

# docker export

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## Description

Export a container's filesystem as a tar archive

## Usage

```
docker export [OPTIONS] CONTAINER
```

## Options

Name, shorthand	Default	Description
<code>--output</code> , <code>-o</code>		Write to a file, instead of STDOUT

## Parent command

Command	Description
docker ( <a href="https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/docker">https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/docker</a> )	The base command for the Docker CLI.

## Extended description

The `docker export` command does not export the contents of volumes associated with the container. If a volume is mounted on top of an existing directory in the container, `docker export` will export the contents of the *underlying* directory, not the contents of the volume.

Refer to Backup, restore, or migrate data volumes

(<https://docs.docker.com/v17.03/engine/tutorials/dockervolumes/#backup-restore-or-migrate-data-volumes>) in the user guide for examples on exporting data in a volume.

# Examples

Each of these commands has the same result.

```
$ docker export red_panda > latest.tar
```

```
$ docker export --output="latest.tar" red_panda
```