
pyunpack Documentation

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unpack archive files

Links:

- home: <https://github.com/ponty/pyunpack>
- documentation: <http://ponty.github.com/pyunpack>

Features:

- **backends:**
 - [patool](#): optional, can handle a lot of formats using different programs
 - [zipfile](#): included in Python
- command line interface

Known problems:

- Python 3 is not supported
- tested only on linux

BASIC USAGE

```
>>> from pyunpack import Archive
>>> Archive('a.zip').extractall('.')
```

or on console:

```
python -m pyunpack.cli a.zip .
```

SIMILAR PROJECTS

- [zipfile](#): zip only, included in python
- [patool](#): many formats, command line only
- [python-archive](#): zip and tar only
- [rarfile](#): rar only
- [pyUnRAR2](#): rar only
- [pylzma](#): LZMA only
- [easy-extract](#): many formats, no simple interface for unpacking

INSTALLATION

3.1 General

- install `setuptools`
- install unpackers for `patool` (optional)
- install `patool` (optional, `easy_install` does not work)
- install the program:

```
# as root
easy_install pyunpack
```

3.2 Ubuntu

```
sudo apt-get install python-setuptools
sudo easy_install pyunpack
#optional
sudo easy_install http://sourceforge.net/projects/patool/files/0.13/patool-0.13.tar.gz/download
sudo apt-get install unzip unrar p7zip-full
```

3.3 Uninstall

first install `pip`:

```
# as root
pip uninstall pyunpack
```

USAGE

```
>>> from pyunpack import Archive
>>> Archive('paver-minilib.zip').extractall('/tmp')
```

From console:

```
$ python -m pyunpack.cli paver-minilib.zip /tmp
```


COMMAND LINE HELP

```
$ python -m pyunpack.cli --help
usage: cli.py [-h] [-b BACKEND] [-a] [--debug] filename directory
```

positional arguments:

filename	path to archive file
directory	directory to extract to

optional arguments:

-h, --help	show this help message and exit
-b BACKEND, --backend BACKEND	auto, patool or zipfile
-a, --auto-create-dir	auto create directory
--debug	set logging level to DEBUG

API

`class pyunpack.Archive (filename, backend='auto')`

Parameters

- **backend** – auto, patool or zipfile
- **filename** – path to archive file

`extractall (directory, auto_create_dir=False)`

Parameters

- **directory** – directory to extract to
- **auto_create_dir** – auto create directory

`extractall_patool (directory)`

`extractall_zipfile (directory)`

`exception pyunpack.PatoolError`

`pyunpack.check_patool ()`

`pyunpack.cli.extractall (filename, directory, backend='auto', auto_create_dir=False)`

Parameters

- **backend** – auto, patool or zipfile
- **filename** – path to archive file
- **directory** – directory to extract to
- **auto_create_dir** – auto create directory

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