

# Handling Ordinary Files

# diff: Converting one file to other

- Used to display file differences



```
lenovo@lenovo-Lenovo-G500:~$ cat file1
```

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```
lenovo@lenovo-Lenovo-G500:~$
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```
lenovo@lenovo-Lenovo-G500:~$ cat file2
```

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lenovo@lenovo-Lenovo-G500:~$
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```
lenovo@lenovo-Lenovo-G500:~$ diff file1 f
ile2
0a1,2
> anil aggarwal
> barun sengupta
2c4
< chanchal singhvi
---
> lalit chowdury
4d5
< sumit chakrobarty
```



```
lenovo@lenovo-Lenovo-G500:~$ diff file2 f
file1
1,2d0
< anil aggarwal
< barun sengupta
4c2
< lalit chowdury
---
> chanchal singhvi
5a4
> sumit chakrobarty
```

# Compressing and Archiving Files

- Unix system provides the compression and decompression utilities
  - 1) compress and uncompress (.Z)
  - 2) gzip and gunzip(.gz)
  - 3) bzip2 and bunzip2(.bz2)
  - 4) zip and unzip(.zip)

- You require to group a set of files into single file called an archive
- tar and zip commands can pack an entire directory structure into an archive



# Compress a single file

- `gzip file.txt`

`//create file.txt.gz,`

Note that this will remove the original `file.txt` file.

# Compress multiple files at once

- `gzip file1.txt file2.txt file3.txt`

- Compress a single file and keep the original. You can instead keep the original file and create a compressed copy

```
gzip -c file.txt > file.txt.gz
```

The -c flag outputs the compressed copy of file.txt to stdout, this is then sent to file.txt.gz, keeping the original file.txt file in place

- Compress all files recursively

All files within the directory and all sub directories can be compressed recursively with the -r flag

- [root@centos test]# ls -laR
- drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 24 Jul 28 18:05  
example
- -rw-r--r--. 1 root root 8 Jul 28 17:09 file1.txt
- -rw-r--r--. 1 root root 3 Jul 28 17:54 file2.txt
- ./example:
- -rw-r--r--. 1 root root 5 Jul 28 18:00  
example.txt

- [root@centos test]# gzip -r \*
  - [root@centos test]# ls -laR
- 
- drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 27 Jul 28 18:07 example
  - -rw-r--r--. 1 root root 38 Jul 28 17:09 file1.txt.gz
  - -rw-r--r--. 1 root root 33 Jul 28 17:54 file2.txt.gz
- 
- ./example:
  - -rw-r--r--. 1 root root 37 Jul 28 18:00  
example.txt.gz

# Decompress a gzip compressed file

- `gzip -d file.txt.gz`

OR

- `gunzip file.txt.gz`

-d is used to decompress and -r performs this on all of the files recursively.

# List compression information

- [root@centos ~]# gzip -l linux-3.18.19.tar.gz

compressed	uncompressed	ratio
uncompressed_name		

126117045	580761600	78.3%
linux-3.18.19.tar		

a gzipped copy of the Linux kernel  
has compressed to 78.3% of its  
original size,



## Adjust compression level

- The level of compression applied to a file using gzip can be specified as a value between 1 (less compression) and 9 (best compression). Using option 1 will complete faster, but space saved from the compression will not be optimal.
- Using option 9 will take longer to complete, however you will have the largest amount of space saved.

- [root@centos ~]# time gzip -1 linux-3.18.19.tar

real 0m13.602s

user 0m12.908s

sys 0m0.662s

[root@mirror1 ~]# gzip -l linux-3.18.19.tar.gz

compressed	uncompressed	ratio
156001021	580761600	73.1%
linux-3.18.19.tar		

```
[root@centos ~]# time gzip -9 linux-3.18.19.tar
```

```
real    0m58.129s
```

```
user    0m57.193s
```

```
sys     0m0.735s
```

```
[root@centos ~]# gzip -l linux-3.18.19.tar.gz
```

compressed	uncompressed	ratio
125064095	580761600	78.5%
linux-3.18.19.tar		

# tar: Archival Program

- For creating a disk archive that contains a group of files or an entire directory structure we need to use tar
- Key options:
  - c Create a archive
  - x extract files from archive
  - t Display files in archive
  - f Name the archive arch

Only one of these key options can be used at a time

# Create an Archive File(-c)

- `$tar -cvf archive.tar libc.html  
User_Guide.ps`

If the created archive is very big, you may like to compress it with gzip

`gzip archive.tar //archived and  
compressed`

This creates a “tar gzipped file”  
file, `archive.tar.gz`

# Extracting files from archive(-x)

- Tar uses the -x option to extract files from archive

```
$gunzip archive.tar.gz
```

```
$tar -xvf archive.tar
```

two files in current directory is extracted

- Selective extraction is also possible

```
$tar -xvf archive.tar User_guide.ps  
//extracts only User_guide.ps
```

## Extract a tar.gz archive

- `$ tar -xvzf tarfile.tar.gz`

x - Extract files

v - print the file names as they are extracted one by one

z - The file is a "gzipped" file

f - Use the following tar archive for the operation



# Extract tar.bz2/bzip archives

- `$ tar -xvjf archivefile.tar.bz2`

Use the `j` option instead of the `z` option.

# Viewing the archive(-t)

- To view the contents of the archive, use -t(table of contents) option
- It doesnot extract the files, but simply display their attributes

```
$tar -tvf archive.tar
```

```
-rw-r- -r-- 102/10 3875302 Aug 24  
19:49 2002 libc.html
```

```
-rw-r- -r-- 102/10 372267 Aug 24 19:48  
2002 User_Guide.ps
```

# Zip and unzip:compressing and archiving together

- Zip requires the first argument to be compresses filename; the remaining arguments are interpreted as files and directories to be compressed

```
$zip archive.zip lib.html
```

```
User_Guide.ps
```

```
adding: libc.html
```

```
adding:User_Guide.ps
```

# Rcursive Compression(-r)

- `$cd ;` same as `cd $Home`  
`zip -r sumit_home.zip .`

# Viewing the archive(-v)

- `$unzip -v archive.zip`

# rm:Deleting files

- rm option
  - 1) -i (Interactive deletion)
  - 2) -r / -R (recursive)
  - 3) -f (Forcing Removal)

# mv: Renaming Files

- mv renames (moves) files: It has two function->

1) It renames a file(or directory)

2) It moves a group of files to a different directory

1)---->\$mv chap01 man01

2)---->\$mv chap01 chap02 chap03  
progs



# lp:Printing a file

- `$lp rfc822.ps //Postscript file`  
request id is `pr1-320`  
request id – combination of printer  
name(`pr1`)  
and job number(`320`)

# lp options

- System V is using lp command
- System derived from BSD(like Linux) use lpr command
- `$ lp -dlaser chap01.ps`  
-d-> printer name i.e laser
- `$lp -t "First chapter" chap01.ps`  
-t ->title  
prints title on first page
- `$lp -n3 -m chap01.ps`  
prints three copies and mails(-m) user a message

- Print queue is viewed with `lpstat` command
  - `Cancel` command to cancel any jobs submitted by you
  - `Cancel` command uses request-id or printer name as argument
- `$cancel laser //cancels current job on printer laser`
- `$cancel pr1-320 //cancels job with request-id pr1-320`

# Linux System

- `$lpr -T "The List of RFCs" foo.ps`  
//Uses this title
- `$lpr -#3 foo.ps` //Prints 3 copies
- `$lpr -m foo.ps` //Mails message after completion
- `$lprm 31` //Removes job number 31

# file:Knowing The file types

- **\$file archive.zip**  
archive.zip:ZIP archive