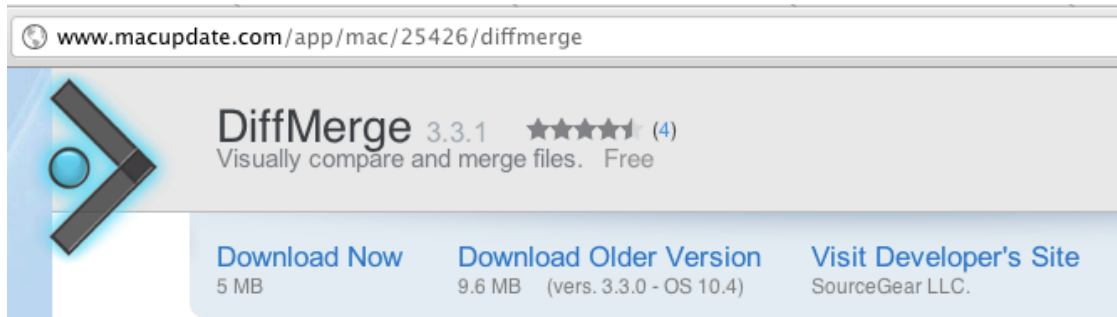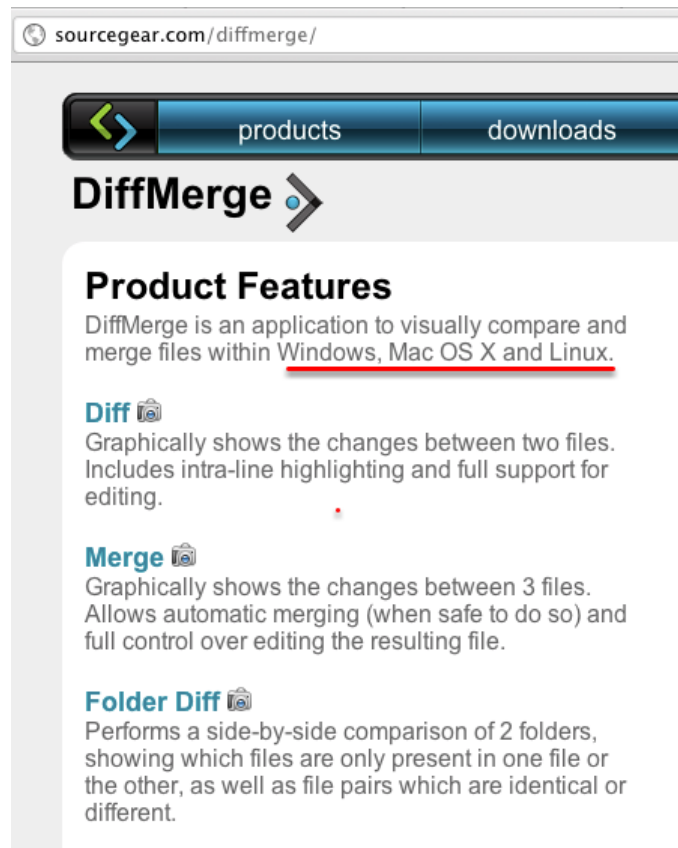# An Introduction to DiffMerge

01 - I checked the Mac App store for File / Folder Comparision Tools. User Reviews of the Programs there were not encouraging, and some were expensive!

02 - MacUpdate.com yielded several Promising Results, but this one looked best -- AND FREE
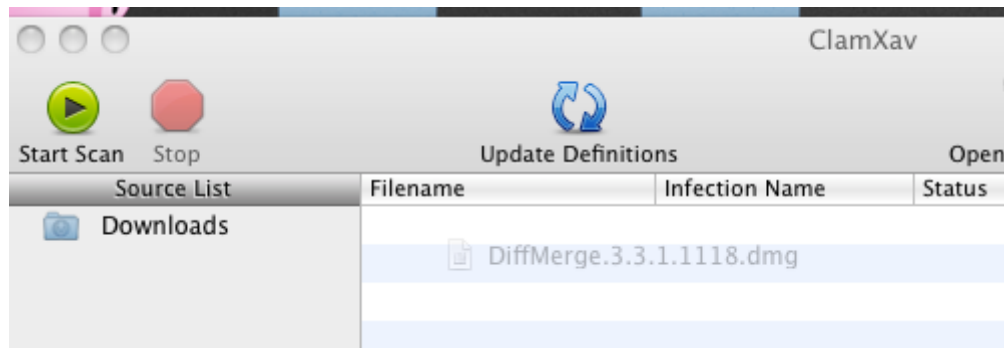

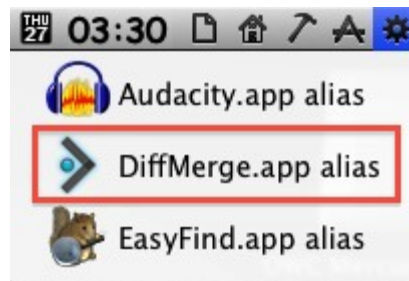**03 - I visited Sourcegear.com to download**

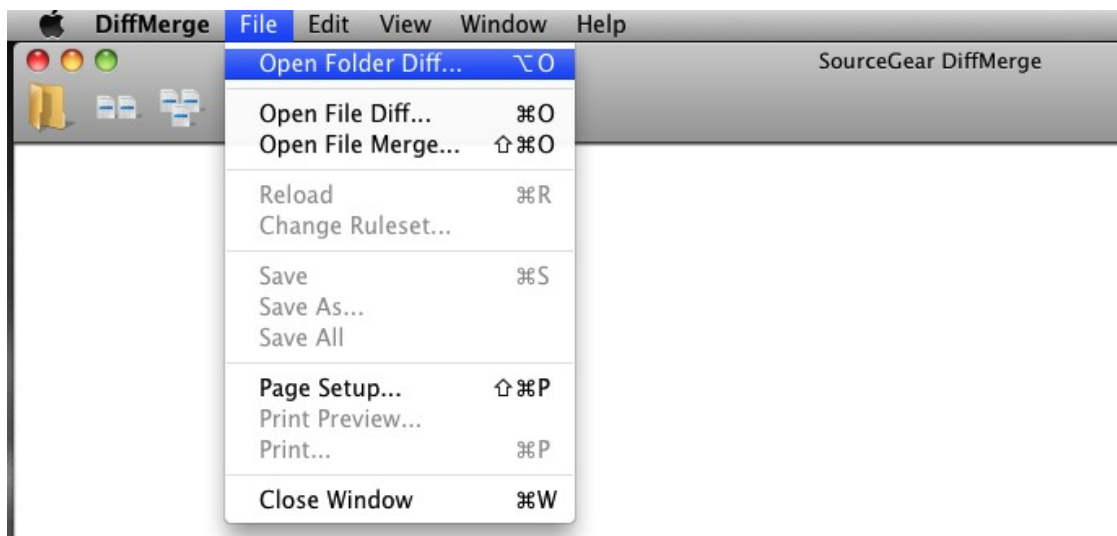NOTE DiffMerge is Cross-Platform. It is a 5.2 MB Download.

04 - Here's a PRACTICE recommended for all! I scanned the download with Clam X AV before opening.

05 - I opened the DMG, added DiffMerge to Applications, put an Alias in my xMenu User Defined Folder, and opened it up
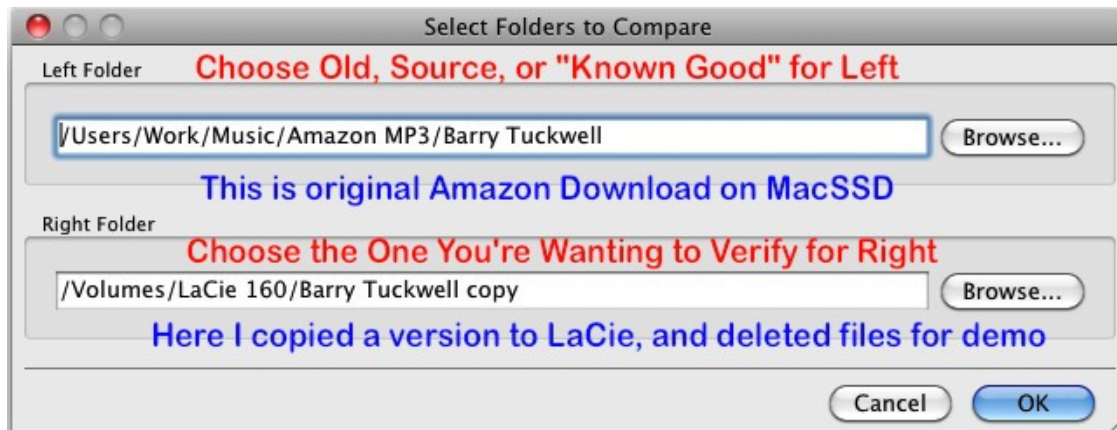

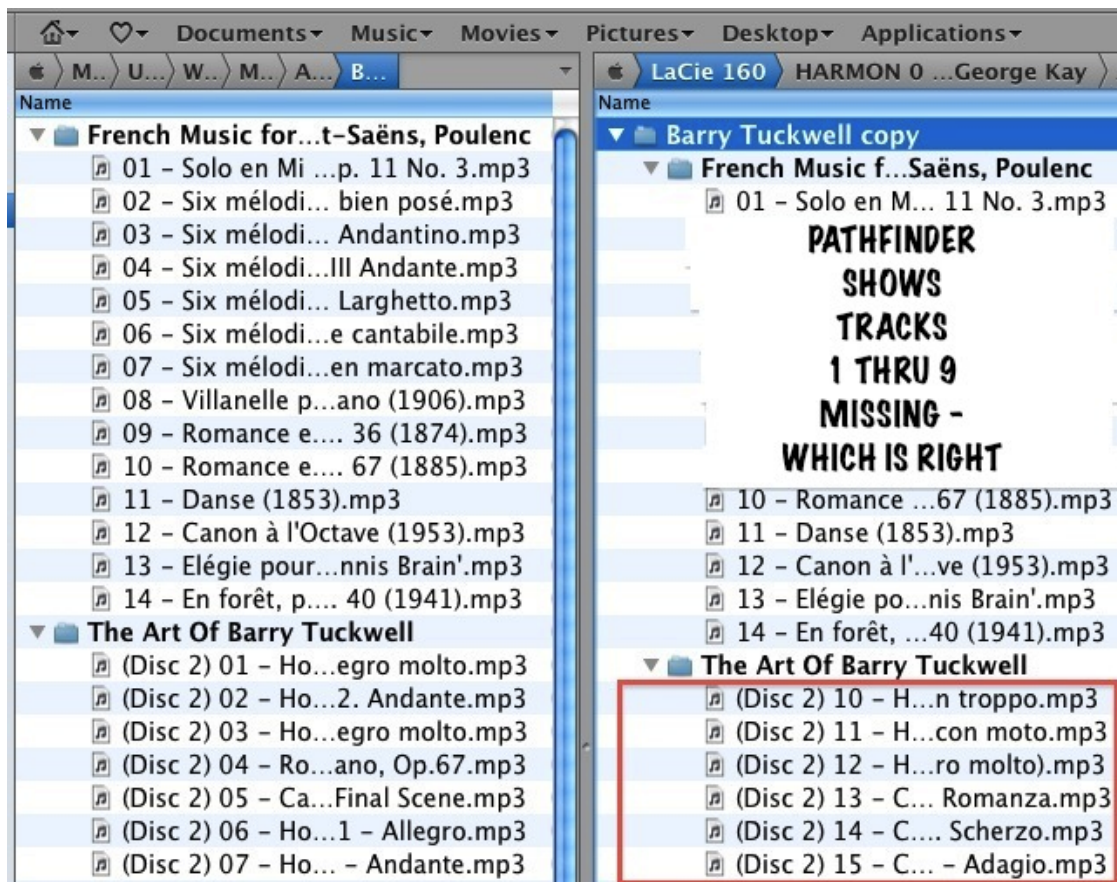**06 - Here I am selecting "OPEN FOLDER DIFF" so I can compare contents of two folders**

There's Also File Diff & File Merge Diff!

07 - I duplicated an Amazon Download to an external La Cie drive, deleted some files for demo from the duplicate, and selected them to compare in "Folder Diff"
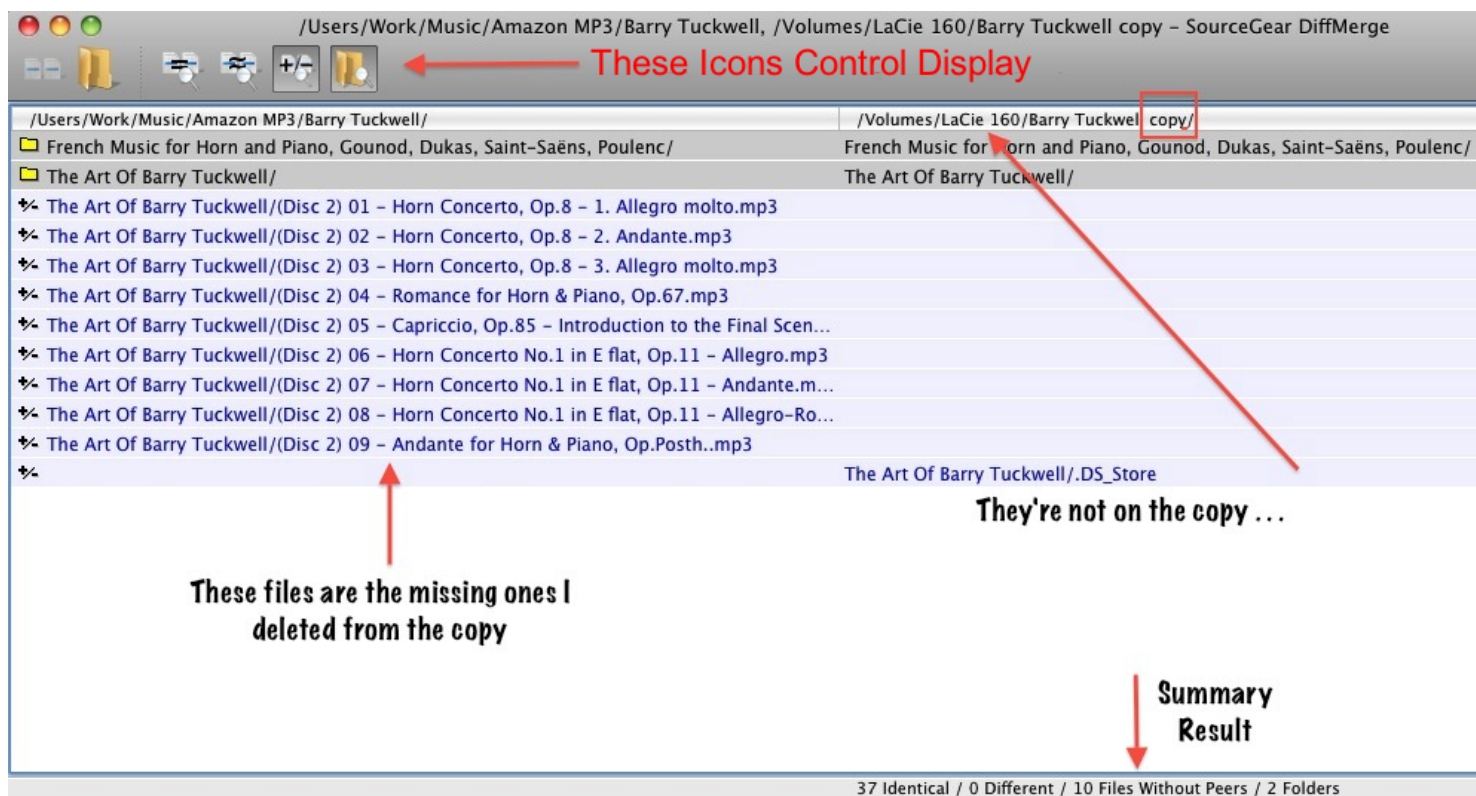

08 - To make the file structure clear, here it is in Pathfinder.App, original in left pane, COPY after file deletion in right

Note in the Right /Original there are Ten MP3s not shown in the right. Which is correct because I deleted them from the copy for this Demo

09 Here's the Results from Folder Diff

Pathfinder is ok for a visual comparison of a relatively few files that sort in order, eg., track number, but having the computer do the comparison with a huge number of files would be far more accurate.

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10 - DiffMerge comes with an Excellent and Comprehensive Manual on PDF

11 - I've had the great pleasure of having lunch with French Horn Master, Barry Tuckwell

Whose renditions of Mozart's Horn Concertos are the most sublime music I've ever enjoyed.
(Photo of Mr. Tuckwell from WikiMedia and "open source")