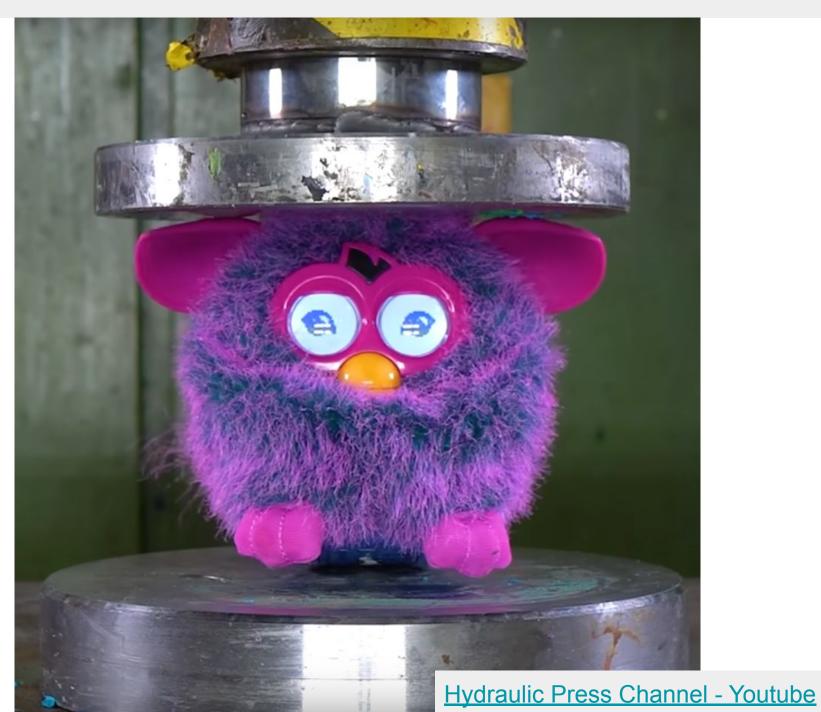# Compression

Adapted from materials by Dr. Carrier

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Or view **T**able of contents

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tar -tvf name.tar
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Tar + compression

Tar can automatically compress/decompress for you!

`-z` for gzip

`-j` for bzip2

`-J` for xz

Example:
`tar -czvf name.tar dir1 dir2`