

## Data Compare Excluding Columns

Command line allows you to exclude specific columns from data compare.

Rules for excluding columns are as follows:

- Excluded columns should be listed under the xml element `<ColumnPair>` of the `<Columns>` element
- The attribute Action of the `<Columns>` element should be set to Exclude

The following xml fragment excludes the columns `FIRST_NAME`, `LAST_NAME` from the table `HR.EMPLOYEES` and the column `ADDRESS` from the table `HR.CUSTOMERS`:

```
<TablePairs>
  <Pair>
    <LeftObject Name="HR.EMPLOYEES"></LeftObject>
    <RightObject Name="HR_COPY.EMPLOYEES"></RightObject>
    <Columns Action="Exclude">
      <ColumnPair>
        <LeftColumn>FIRST_NAME</LeftColumn>
        <RightColumn>FIRST_NAME</RightColumn>
      </ColumnPair>
      <ColumnPair>
        <LeftColumn>LAST_NAME</LeftColumn>
        <RightColumn>LAST_NAME</RightColumn>
      </ColumnPair>
    </Columns>
  </Pair>
  <Pair>
    <LeftObject Name="HR.CUSTOMERS"></LeftObject>
    <RightObject Name="HR_COPY.CUSTOMERS"></RightObject>
    <Columns Action="Exclude">
      <ColumnPair>
        <LeftColumn>ADDRESS</LeftColumn>
        <RightColumn>ADDRESS</RightColumn>
      </ColumnPair>
    </Columns>
  </Pair>
</TablePairs>
```