

Compress and Extract Entire Directory Tree With Tar

(This assumes you are using `tar` in Linux or Cygwin.)

First, open a terminal/bash session.

Change to the root directory you want to compress, then issue this command:

```
tar -cvzf archive_name.tgz *
```

If you want to include hidden files:

```
tar -cvzf archive_name.tgz .
```

To extract the archive file, copy it to an empty directory, then issue this command:

```
tar -xvf archive_name.tgz
```

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