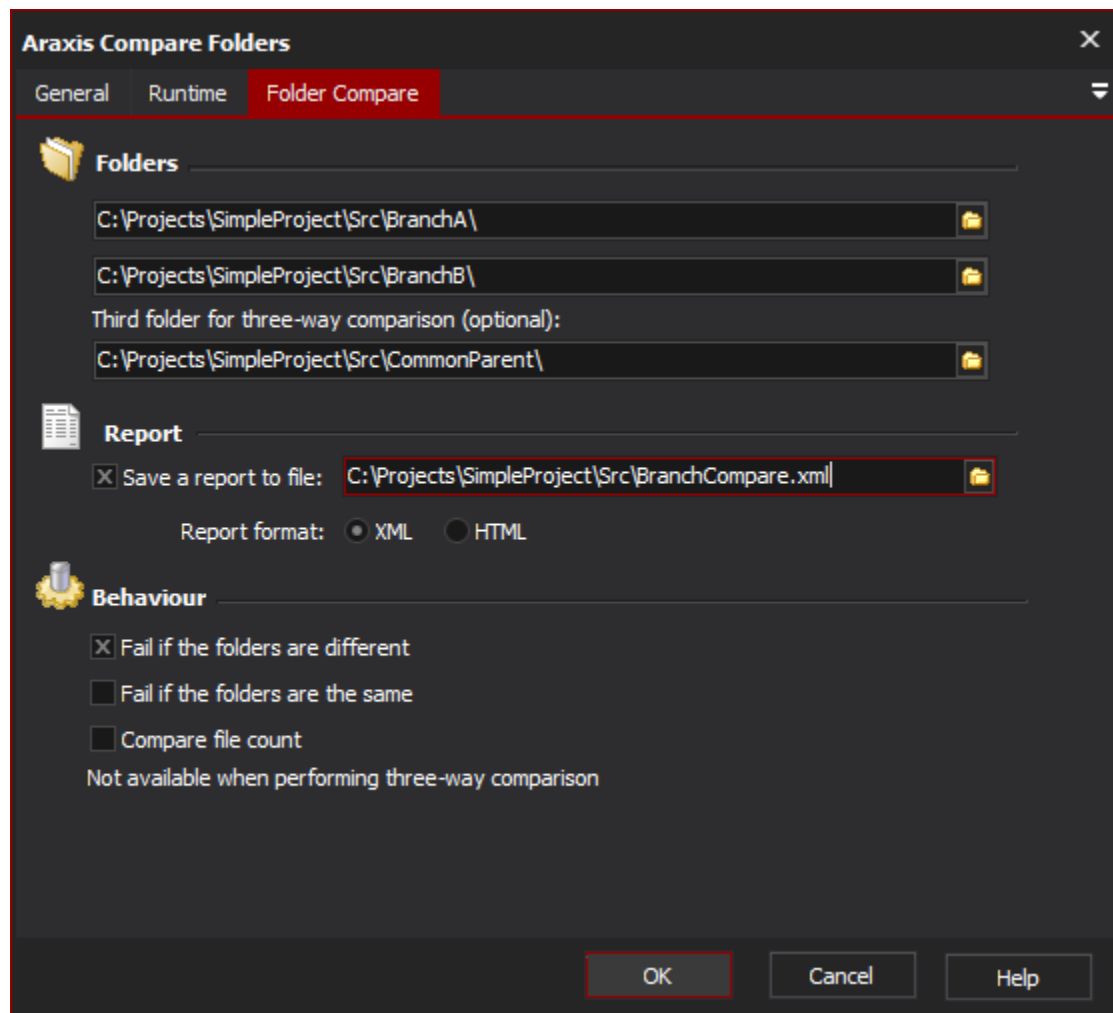# Araxis Compare Folders Action

The Araxis Folder Compare action uses the preferences set inside the Araxis Merge application to determine comparison options.

> ⚠ Comparing folders with large contents can take a long time to complete.

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Folder Compare

Folders

Araxis Merge can compare either two or three files, generating a two- or three-way comparison report.

Folder Left

The first folder to compare. If opened in the viewer it would appear on the left.

Folder Right

The second folder to compare. If opened in the view it would appear on the right.

Folder Common Origin

The third folder to compare. This should be a common version of the first and second folders for comparison. This folder is optional, if not specified only a two-way comparison is performed.

Report

Araxis Merge can optionally save a comparison report in XML, HTML or Diff format. See the Araxis Merge documentation for details on each format.

Save a report to file

Specify this option to save the report file to a named location and file. The report will be contain all the information about the two-way, or three-way comparison.

Report format

Specify the format in which the report should be saved.

Behavior

The action can be set to fail if the files are different, fail if they are the same, or fail only on errors (if neither box is checked.)

Fail if the folders are different

If any differences are detected the action will fail.

Fail if the folders are the same

If the files are found to be identical the action will fail.

Compare file count

Specify this to have the comparison also include a file count between the folders. If they are the same or different, the result adds to that of the folder comparisons. Note that this option is not available in a three-way comparison.