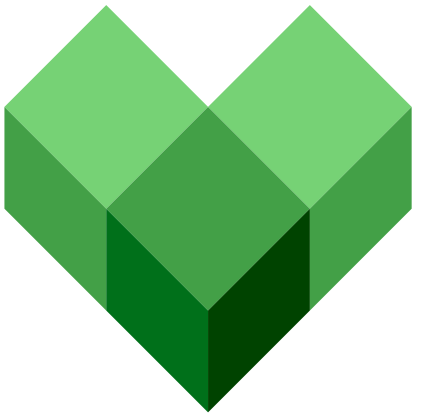
# Bazel and External Repositories

## Which version do you get?



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sync --experimental_repository_resolved_file=resolved.bzl
build --experimental_resolved_file_instead_of_workspace=resolved.bzl
build --experimental_repository_hash_file=resolved.bzl
build --experimental_verify_repository_rules=...
```

# The Future

We have many ideas for the future. . .

- more rules to return versions (besides `git_repository`)
- meta-rules *(“These packages and their dependencies”)*
- source-like vs configure-like rules
- enable `resolved.bzl` by default
- dependency discovery and `install` targets (`autotools`-like)
  *Probably can be done in Starlark right now.*
- . . .

. . . but we need your input to decide what is important. Talk to us!