



# tar cheatsheet

Concatenate, Deflate, Inflate files

## Deflate / Inflate / Concatenate

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# Deflate / Compress
tar -czf archive.tar.gz /path/files

# Inflate / Uncompress
tar -xzf archive.tar.gz

# Concatenate files into a single tar
tar -cf archive.tar /path/files

# Extract file to a defined directory
tar -xzf archive.tar.gz -C /target/directory

# Append a file to an existing archive
tar -zu archive.tar.gz -C /target/file
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## Common options

z	compress with gzip
c	create an archive
u	append files which are newer than the corresponding copy in the archive
f	filename of the archive
v	verbose, display what is inflated or deflated
a	unlike of z, determine compression based on file extension



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