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## How To Open .TBZ ( tar.bz2 ) File Under Linux / UNIX

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**Q.** I've download ed .tbz file. How do I open .tbz file under Linux / UNIX operating system using a shell prompt or GUI application?

**A.** This is a tarball. A .tar or .tbz or .tgz file is commonly referred to as a Tarball, which is usually compressed to save disk space. Use tar command to open .tbz file.

First, open a terminal or shell prompt.

Extracts all files from a compressed Tar file of the name test.tbz or test.tar.bz2(bzipped file). [1]

```
$ tar -xjf test.tbz
```

To extract to a specific folder called /tmp/test, use:

```
$ tar -xjf test.tbz -C /tmp/test
```

To view extracted file, use:

```
$ cd /tmp/test  
$ ls -l
```

## GUI tool 7-ZIP

7-Zip is a file archiver with the high compression ratio. The program supports 7z, ZIP, CAB, RAR, ARJ, LZH, CHM, GZIP, BZIP2, Z, TAR, CPIO, ISO, MSI, WIM, NSIS, RPM and DEB formats. It is a open source cross-platform file archiver, supports creation and extraction of Tar archives.

You can download [7-Zip here online](#) <sup>[2]</sup>.

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