

ANALYZE **Advanced** 90 MIN · UPDATED 2026-09-30

Diff thousands of files between two product versions.

Use Copilot Cowork to compare two large document sets and surface exactly what changed, instead of a manual review that takes weeks.

MICROSOFT 365

SharePoint

OneDrive

WORKS WITH

Copilot Cowork

Business Outcome

A release-readiness comparison completed in a day that would otherwise take a team weeks of manual review.

Workflow Steps

Step 1: Organize both file sets

SharePoint

OneDrive

Create two clearly named folders (e.g., "v1-release" and "v2-release") with matching internal structure, so a file in one has an obvious counterpart in the other.

Cowork needs that unambiguous before/after pairing to compare against, and a mismatched folder structure is the easiest way to get a diff report full of false "new file" or "removed file" flags.

Step 2: Set Cowork loose on the comparison

Copilot Cowork

This is the kind of large-scale, long-running comparison Cowork is built for — thousands of files compared end-to-end without a human doing the diffing by hand.

PROMPT

Compare every file in the "v2-release" folder against its counterpart in "v1-release." Group the changes into: content changes, new files, removed files, and formatting-only changes. Flag anything that looks like an unintentional regression.

Step 3: Review the grouped summary, not every file

Copilot Cowork

The value here is the grouping — spend your review time on the "content changes" and "possible regressions" buckets, not skimming every file yourself.

Step 4: Spot-check a sample from each group

SharePoint

OneDrive

Pull a handful of files from each category and confirm the classification is accurate before trusting the full report.

✓ Check the work

- Spot-check files from each change category to confirm they're classified correctly.
- Confirm the file counts add up to the actual size of both folders — nothing silently skipped.
- Treat "possible regression" flags as a starting point for investigation, not a final verdict.

Expected Outcome

A structured diff report grouping thousands of file changes by type and significance, ready for a release review.

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