

Content Addressable Stores

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Data

Hash
Function



Hash
Digest

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MD5 ✗

SHA-1 ✗

SHA-2 ✓

SHA-3 ✓

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Data

Hash
Function



Hash
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MD5 ✗

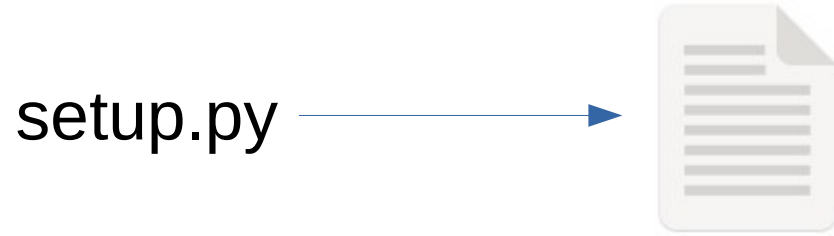
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SHA-2 ✓

SHA-3 ✓

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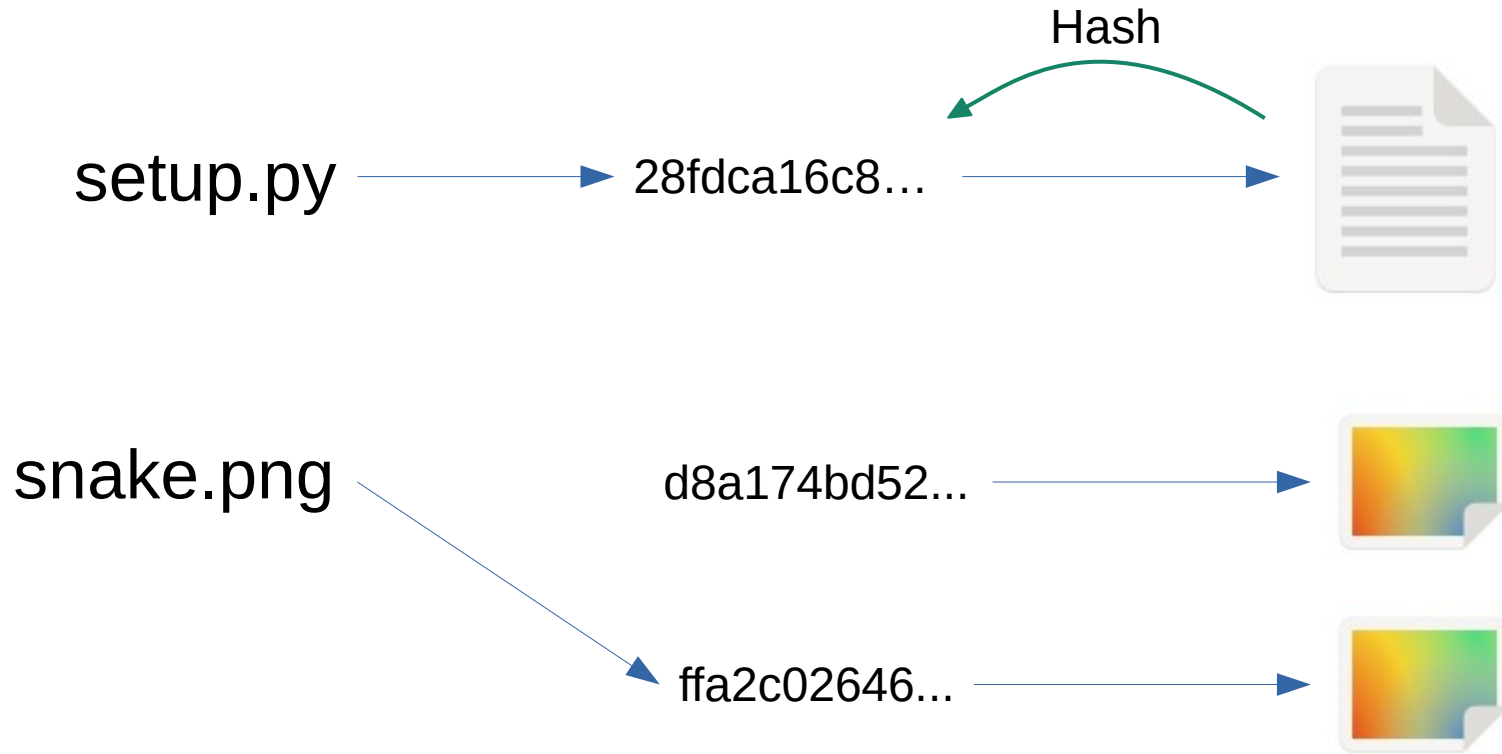
Normal filesystem



Content addressable store



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Knowing our data

- Don't send data twice
- Don't store data twice
- Check data is correct

Applications

- Efficient backup (e.g. Borg)
- Git
- Hangar (See Richard Izzo's talk)
- Caching (e.g. pip)
- Peer-to-peer sharing (e.g. IPFS)