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[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 ~]$ mkdir aaa
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 ~]$ cd aaa
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 aaa]$ mkdir bbb
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 aaa]$ ls
bbb
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 aaa]$ cd ~
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 ~]$ ls
aaa
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 ~]$ cd aaa/bbb/
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 bbb]$ cd ~
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 ~]$ pwd
/home/ec2-user
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 ~]$ cd /
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 /]$ ls
bin  dev  home  lib64  media  opt  root  sbin  sys  usr
boot  etc  lib  local  mnt  proc  run  srv  tmp  var
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 /]$ ls -a
.  bin  dev  home  lib64  media  opt  root  sbin  sys  usr
.. boot  etc  lib  local  mnt  proc  run  srv  tmp  var
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 /]$ ls -l
total 32
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 7 Jan 30 2023 bin -> usr/bin
dr-xr-xr-x. 5 root root 16384 Nov 10 19:55 boot
drwxr-xr-x. 15 root root 3040 Dec 5 17:55 dev
drwxr-xr-x. 77 root root 16384 Dec 5 17:55 etc
drwxr-xr-x. 3 root root 22 Dec 5 17:55 home
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 7 Jan 30 2023 lib -> usr/lib
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 9 Jan 30 2023 lib64 -> usr/lib64
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Nov 10 19:53 local
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Jan 30 2023 media
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Jan 30 2023 mnt
drwxr-xr-x. 3 root root 17 Nov 10 19:54 opt
dr-xr-xr-x. 163 root root 0 Dec 5 17:55 proc
dr-xr-x---. 3 root root 124 Dec 6 10:22 root
drwxr-xr-x. 27 root root 820 Dec 5 17:55 run
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 8 Jan 30 2023 sbin -> usr/sbin
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Jan 30 2023 srv
dr-xr-xr-x. 13 root root 0 Dec 5 17:55 sys
drwxrwxrwt. 11 root root 220 Dec 6 10:37 tmp
drwxr-xr-x. 12 root root 144 Nov 10 19:53 usr
drwxr-xr-x. 19 root root 266 Dec 5 17:55 var
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 /]$ cd ~
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 ~]$ ls
aaa
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 ~]$ rmdir aaa/
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rmdir: failed to remove 'aaa/': Directory not empty
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-19-79 ~]$ sudo -s
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# rmdir aaa/
rmdir: failed to remove 'aaa/': Directory not empty
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# cd aaa/
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 aaa]# rmdir bbb/
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 aaa]# ls
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 aaa]# cd ..
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# rmdir aaa/
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# vim a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# cat a.txt
yyy
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# more a.txt
yyy
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# less a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# tail -2 /etc/passwd
tcpdump:x:72:72:::/sbin/nologin
ec2-user:x:1000:1000:EC2 Default User:/home/ec2-user:/bin/bash
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# tail -f /etc/passwd
sshd:x:74:74:Privilege-separated SSH:/usr/share/empty.sshd:/sbin/nologin
rpc:x:32:32:Rpcbind Daemon:/var/lib/rpcbind:/sbin/nologin
libstoragemgmt:x:997:997:daemon account for libstoragemgmt:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-coredump:x:996:996:systemd Core Dumper:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:995:995:systemd Time Synchronization:/usr/sbin/nologin
chrony:x:994:994:chrony system user:/var/lib/chrony:/sbin/nologin
ec2-instance-connect:x:993:993::/home/ec2-instance-connect:/sbin/nologin
rpcuser:x:29:29:RPC Service User:/var/lib/nfs:/sbin/nologin
tcpdump:x:72:72:::/sbin/nologin
ec2-user:x:1000:1000:EC2 Default User:/home/ec2-user:/bin/bash
^C
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# rm a.txt
rm: remove regular file 'a.txt'? y
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# touch a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# rm -f a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# touch a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# touch b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
a.txt b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# rm -rd ./\*
rm: remove regular empty file './a.txt'? n
rm: remove regular empty file './b.txt'? n
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# rm -rf ./\*
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# touch a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# vim a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# cp a.txt b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
a.txt b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# cat b.txt
yyyyyyyyyy
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# cp a.txt ../
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
a.txt b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# cd ..
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# ls
a.txt ec2-user
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# cat a.txt
yyyyyyyyyy
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# rm -f a.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# ls
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ec2-user
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# cd ec2-user
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
a.txt  b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# mv a.txt ../
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# ls
b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 ec2-user]# cd ..
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# ls
a.txt  ec2-user
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# mv a.txt b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# ls
b.txt  ec2-user
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# tar --help
Usage: tar [OPTION...] [FILE]...
GNU 'tar' saves many files together into a single tape or disk archive, and can
restore individual files from the archive.
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#### Examples:

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tar -cf archive.tar foo bar # Create archive.tar from files foo and bar.
tar -tvf archive.tar        # List all files in archive.tar verbosely.
tar -xf archive.tar         # Extract all files from archive.tar.
```

#### Main operation mode:

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-A, --catenate, --concatenate  append tar files to an archive
-c, --create                   create a new archive
--delete                       delete from the archive (not on mag tapes!)
-d, --diff, --compare         find differences between archive and file system
-r, --append                  append files to the end of an archive
--test-label                   test the archive volume label and exit
-t, --list                    list the contents of an archive
-u, --update                   only append files newer than copy in archive
-x, --extract, --get          extract files from an archive
```

#### Operation modifiers:

```
--check-device                check device numbers when creating incremental
                              archives (default)
-g, --listed-incremental=FILE handle new GNU-format incremental backup
-G, --incremental             handle old GNU-format incremental backup
--hole-detection=TYPE         technique to detect holes
--ignore-failed-read          do not exit with nonzero on unreadable files
--level=NUMBER                dump level for created listed-incremental archive
--no-check-device              do not check device numbers when creating
                              incremental archives
--no-seek                     archive is not seekable
-n, --seek                    archive is seekable
--occurrence[=NUMBER]         process only the NUMBERth occurrence of each file
                              in the archive; this option is valid only in
                              conjunction with one of the subcommands --delete,
                              --diff, --extract or --list and when a list of
                              files is given either on the command line or via
                              the -T option; NUMBER defaults to 1
--sparse-version=MAJOR[.MINOR]
                              set version of the sparse format to use (implies
                              --sparse)
-S, --sparse                   handle sparse files efficiently
```

#### Local file name selection:

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--add-file=FILE               add given FILE to the archive (useful if its name
                              starts with a dash)
-C, --directory=DIR           change to directory DIR
--exclude=PATTERN              exclude files, given as a PATTERN
--exclude-backups              exclude backup and lock files
--exclude-caches               exclude contents of directories containing
                              CACHEDIR.TAG, except for the tag file itself
--exclude-caches-all          exclude directories containing CACHEDIR.TAG
--exclude-caches-under         exclude everything under directories containing
                              CACHEDIR.TAG
```

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--exclude-ignore=FILE  read exclude patterns for each directory from
                        FILE, if it exists
--exclude-ignore-recursive=FILE
                        read exclude patterns for each directory and its
                        subdirectories from FILE, if it exists
--exclude-tag=FILE      exclude contents of directories containing FILE,
                        except for FILE itself
--exclude-tag-all=FILE  exclude directories containing FILE
--exclude-tag-under=FILE  exclude everything under directories
                        containing FILE
--exclude-vcs           exclude version control system directories
--exclude-vcs-ignores   read exclude patterns from the VCS ignore files
--no-null              disable the effect of the previous --null option
--no-recursion         avoid descending automatically in directories
--no-unquote           do not unquote input file or member names
--no-verbatim-files-from -T treats file names starting with dash as
                        options (default)
--null                -T reads null-terminated names; implies
                        --verbatim-files-from
--recursion           recurse into directories (default)
-T, --files-from=FILE  get names to extract or create from FILE
--unquote             unquote input file or member names (default)
--verbatim-files-from -T reads file names verbatim (no escape or option
                        handling)
-X, --exclude-from=FILE  exclude patterns listed in FILE

```

File name matching options (affect both exclude and include patterns):

```

--anchored             patterns match file name start
--ignore-case          ignore case
--no-anchored          patterns match after any '/' (default for
                        exclusion)
--no-ignore-case       case sensitive matching (default)
--no-wildcards         verbatim string matching
--no-wildcards-match-slash wildcards do not match '/'
--wildcards            use wildcards (default for exclusion)
--wildcards-match-slash wildcards match '/' (default)

```

Overwrite control:

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--keep-directory-symlink  preserve existing symlinks to directories when
                        extracting
--keep-newer-files       don't replace existing files that are newer than
                        their archive copies
-k, --keep-old-files     don't replace existing files when extracting,
                        treat them as errors
--no-overwrite-dir       preserve metadata of existing directories
--one-top-level[=DIR]    create a subdirectory to avoid having loose files
                        extracted
--overwrite             overwrite existing files when extracting
--overwrite-dir         overwrite metadata of existing directories when
                        extracting (default)
--recursive-unlink       empty hierarchies prior to extracting directory
--remove-files          remove files after adding them to the archive
--skip-old-files         don't replace existing files when extracting,
                        silently skip over them
-U, --unlink-first       remove each file prior to extracting over it
-W, --verify            attempt to verify the archive after writing it

```

Select output stream:

```

--ignore-command-error  ignore exit codes of children
--no-ignore-command-error treat non-zero exit codes of children as
                        error
-0, --to-stdout         extract files to standard output
--to-command=COMMAND    pipe extracted files to another program

```

Handling of file attributes:

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--atime-preserve[=METHOD]  preserve access times on dumped files, either
                           by restoring the times after reading
                           (METHOD='replace'; default) or by not setting the
                           times in the first place (METHOD='system')
--clamp-mtime              only set time when the file is more recent than
                           what was given with --mtime
--delay-directory-restore  delay setting modification times and
                           permissions of extracted directories until the end
                           of extraction
--group=NAME               force NAME as group for added files
--group-map=FILE           use FILE to map file owner GIDs and names
--mode=CHANGES            force (symbolic) mode CHANGES for added files
--mtime=DATE-OR-FILE       set mtime for added files from DATE-OR-FILE
-m, --touch               don't extract file modified time
--no-delay-directory-restore
                           cancel the effect of --delay-directory-restore
                           option
--no-same-owner            extract files as yourself (default for ordinary
                           users)
--no-same-permissions      apply the user's umask when extracting permissions
                           from the archive (default for ordinary users)
--numeric-owner           always use numbers for user/group names
--owner=NAME              force NAME as owner for added files
--owner-map=FILE          use FILE to map file owner UIDs and names
-p, --preserve-permissions, --same-permissions
                           extract information about file permissions
                           (default for superuser)
--same-owner              try extracting files with the same ownership as
                           exists in the archive (default for superuser)
--sort=ORDER              directory sorting order: none (default), name or
                           inode
-s, --preserve-order, --same-order
                           member arguments are listed in the same order as
                           the files in the archive

```

#### Handling of extended file attributes:

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--acls                    Enable the POSIX ACLs support
--no-acls                 Disable the POSIX ACLs support
--no-selinux              Disable the SELinux context support
--no-xattrs               Disable extended attributes support
--selinux                 Enable the SELinux context support
--xattrs                  Enable extended attributes support
--xattrs-exclude=MASK     specify the exclude pattern for xattr keys
--xattrs-include=MASK     specify the include pattern for xattr keys

```

#### Device selection and switching:

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--force-local             archive file is local even if it has a colon
-f, --file=ARCHIVE        use archive file or device ARCHIVE
-F, --info-script=NAME, --new-volume-script=NAME
                           run script at end of each tape (implies -M)
-L, --tape-length=NUMBER  change tape after writing NUMBER x 1024 bytes
-M, --multi-volume        create/list/extract multi-volume archive
--rmt-command=COMMAND     use given rmt COMMAND instead of rmt
--rsh-command=COMMAND     use remote COMMAND instead of rsh
--volno-file=FILE         use/update the volume number in FILE

```

#### Device blocking:

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-b, --blocking-factor=BLOCKS  BLOCKS x 512 bytes per record
-B, --read-full-records       reblock as we read (for 4.2BSD pipes)
-i, --ignore-zeros            ignore zeroed blocks in archive (means EOF)
--record-size=NUMBER          NUMBER of bytes per record, multiple of 512

```

#### Archive format selection:

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-H, --format=FORMAT          create archive of the given format

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FORMAT is one of the following:

gnu	GNU tar 1.13.x format
oldgnu	GNU format as per tar <= 1.12
pax	POSIX 1003.1-2001 (pax) format
posix	same as pax
ustar	POSIX 1003.1-1988 (ustar) format
v7	old V7 tar format

  

--old-archive, --portability	same as --format=v7
--pax-option=keyword[[:]=value][,keyword[[:]=value]]...	control pax keywords
--posix	same as --format=posix
-V, --label=TEXT	create archive with volume name TEXT; at list/extract time, use TEXT as a globbing pattern for volume name

Compression options:

-a, --auto-compress	use archive suffix to determine the compression program
-I, --use-compress-program=PROG	filter through PROG (must accept -d)
-j, --bzip2	filter the archive through bzip2
-J, --xz	filter the archive through xz
--lzip	filter the archive through lzip
--lzma	filter the archive through xz --format=lzma
--lzop	filter the archive through lzop
--no-auto-compress	do not use archive suffix to determine the compression program
--zstd	filter the archive through zstd
-z, --gzip, --gunzip, --ungzip	filter the archive through gzip
-Z, --compress, --uncompress	filter the archive through compress

Local file selection:

--backup[=CONTROL]	backup before removal, choose version CONTROL
--hard-dereference	follow hard links; archive and dump the files they refer to
-h, --dereference	follow symlinks; archive and dump the files they point to
-K, --starting-file=MEMBER-NAME	begin at member MEMBER-NAME when reading the archive
--newer-mtime=DATE	compare date and time when data changed only
-N, --newer=DATE-OR-FILE, --after-date=DATE-OR-FILE	only store files newer than DATE-OR-FILE
--one-file-system	stay in local file system when creating archive
-P, --absolute-names	don't strip leading '/'s from file names
--suffix=STRING	backup before removal, override usual suffix ('~' unless overridden by environment variable SIMPLE_BACKUP_SUFFIX)

File name transformations:

--strip-components=NUMBER	strip NUMBER leading components from file names on extraction
--transform=EXPRESSION, --xform=EXPRESSION	use sed replace EXPRESSION to transform file names

Informative output:

--checkpoint[=NUMBER]	display progress messages every NUMBERth record (default 10)
--checkpoint-action=ACTION	execute ACTION on each checkpoint
--full-time	print file time to its full resolution
--index-file=FILE	send verbose output to FILE
-l, --check-links	print a message if not all links are dumped

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--no-quote-chars=STRING  disable quoting for characters from STRING
--quote-chars=STRING     additionally quote characters from STRING
--quoting-style=STYLE    set name quoting style; see below for valid STYLE
                        values
-R, --block-number       show block number within archive with each message

--show-defaults          show tar defaults
--show-omitted-dirs      when listing or extracting, list each directory
                        that does not match search criteria
--show-snapshot-field-ranges
                        show valid ranges for snapshot-file fields
--show-transformed-names, --show-stored-names
                        show file or archive names after transformation
--totals[=SIGNAL]        print total bytes after processing the archive;
                        with an argument - print total bytes when this
                        SIGNAL is delivered; Allowed signals are: SIGHUP,
                        SIGQUIT, SIGINT, SIGUSR1 and SIGUSR2; the names
                        without SIG prefix are also accepted
--utc                    print file modification times in UTC
-v, --verbose            verbosely list files processed
--warning=KEYWORD        warning control
-w, --interactive, --confirmation
                        ask for confirmation for every action

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#### Compatibility options:

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-o                        when creating, same as --old-archive; when
                        extracting, same as --no-same-owner

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#### Other options:

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-?, --help               give this help list
--restrict               disable use of some potentially harmful options
--usage                  give a short usage message
--version                print program version

```

Mandatory or optional arguments to long options are also mandatory or optional for any corresponding short options.

The backup suffix is '~', unless set with --suffix or SIMPLE\_BACKUP\_SUFFIX.  
The version control may be set with --backup or VERSION\_CONTROL, values are:

```

none, off               never make backups
t, numbered             make numbered backups
nil, existing           numbered if numbered backups exist, simple otherwise
never, simple           always make simple backups

```

Valid arguments for the --quoting-style option are:

```

literal
shell
shell-always
shell-escape
shell-escape-always
c
c-maybe
escape
locale
clocale

```

*\*This\* tar defaults to:*

```

--format=gnu -f- -b20 --quoting-style=escape --rmt-command=/etc/rmt
--rsh-command=/usr/bin/ssh
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# tar -cvf aaa.tar ./b.txt
./b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# ls
aaa.tar b.txt ec2-user
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# rm -f aaa.tar
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# ls

```

```
b.txt ec2-user
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# tar -zcvf aaa.tar ./b.txt
./b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# ls
aaa.tar b.txt ec2-user
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# rm -f b.txt
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]# ls
aaa.tar ec2-user
[root@ip-172-31-19-79 home]#
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