algorithm". This might be useful when checking amendments to the description.

<u>Why FDIFF</u>: FDIFF is fully adapted to work with claim sets, and is therefore a superior text compare tool for the examiner. Using FDIFF is time saving and makes the checking of amendments and Article 123(2) EPC compliance easier and less error-prone.

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