

# md5sum

## Introduction

Use this [md5sum](#) recipe to confirm the that two directories are exactly the same.

If you are on Mac OS X, ensure you use [brew](#) to instal md5sum first.

## Usage

Verify directory copy by md5 summing each file and then creating a single md5sum from the list.

If you see the error, "find: md5sum: No such file or directory", then you've not installed md5sum properly,

```
find -s "source directory" -type f -exec md5sum {} \; | md5sum >
source.md5.txt
find -s "target directory" -type f -exec md5sum {} \; | md5sum >
target.md5.txt
diff source.md5.txt target.md5.txt
```

Note this script can be improved to detect failed directory listing.

Another way of doing the same thing,

```
find -s "source directory" -type f | xargs -I{} md5sum {} > source.md5.txt
find -s "target directory" -type f | xargs -I{} md5sum {} > target.md5.txt
diff source.md5.txt target.md5.txt
```

## References

md5 entire folder - <http://www.cnet.com/news/how-to-manually-verify-copied-files-in-os-x/>