

# Invariant Hilbert Schemes

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Alexeev and Brion have shown that this functor is represented by a quasi-projective scheme noted  $\text{Hilb}_h^G(W)$  and called **invariant Hilbert scheme**.



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*where  $F_M \subset \text{Hom}^G(M, k[W])$  is some finite dimensional vector space.*



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