

# rdiffdir(1) - Linux man page

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## Name

rdiffdir - compute and apply signatures and diffs to directories

## Synopsis

**rdiffdir** [*options*] **sig**[*nature*] *basis\_dir* signature\_file

**rdiffdir** [*options*] **delta**

*signature\_file* new\_dir delta\_file

**rdiffdir** [*options*] **patch** *basis\_dir* delta\_file

**rdiffdir** [*options*] **tar** *basis\_dir* tar\_file

If *signature\_file* or *delta\_file* are "-", the data will be read from stdin or written to stdout as appropriate.

## Description

**rdiffdir** is supposed to be like **rdiff**, but can operate on directories. See [\*rdiff\*\(1\)](#) for more information. The syntax is similar.

## Options

**--write-sig-to** *sigfile*

This option is only used in **delta** and **tar** modes. When specified, **rdiffdir** will write a signature of the directory it is processing to *sigfile*. The end result will be a delta and a new signature calculated over the **same** data.

**-z, --gzip-compress**

Enable gzip compression and decompression of signature and delta files.

## Selection Options

In **signature** and **delta** modes, **rdiffdir** accepts **duplicity**-like selection options including **--exclude**, **--exclude-filelist-stdin**, etc. See the [\*duplicity\*\(1\)](#) manual page for more information.

## Bugs

Hard links are currently unsupported (they will be treated as non-linked regular files).

Bad signatures will be treated as empty instead of logging appropriate error message.

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## See Also

[\*duplicity\*\(1\)](#), [\*python\*\(1\)](#), [\*rdiff\*\(1\)](#), [\*rdiff-backup\*\(1\)](#).