

# tar egg

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Reading and writing tar files.  
Extension for Chicken Scheme  
Version 1.3

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# 1 About this egg

## 1.1 Version history

- 1.3 space-terminated fields resulted in invalid string->number conversion; termination records
- 1.2 Fixed some serious bugs
- 1.1 Proper end-of-file handling
- 1.0 Initial release

## 1.2 Usage

Load this egg like so:

```
(require-extension tar)
```

## 2 Documentation

This extension allows extracting files from tar archives and writing files into them.

## 3 Reading

`tar:open-archived-file` [procedure]

`(tar:open-archived-file [PORT])`

Reads the next header-record from `PORT` (which defaults to the value of `(current-input-port)`) and returns two values: an input-port representing the contents of the next file in the archive and a tar-header record. If no more files are stored in the archive, then `#!eof` and `#f` is returned.

## 4 Writing

`tar:write-to-archive` [procedure]  
 (`tar:write-to-archive` FILENAME STRING [PORT #!key mode uid gid modification-time

Writes the data given in `STRING` as `FILENAME` to the archive designated by the output port `PORT` (which defaults to the value of `(current-output-port)`).

The keyword arguments specify additional information in the header-record for this file, see the table below for the default used when no arguments are given:

<code>mode</code>	(bitwise-ior perm/irusr perm/iwusr perm/irgrp perm/gwgrp perm/iwoth perm/iwoth)	Permissions
<code>uid</code>	(current-user-id)	Numeric user-id of the file owner
<code>gid</code>	(current-group-id)	Numeric group-id of the file owners
<code>modification-time</code>	(current-seconds)	Modification-time of the file when it was archived as the number of seconds from Jan.1, 1970 UTC
<code>type-flag</code>	'normal	One of symbols normal, oldnormal, link, symlink, chr, blk, dir, fifo, contig
<code>link-name</code>	""	Name of a hard or symbolic link
<code>uname</code>	(car (user-information uid))	Username of the file owner
<code>gname</code>	(car (group-information gid))	Groupname of the file owners

<code>devmajor</code>	0	Major device number of device-files of type <code>blk</code> or <code>chr</code>
<code>devminor</code>	0	Minor device number of device-files of type <code>blk</code> or <code>chr</code>

After the last file, a termination record should be written to the port that represents the archive (invoke `tar:write-to-archive` with `#f` as the `FILENAME` argument).

## 5 Accessing header records

<code>tar:header?</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header? X</code> )	
Returns <code>#t</code> when <code>X</code> is a header-record or <code>#f</code> otherwise.	
<code>tar:header-name</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-name HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-mode</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-mode HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-size</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-size HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-uid</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-uid HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-gid</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-gid HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-modification-time</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-modification-time HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-checksum</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-checksum HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-type-flag</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-type-flag HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-link-name</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-link-name HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-magic</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-magic HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-uname</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-uname HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-gname</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-gname HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-devmajor</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-devmajor HEADER</code> )	
<code>tar:header-devminor</code>	[procedure]
( <code>tar:header-devminor HEADER</code> )	
Accessors for various fields of a tar header record.	

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