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A/UX: Questions About Using tar (11/95)

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TOPIC -----

- 1) How can I use tar to create a backup of a directory and compress the output?
- 2) How can I read a tar floppy if I receive the message "This is not a Macintosh disk" when I insert the disk?

DISCUSSION -----

- 1) The easiest way to do this in one step is with the command:

```
tar -cvf - dir_name | compress > dir_name.tar.Z
```

The file dir_name.tar.Z is now your compressed backup file.

- 2) Make the CommandShell the front-most application and insert the disk. Under A/UX 2.0 you will be prompted with a dialog asking if the disk is an A/UX or Macintosh floppy. (On A/UX 2.0.1 or later that dialog no longer appears.) Select A/UX and at the prompt type:

```
tar -tvf /dev/floppy0   To list the contents of the floppy
tar -xvf /dev/floppy0   To extract the contents of the floppy to the
                        current directory.
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