

DupeFinder – User Guide

Introduction

DupeFinder is a tool that will effectively identify and delete duplicate files in your computer system. It is deliberately designed as a two step process – one for identifying the duplicates and the other for deleting them, providing YOU the ultimate control over what to delete and what to keep. The tool has the ability to compare the contents of files in a quick and efficient manner.

Before you use this tool

This tool **ENABLES YOU** to identify duplicate files in your file system and provides an easy to use interface to **PERMANENTLY DELETE** those files at **YOUR DISCRETION**. It is YOU who decides what to delete and what to keep. The author of the tool cannot be held responsible for accidentally deleting files that are truly not duplicates. Use this tool at your own risk.

End User Agreement

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System Requirements

- Windows running on PIII or above
 - Java 5.0 or above
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What DupeFinder can do for you

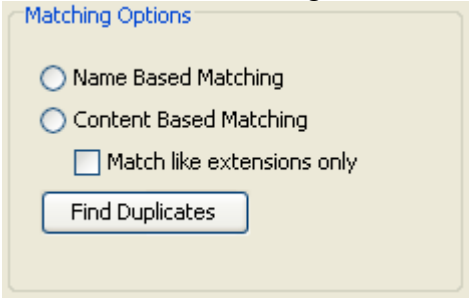
DupeFinder can quickly and effectively identify duplicate files in your file system. It provides an easy to use graphical user interface to

- Show all duplicate files from the chosen folders
 - Show the duplicates of a selected file from the above list
 - Show ALL duplicate files in a folder that can safely be deleted
 - Soft delete files
 - Undo delete
 - Permanently delete files
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How to find duplicates

Follow the steps in the table below to find duplicate files

Step	Action
1	Choose the folders to search for duplicate files. Eg:- c:\My Documents. See the section ‘Selecting Folders’ for more details.

2	Select the file name patterns to search for duplicates. Eg:- *.doc. See the section ‘Selecting file patterns’ for more details.
3	Choose the file matching method based on your need 

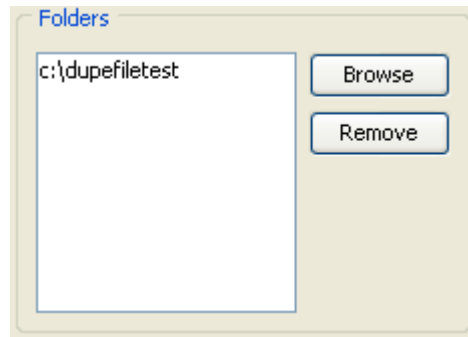
	IF you choose...	THEN
	Name Based Matching	<p>All files with the same name, irrespective of their contents are considered same.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> c:\folder1\myfile.doc and c:\folder2\myfile.doc will be reported as duplicates even if the contents of those documents entirely different.</p>
	Content Based Matching without 'Match like extensions only' option	<p>All Files with the same content, irrespective of their file name and file name extension, will be considered same</p> <p><u>Example:</u> If you have c:\folder1\myfile.doc, c:\folder1\yourfile.xls and c:\folder2\othersfile.doc with the same content, the tool will report all three as duplicates</p>
	Content Based Matching with 'Match like extensions only' option	<p>All Files with the same content AND file name extensions, irrespective of their file names, will be considered same</p> <p><u>Example:</u> If you have c:\folder1\myfile.doc, c:\folder1\yourfile.xls and c:\folder2\othersfile.doc with the same content, it will report c:\folder1\myfile.doc and c:\folder2\othersfile.doc as duplicates</p>
4	<p>Click 'Find Duplicates'</p> <p><u>Result:</u> It will show a popup with the progress of the operation and once completed, it will show all the duplicates in the 'All Duplicates' section of the screen</p>	

Selecting folders

You will need to choose all the folders that DupeFinder should search for duplicate files. Screenshot is shown below

Note: You will need to choose at least one folder name to search for duplicate

files.

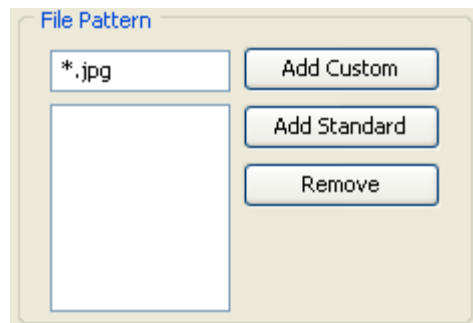


- You can click the browse button to choose the folders from your file system. You can choose more than one folder at a time.
- You can remove one or more items from the list and click the 'Remove' button remove from the list of folders.

Selecting file name patterns

You can narrow down the search and hence improve the performance if you can provide a name pattern.

Note: This input parameter is optional. If not provided, all files in the chosen folders will be considered during search.



If you want to add a new pattern, you can do it in two ways

- Type the file name pattern in the text box provided and click on the 'Add Custom' button
- Click on the 'Add Standard' button and pick the predefined file name pattern from popup.

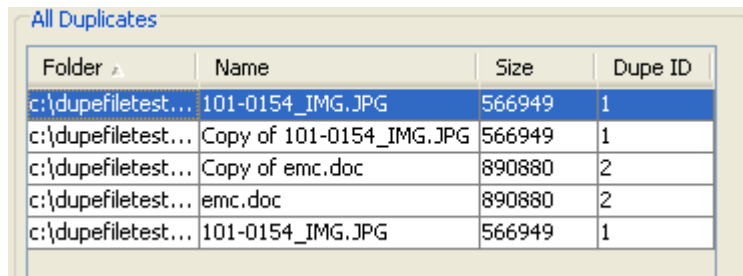
You can remove one or more file name patterns by selecting the items from the list and click on 'Remove'

Working with the search

When search operation is successful (See the section 'How to find Duplicates' for details on searching for duplicates), The 'All Duplicates' section of the

results

screen will populated with the names of all duplicate files. Files with the same 'Dupe ID' are duplicates of one another. See the screenshot below



The screenshot shows a window titled 'All Duplicates' containing a table with four columns: Folder, Name, Size, and Dupe ID. The table lists several files, with some having the same Dupe ID, indicating they are duplicates.

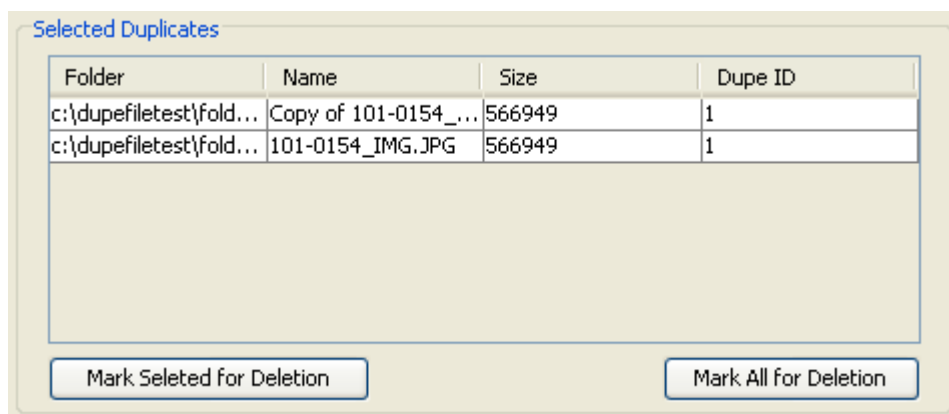
Folder	Name	Size	Dupe ID
c:\dupefiletest...	101-0154_IMG.JPG	566949	1
c:\dupefiletest...	Copy of 101-0154_IMG.JPG	566949	1
c:\dupefiletest...	Copy of emc.doc	890880	2
c:\dupefiletest...	emc.doc	890880	2
c:\dupefiletest...	101-0154_IMG.JPG	566949	1

You can perform the following tasks with the 'All Duplicates' panel

- You can click on the column heading to sort the column in ascending or descending order. The sort sequence will cycle through ascending, descending and no sort with each click
- If you select one item from the list, all duplicates of that file will be shown in the 'Selected Duplicates' panel
- If you select ONE item from the list, you can right click on it to do the following
 - Show all its duplicates in the 'Selected Duplicates' panel.
 - Show all deletable duplicates from the folder of the selected file in the 'Selected Duplicates' panel. Note: If all files with the same Dupe ID are from this folder, this option will not select those files. It is to avoid accidental deletion of all of them!
 - View the file using the windows application currently assigned to its file type.

Working with the Selected Duplicates

Please see the section 'Working with the search results' to find out how this panel is populated. See the screenshot below.



The screenshot shows a window titled 'Selected Duplicates' containing a table with four columns: Folder, Name, Size, and Dupe ID. The table lists two files, both with the same Dupe ID, indicating they are duplicates. Below the table are two buttons: 'Mark Selected for Deletion' and 'Mark All for Deletion'.

Folder	Name	Size	Dupe ID
c:\dupefiletest\fold...	Copy of 101-0154_...	566949	1
c:\dupefiletest\fold...	101-0154_IMG.JPG	566949	1

Mark Selected for Deletion Mark All for Deletion

You can perform the following tasks with the 'Selected Duplicates' panel

- You can click on the column heading to sort the column in ascending or descending order. The sort sequence will cycle through ascending, descending, and no sort with each click
- If you select one item from the list, you can right click on it to view the file using the windows application currently assigned to its file type
- You can use the 'click', 'ctrl-click' and 'shift-click' to select one or more items and click the 'Mark Selected for Deletion' to soft delete the items selected. Result: Selected item(s) will be removed from 'Selected Duplicates' AND 'All Duplicates' panels and added to the 'Selected for Deleting Permanently' panel.
- You can click the 'Mark All for Deletion' to soft delete all files in the 'Selected Duplicates' panel. Result: All items will be removed from 'Selected Duplicates' AND 'All Duplicates' panels and added to the 'Selected for Deleting Permanently' panel.

Soft Deleting Files

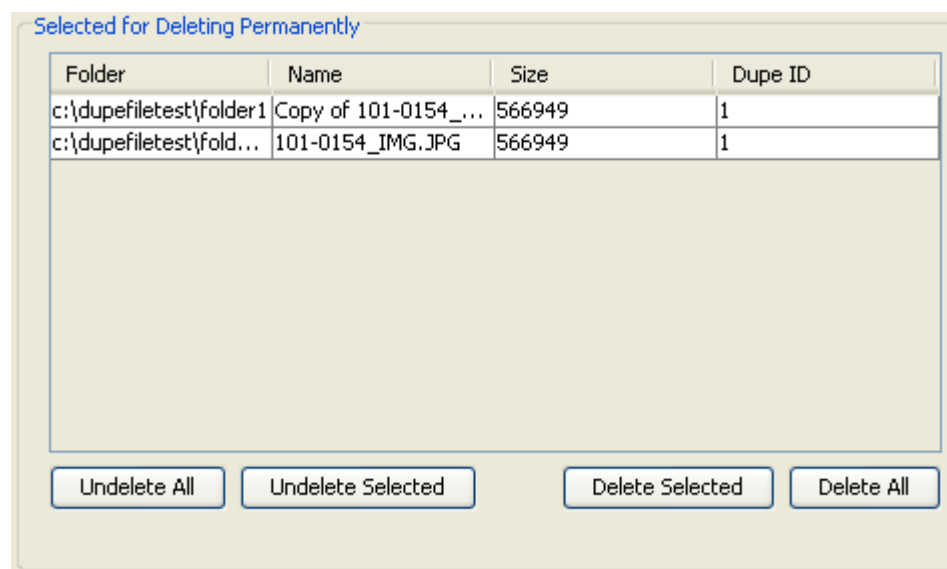
You can soft delete files by working in the 'Selected Duplicates' panel in two ways.

- You can use the 'click', 'ctrl-click' and 'shift-click' to select one or more items and click the 'Mark Selected for Deletion' to soft delete the items selected in the 'Selected Duplicates' panel.
- You can click the 'Mark All for Deletion' to soft delete all files in the 'Selected Duplicates' panel.

Result: Selected item(s) will be removed from 'Selected Duplicates' AND 'All Duplicates' panels and added to the 'Selected for Deleting Permanently' panel

Working with the Soft Deleted Duplicates

All files marked for deletion are listed in the panel titled 'Selected for Deleting Permanently'. A screenshot is shown below.



You can perform the following tasks.

- You can click on the column heading to sort the column in ascending or descending order. The sort sequence will cycle through ascending, descending and no sort with each click
- You can use the 'click', 'ctrl-click' and 'shift-click' to select one or more items. Once selected, you can either
 - Delete file(s) PERMANENTLY by clicking the 'Delete Selected' button, Or
 - Undelete file(s) by clicking the 'Undelete Selected' button. The undeleted items will re-appear in the 'All Duplicates' panel
- You can delete all files in this panel PERMANENTLY by clicking on the 'Delete All' button
- You can undelete all files in this panel by clicking on the 'Undelete All' button. The undeleted items will re-appear in the 'All Duplicates' panel

Undo deleting

You can undelete the files that are soft deleted by working in the 'Selected for Deleting Permanently' panel in two ways

- You can use the 'click', 'ctrl-click' and 'shift-click' to select one or more items and click the 'Undelete Selected' button.
- Click on the 'Undelete All' button

Note: The undeleted items will re-appear in the 'All Duplicates' panel

Destroying the duplicate files

You can DELETE files PERMANENTLY by working in the 'Selected for Deleting Permanently' panel in two ways

- You can use the 'click', 'ctrl-click' and 'shift-click' to select one or more items and click the 'Delete Selected' button.
- Click on the 'Delete All' button

Caution: Once files are deleted permanently deleted, the operation cannot be undone.
