

# Archiving a file to tape

1 User copies file to EOSTAPE

```
> eos cp local_file /eos/eos_file
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> cta a eos/eos_file storage_class/eos_instance/inode
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## Tape Storage Element

EOS

ns -> inodes  
ns -> storage classes

Disk

2 On close of disk file, EOS queues  
an archive request in CTA

3 CTA pulls file from EOS  
and writes it to tape

5 Tape server signals file  
is finally on tape

CTA

hardware catalogue  
queues, policies, ...

inode -> {vid, position}

Tape

4 On flush of tape file,  
CTA stores EOS inode  
against vid and position