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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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