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Zipping a directory in Linux terminal

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Q. How do I zip files in Linux so that I cam email them to my friend? How do I zip files on server at shell prompt?

A. zip is a compression and file packaging utility for Unix, Linux, VMS, MSDOS, OS/2, Windows NT, Minix, Atari and Macintosh, Amiga and Acorn RISC OS etc. This utility is installed by default on most Linux computers. he program is useful for packaging a set of files for distribution; for archiving files; and for saving disk space by temporarily compressing unused files or directories.

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To zip directory called pics in your home directory (/home/you/pics), type the following command:

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$ zip -r myvacationpics.zip /home/you/pics/
```

It recurse into directories (all files and directories inside pics) to produced zip file called myvacationpics.zip.

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