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# How to do md5sum check

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"md5sum is a computer program that calculates and verifies 128-bit MD5hashes, as described in RFC 1321. The MD5 hash (or checksum) functions as a compact digital fingerprint of a file." ~Wikipedia

In simple words, if you download a Linux Distro and the md5sum result matches the one provided by the web site, your file has practically been downloaded OK.

So, how do we do this md5sum?

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