**Duplicate File Finders**

If you’re like me I’ve got thousands of files and some of them are duplicates. I’ve also got that drive that came from the Indy office and that’s got a zillion of them.

I’ve been looking at some software that can find those duplicate files and let you decide what you want to do with them.

Most of these programs are very fast and go through multiple directories in a couple of seconds.

Here’s what I tried and what I thought of them….

**Anti-Twin -** <http://www.anti-twin.com/>

Hideously fast. Ability to move files rather than just delete them (but hard to find – the “Delete files” option brings up a dialog box which lets you move the files rather than delete them which can be confusing and dangerous). Options for finding similar files – Great

**Double Killer -** <http://www.bigbangenterprises.de/en/doublekiller/>

Very easy to use . Ability to move files rather than just delete them. Does not need to be installed, can be run from a single file. Various options to find files even if the names are different – Great

**Duplicate Cleaner -** <http://www.digitalvolcano.co.uk/content/duplicate-cleaner>

Very easy to use . Ability to move files rather than just delete them. Various options to find files even if the names are different – Great

**Duplicate File Finder -** <http://www.ashisoft.com/>

Ability to move files rather than just delete them. Options for finding similar files – Good but nag screen for paid version when closing the program

**Easy Duplicate File Finder -** <http://www.easyduplicatefinder.com/>

Ability to move files rather than just delete them. Options for finding similar files – Good but nag screen for paid version when opening and closing the program

**Fast Duplicate File Finder -** <http://www.mindgems.com/products/Fast-Duplicate-File-Finder/Fast-Duplicate-File-Finder-About.htm>

Ability to move files rather than just delete them. File viewer built in. Able to find hidden and temporary files as well. Some options only available in paid version but the free version is good for most uses – Good

**Auslogic Duplicate File Finder -** <http://www.auslogics.com/en/software/duplicate-file-finder/>

Folder selection a bit clunky

**Clonespy -** <http://www.clonespy.de/>

Not very easy to use and not intuitive. Clonespy is one of those programs that likes to make a noise whenever it does anything. Finally found how to turn it off though.

I like Anti-Twin, Double Killer and Duplicate Cleaner but you may prefer one of the others.

As with any program that has the ability to delete files be very careful you don’t delete something you want to keep. Remember that files on external drives do NOT go to Windows recycle bin and if they are deleted you may not be able to get them back.

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