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10 Cool Things About File-AID/Eclipse You Need to Know

The questions below were submitted during Compuware's "10 Cool Things About File-AID/Eclipse You Need to Know" webcast. The webcast [presentation slides](#) and [on-demand replay](#) are also available.

I use XREFs in File-AID on the mainframe. Can I use those here also?

Yes, you can. You also have the ability to create and update File-AID for MVS XREFs from within Topaz Workbench. (XREFs continue to be stored on the mainframe.)

Can I browse or edit DB2 tables from different subsystems at the same time?

Yes, you can. Multiple tables from different subsystems may be open at the same time. Drag two side-by-side for a visual comparison.

Can I export data to a CSV file?

Yes, and you can also export directly to an Excel spreadsheet, an XML file, or a html file.

I use the Search/Update feature of File-AID/MVS quite often, is it available in Topaz Workbench?

Yes, it is. From the main Topaz menu select Search at the top of the screen and then select File-AID Search.

Are these VSAM column definitions supplied by a COBOL copylib?

Yes, COBOL or PL/I

Are these features in the regular Compuware Workbench? (Not Topaz)

Compuware Workbench has become Topaz Workbench, so yes, they are.

Are there any known issues with the Compuware Plug-ins in an IDE other than Topaz? Such as IBM's RDz/IDz?

Compuware's plug-ins are compatible with any Eclipse IDE.

Can the data be exported to a CSV onto your desktop?

Yes, it can be exported to a CSV file, and to an Excel spreadsheet, XML file or html file on your desktop.

Is it possible to store/save such filtering, field selections etc. for the next time?

When in the Data Editor Request, you may specify which fields to display, which records to select and how many records to select. This can all be saved with the Editor Request within Topaz.

You can also use any Selection Criteria already created on the mainframe within the Editor Request by pointing to that PDS and member.



Can you share the File-AID requests with others?

Yes, you can export these requests and let another user import them into their Topaz configurations. From the File menu, select Export (or Import), Compuware Configuration Settings, File-AID, Data Editor, Requests.

Is TOPAZ a fee-based product or is it available with my File-AID mainframe licenses?

The Topaz Workbench is available to any Compuware customer currently under maintenance.

Example - NDM, in mainframe we can do it on-line and also same in batch mode via JCL?

Currently the Host-to-Host Copy is only available through Topaz via a drag and drop method or through the right click Copy and Paste commands.

Is a different license required to use the Topaz Workbench?

Topaz Workbench checks the mainframe for a valid license for the Compuware Product being accessed through the GUI front end. Any Compuware valid license gives you the base Host Explorer and Project Explorer functionality. There are additional capabilities that have been added to the product which do require a separate license such as Program Analysis, Enterprise Data Editor, ISPW, Topaz for Total Test, and Runtime Visualizer. We would be happy to demonstrate any of these products to you.

Can comparisons be done between disk and tape files?

No, File-AID relies on Host Explorer which has limited support for TAPE files.

Can we do the same in batch mode or some scheduled job using Topaz other than using GUI?

The Compare and Search done via Topaz cannot be used in a batch job. However, the equivalent can be achieved using File-AID/BATCH syntax or creating a Compare or Search job through File-AID/MVS in ISPF to generate the JCL.

Is it possible to copy to copy zFS file on OMVS?

zFS files can be edited or browsed, but not copied.

You can FTP files from your machine. Can you FTP multiple files at the same time?

Topaz Workbench does not provide a mechanism to FTP files from your local Windows file system.

How do you compare files between different hosts?

Topaz Compare does not provide this functionality at this time.

How does File-AID integrate with ISPW and programs that have hex values within the code?

File-AID does not have an integration with ISPW.

Is there any color mode when editing files or PDS (in function of data type (JCL or REXX etc.)?)

Within the File-AID Data Editor the only color modes are to denote cursor position, key fields, and invalid data. When editing a file type other than data, such as JCL, REXX, source code, etc. these will open within a Slick Edit window and there are many different color scheme options available under the Window Command, Slick Edit Preferences, Appearance, Colors.



Can you cancel a submitted job from Topaz without going to the mainframe?

Yes, within the JES Explorer tab you can Right Click on the job and Cancel Job, Cancel Job with Dump, Purge, Extract JCL, etc.

Can you search SYSLOG backups for messages that go over one line?

No.

Does File-AID interface with Endeavor?

File-AID does not have a direct interface with Endeavor. Endeavor image libraries can be Browsed via the File-AID Data Editor.

Do the filters allow wildcards?

The filter row in the Data Editor will match only those records where the field contains the values typed in to the filter. Setting up Filters in Host Explorer to get a list of datasets does allow wildcards.

How do you set-up Topaz connection to the mainframe?

Topaz connects to the mainframe through the HCI, or Host Communication Interface, which is installed on the mainframe.

Can you convert ASCII to EBCDIC or vice versa?

This can be accomplished through the product File-AID/EX, which now has a plug-in within Topaz, but that functionality is not in the base product.

Is there any additional training?

Training for Compuware customers is always provided at no additional cost. Training can be customized for your needs and can be conducted via WebEx, or on-site hands-on training. We also have pre-recorded training modules including screen shots and audio available at <http://go.compuware.com/modules/>.

Can we run SQL DMLs such Select/Update/Delete on DB2 table on file-AID/Eclipse?

Within the Editor Request for a DB2 table you may type in your SQL Select statements for the selection of the data.

Does File-AID for DB2 behave similarly?

Within the File-AID Data Editor files and DB2 table data are treated very similarly. You have the same Edit and Browse formats and the same commands. When in the Data Editor Request you will notice some differences due to the nature of DB2. There is no need to specify a copybook and the column information is loaded automatically. When building conditions for Row selection you can see the Select statement being built, or you can edit the Select and type in your query directly. You also have the option to retrieve rows with Uncommitted Read.

In Compare can you also exclude fields such as date and time stamps?

Yes, you can. That is a great example of excluding certain fields that you know will have changes. Within the Compare Request click on the Fields tab to determine which fields to compare by using the checkboxes. There is also a Select All or a Clear All button to help with those really long records.

Any futures of editing data in the cloud? AWS or Azure

Please contact your Account Consultant to arrange a conversation.



Can an entire DB2 table be copied to or refreshed an existing DB2 table?

Not at this time.

Does a new version of Topaz Workbench have to be installed to access the File-AID functionality?

The File-AID Data Editor has been included since the first release of Topaz, however there are many enhancements that will benefit you with the more current releases such as 17.2 or 18.2.

Can you tell me about the processing speed because nowadays mainframe lags when we access a large amount of data.

The time it takes to copy data varies for many obvious reasons (size of data, workload on LPAR, resource contention) so it is difficult to provide benchmarks for coping data. The File-AID Data Editor has the "Records to display" amount (default 2000). This is adjustable; however, Compuware recommends keeping the default. This reduces the amount of time to retrieve the data and display it in the editor. Use navigation to get the next "page" of data.

