

Configuration files

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 - This makes it possible to easily save and share an entire workflow.

- Programs used to store their own configurations directly in the home folder, usually in a folder called `.programname` or a file called `.programnamerc†`.

[†]where **rc** stands for **run commands**: commands executed when running the program.

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 - This also reduces the amount of clutter in your home folder.