

De-Duplication or Deduplication

Definition: the elimination of duplicate or redundant information, especially in computer data. "deduplication removes the repetitive information before storing it" In computing, data *deduplication* is a technique for eliminating duplicate copies of repeating data. A related and somewhat synonymous term is single-instance (data) storage. (*Wikipedia*)

Caching: keeping a local copy of information that is stored elsewhere for faster access. Web browsers cache web pages recently accessed, because it is time consuming to always go back to the remote storage location.

"Library Deduplication" or "Book Deduplication" Google search turns up no meaningful results for the concept applied to a library of books, because computer data and library print books are very different. A print book can be in only one place at a time. Faculty are reporting times greater than 2 weeks to obtain a book from NRLF. This makes research very difficult if not impossible.