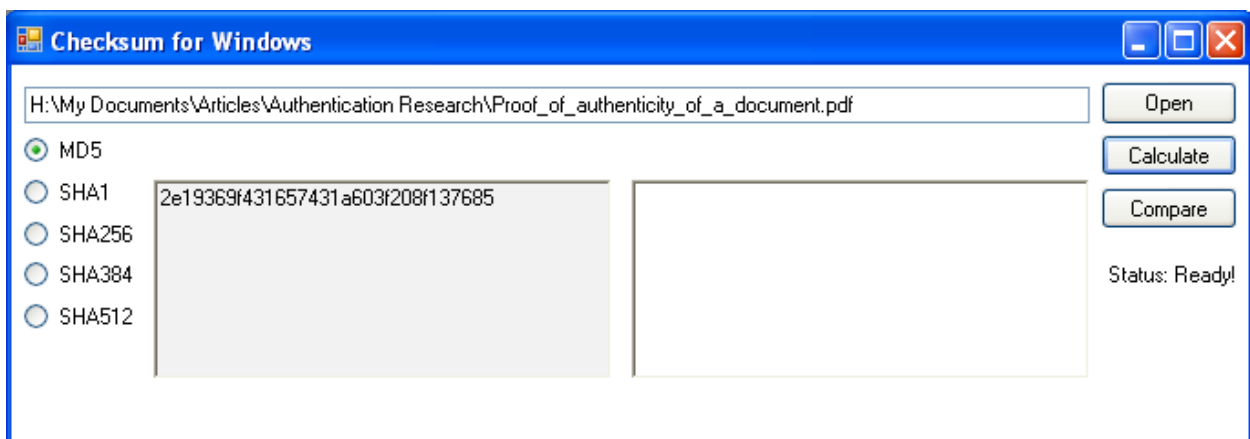


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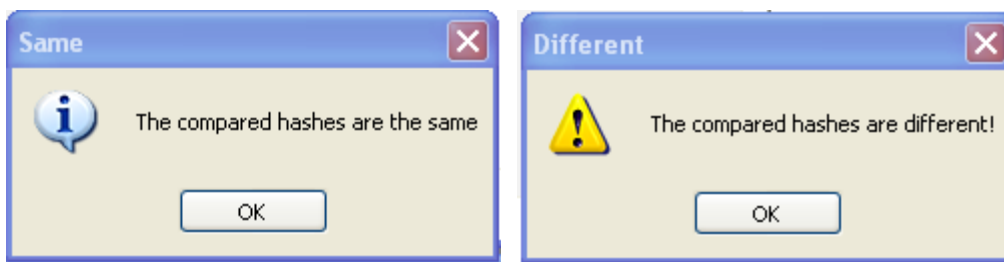
**This is one of a series of reviews of available programs for computing and verifying checksums. The information documented below is an account of my experience and contains my own comments and opinions. Your experience may be different depending on your needs and use of the program.*

This program is designed to generate a hash value for a single file. The hash algorithms include MD5, SHA1, SHA256, SHA384, and SHA512. Only one algorithm can be run at a time.

To generate a hash value, navigate to the file of interest with the “Open” button. Click “Calculate” to generate the value for the chosen algorithm.



If you have a file for which you know a checksum value and you would like to verify that the file has remained the same, navigate to the file, calculate the checksum, and then type or cut and paste in the known checksum value. (Make sure you are using the correct algorithm.) Click “Compare”. A “Same” or “Different” message will be returned.



This program is only useful if you want to be able to verify checksum values that you already have for individual files of interest. This is not for batch processes. There is also no way to save the values and associate them with the files without a multiple step cutting and pasting process.