

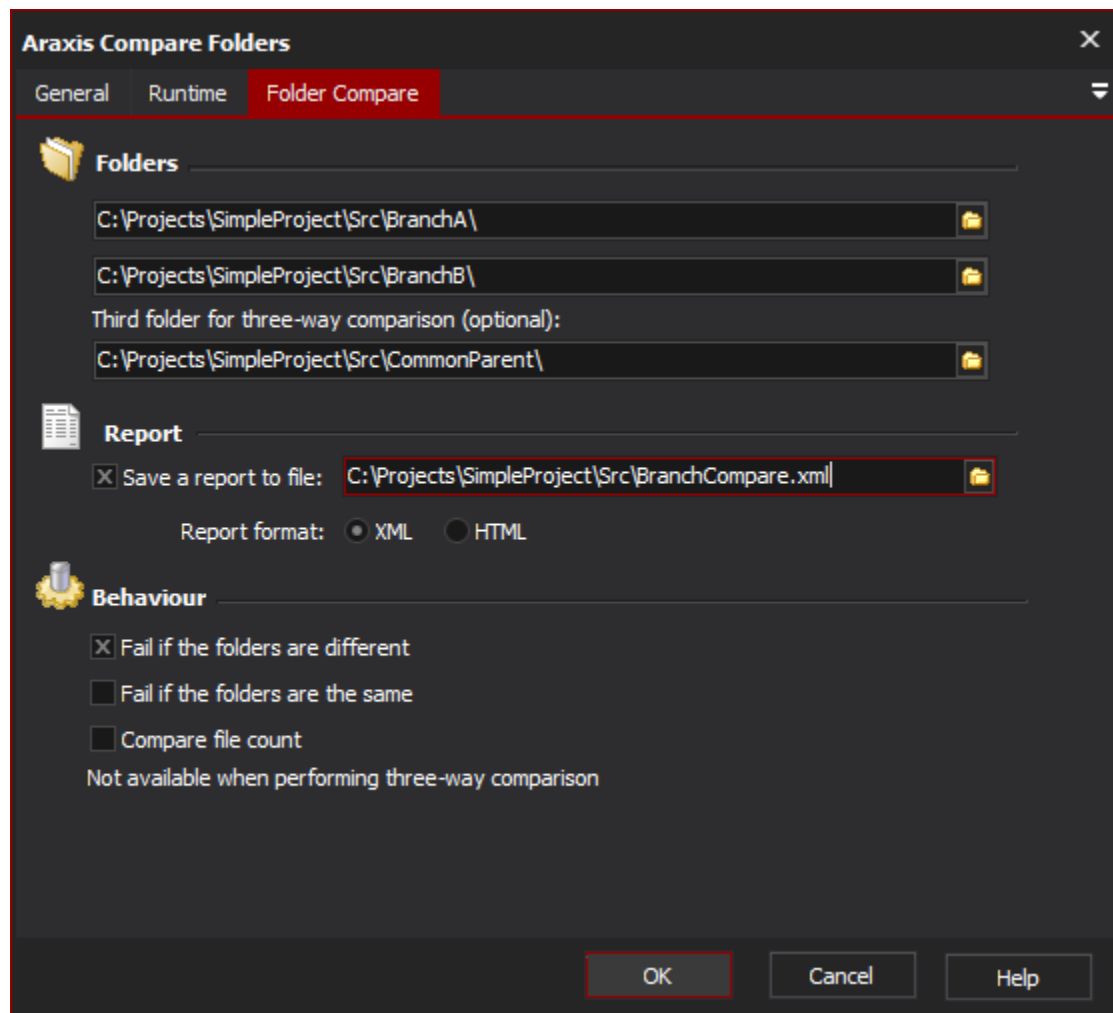
# Araxis Compare Folders Action

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.

On this page:

## Folder Compare



The image shows the 'Araxis Compare Folders' dialog box with the 'Folder Compare' tab selected. The 'Folders' section contains three text boxes for folder paths: 'C:\Projects\SimpleProject\Src\BranchA\' (with a folder icon), 'C:\Projects\SimpleProject\Src\BranchB\' (with a folder icon), and 'Third folder for three-way comparison (optional):' followed by 'C:\Projects\SimpleProject\Src\CommonParent\' (with a folder icon). The 'Report' section has a checkbox 'Save a report to file:' which is checked, followed by a text box containing 'C:\Projects\SimpleProject\Src\BranchCompare.xml' (with a folder icon). Below this is a 'Report format:' section with radio buttons for 'XML' (selected) and 'HTML'. The 'Behaviour' section has three checkboxes: 'Fail if the folders are different' (checked), 'Fail if the folders are the same' (unchecked), and 'Compare file count' (unchecked). A note below these states 'Not available when performing three-way comparison'. At the bottom are 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons.

**Araxis Compare Folders**

General Runtime **Folder Compare**

**Folders**

C:\Projects\SimpleProject\Src\BranchA\

C:\Projects\SimpleProject\Src\BranchB\

Third folder for three-way comparison (optional):

C:\Projects\SimpleProject\Src\CommonParent\

**Report**

☒ Save a report to file: C:\Projects\SimpleProject\Src\BranchCompare.xml

Report format: ☒ XML ☐ HTML

**Behaviour**

☒ Fail if the folders are different

☐ Fail if the folders are the same

☐ Compare file count

Not available when performing three-way comparison

OK Cancel Help

## 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 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.