



Adding File Comparison to Dreamweaver 8

I went looking for this when I was working on a site and tried to save a file I was working on. Dreamweaver said the version on the remote server had changed and asked if it should overwrite the new remote version or alternatively it allows you to compare the new remote file to your local version. By using a compare tool you can easily see what the changes were, and integrate them into your file (manually; cut/paste) if needed before you save to the remote location.

Unfortunately Dreamweaver needs a 3rd party program to do this comparison so I went looking and found this open source solution.

STEP 1

Download the latest stable version of **WinMerge** from the following link (current version is 2.4) and install it with default settings. Don't worry, it's open source so it's free.

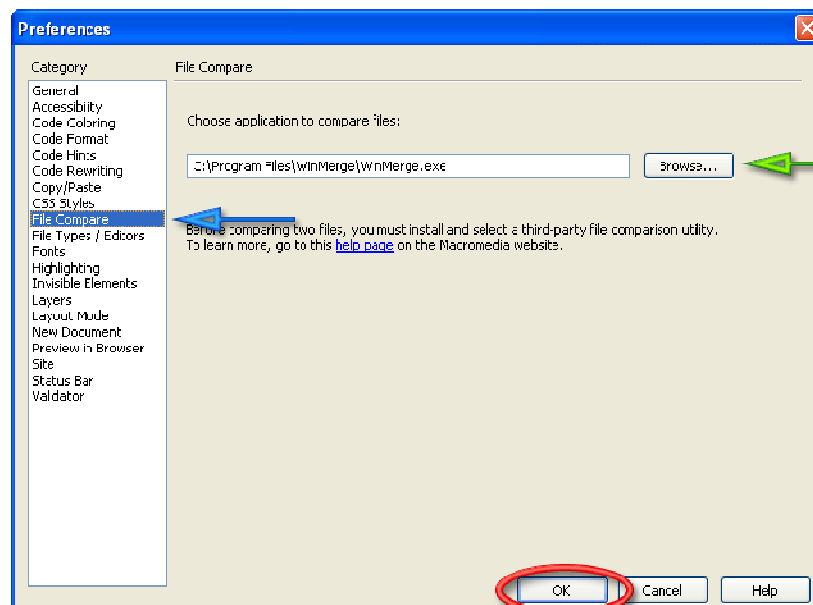
<http://winmerge.sourceforge.net/>

STEP 2

Open Dreamweaver and click *Ctrl+U* (opens preferences).
Click "**File Compare**" in the left menu.

STEP 3

Click the "**Browse**" button and locate the WinMerge.exe file that has been installed. Then click the "**OK**" button.



That's it. Now if someone is working on the same file at the same time as you it will not be a disaster as long as everyone has this ability.

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