# 1 Project File Transfer

Anytime you are transferring copying/moving files there is a chance that files will be corrupted. To ensure that the file integrity is maintained. It is imperative that you use a methods that ensure file integrity.

Instead of utilizing the OS copy function, whether in GUI or commandline, you should always rely on rsync to copy files. While most OSs will not directly copy the data when moving files within a hardware partition filesystem, care must be taken because a folder often maps to a different bulk storage device, which will copy the data to the new partition using the OS default copy method. Therefore, anytime you are moving data - **use rsync**.

## 1.1 Using Rsync

Basic Usage: rsync <options> <Source> <Destination>

### **Common Options**

Option	Description
-a	Arcive Mode - recursively transfer files/folders; copies symlinks as symlinks; preserve permissions; preserve modification times; preserve ownder, preserve group
-V	Verbose Mode
-h	Human readable output
 progress	Show transfer progress

For additional options, please consult the manpages: man rsync

#### Transferring Files to a new partition or folder

To transfer a file/folder to a local folder, rsync doesn't need to use SSH connection.

Usage: `rsync -avh --progress <File/Folder>

#### **Transfers to Remote Server**

To transfer a file test.txt to a remote server via SSH the user could provide their login name, server URL, and destination directory.

Usage: rsync -avh --progress <file> <username>@<server URL>:<destination folder>

**Example:** rsync -avh --progress test.txt user@local.com:/home/user/.

This will transfer the local file from your computer to the remote server in the /home/user/ directory.

#### **Moving Multiple Files and Folders**

If you want to transfer a directory or multiple files you can provide the directory or wildcard \* .

To move all the files and folders in your local HOME directory to the remote server.

**Example:** rsync -avh --progress /home/user user@local.com:/home

### **Transferring Files from Remote Server to Local**

Transfers the other direction is possible by merely ensuring that the Source is the remote server and the Destination is the local folder

**Usage:** rsync -avh --progress <username>@<server URL>:<Source Directory/File> <Local Folder>