

Workshare Compare Server 9.6

Release Notes

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Introduction

Workshare Compare Server is a web service that performs server-side document comparison and exposes APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) to allow a range of client applications to exploit this functionality. The APIs enable software developers to write custom software that compares two Microsoft Word, RTF, PDF, TXT or HTML documents and produces a redline document that describes the differences between the two documents. Compare Server is installed on a server.

Compare Server exposes simple APIs that allow for integration into a range of client applications and server-based solutions. For example, it can be used by custom solutions that run on your internet site, intranet site, internal network or your email system. Clients can be developed in Java, C#, C++, VB.NET and other languages to integrate Compare Server into your desktop, DMS or document applications.

What's New in Compare Server 9.6

The 9.6 release includes **DVJS 1.6** and has the following new features:

- **Multi-document comparison in the REST API:** This is the ability to have a baseline document, and multiple revisions of it, and to merge the changes together - outputting a single tracked change document with all changes merged together.
- **SOAP APIs:** The legacy SOAP APIs are no longer available for install.
- **New rendering options:**
 - **PDF Markup Annotation Conversion Type:** Determines how PDF markup (such as comments) is converted and shown in the redline. By default, PDF markup is shown as text boxes but it can be set to be shown as comments.
 - **Convert Source Documents Concurrently:** When enabled, source documents are converted (prepared for comparison) at the same time rather than one after the other.

Note: *DVJS (DeltaView JavaScript) is a component of Compare Server that allows comparisons to be viewed and reviewed in the user's web browser. While it is simple to take a comparison document and view it in the browser, DVJS provides richer functionality such as change navigation, change categorization, accept/reject changes and potential for customization by the integrator.*

System Requirements

Workshare Compare Server is designed to run on both entry level and enterprise scale servers. Recommended specifications are given below:

Hardware

CPU	64-bit architecture-based computer with Intel or AMD processor with 4 cores
Memory	4GB RAM – More memory may be needed if you intend multiple users to regularly compare long and complex documents.
Storage	1GB free disk space for installation; additional space required for storage of DVJS comparisons and queued comparisons

Supported operating systems

Microsoft Windows Server 2016 x64 Edition

Note: Compare Server can be installed on Microsoft Windows 10 for demonstration and evaluation purposes only.

Important Information

Uninstall

To upgrade from previous versions of Workshare Compare Server, you will need to uninstall the previous version. The installer of Compare Server 9.6 will detect earlier versions of Compare Server and stop the installation. It's necessary to manually uninstall previous versions of Compare Server before installing Compare Server 9.6.

You can uninstall previous versions from Add/Remove Programs or by re-running the original installer.

When uninstalling Compare Server, some files, such as log files and configuration files, may not be removed from the machine even after completely uninstalling the product. If you want these files removed, you must do so manually.

Licensing

The license file must be on a local drive of the server machine and not on a mapped network drive or UNC path. It is recommended to copy the LIC file to C:\Program Data\Workshare\Compare Service\bin.

Change Requests Fixed

The following are fixed customer change requests that have been validated for this release – for more information, please contact Customer Support.

Ref	Description
CS-399	Embedded object changes are not getting highlighted in DVJS comparison.
CS-425	Underline text format is missing for a few hyperlinks in DVJS comparison.
CS-448	The endpoint /api/version is not returning correct information.
CS-460	CR01160187 – Users getting a “503 – service unavailable” error after a few comparisons. <i>Note: This can be fixed in earlier versions of Compare Server through changes to the config file.</i>
CE-1	“Moved Destination Text Color” rendering parameter not being applied to the comparison.
CE-19	Changes to dates and percentages incorrectly shown under Currency category.
PRO-3708	CR01170207 – Bullets do not show correctly when comparing in fast mode.
PRO-3799	User getting an error when trying to open the comparison as a track changes document.
DEL-977	The DVJS UI runs slowly when a comparison contains a lot of changes.
DEL-986	It isn’t possible to translate error messages.

Known Issues

The following are known issues in the Workshare Compare Server 9.6 release - for more information, please contact Customer Support.

Ref	Description
DEL-1046	When comparing M-Files PDFs, some changes may not be highlighted in the redline when they are selected in the Change Summary.

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CE-23	When comparing certain tables, the redline may show an entire table section as deleted/inserted rather than just showing the particular changes in the table.
CS-634	It may be possible to accept changes when cells have only been merged.
CS-600	An object is shown in place of the Bitcoin(฿) currency symbol in the DVJS UI.
CS-461	Changes to a footnote reference number are shown in the change summary panel but not shown in the redline.
CS-296	The redline may show overlapping text when showing changes to complex nested textboxes inserted through the 'Text Box' insertion option in Word.

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