

# **bzip2 / bzip**

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**bzip2** is a compression program.

The **bzip2** KIO worker is not directly usable, and is intended for use as a filter. For example, the **tar** KIO worker can filter a file through the **bzip2** KIO worker, in order to display the contents of a `tar.bz2` file directly in a Konqueror window.

If you click on a file compressed with a `.bz2` in Konqueror, this KIO worker is used to uncompress it and display it as a normal (uncompressed) file.

If you are a developer, and would like to use the **bzip2** filter, you can find documentation on using KIO workers at <http://techbase.kde.org>

See the manual: [bzip2](#).

**bzip** is the ancestor of **bzip2**. It is rarely used today, having been replaced with **bzip2**, which offers much better compression.