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Trac Backup

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Since Trac uses a database backend, some extra care is required to safely create a backup of a [project environment](#). Luckily, `trac-admin` has a command to make backups easier: `hotcopy`.

```
//Note: Trac uses the `hotcopy` nomenclature to match that of
[[http://subversion.tigris.org/|Subversion]], to make it easier to remember
when managing both Trac and Subversion servers.//
```

Creating a Backup

To create a backup of a live TracEnvironment, simply run:

```
$ trac-admin /path/to/projenv hotcopy /path/to/backupdir
```

`trac-admin` will lock the database while copying. The resulting backup directory is safe to handle using standard file-based backup tools like `tar` or `dump`/`restore`.
==== Restoring a Backup ==== Backups are simply a copied snapshot of the entire [project environment](#) directory, including the SQLite database. To restore an environment from a backup, simply stop the process running Trac (i.e. the Web server or `tracd`), restore the directory structure from the backup and restart the service. Note: Automatic backup of environments that don't use SQLite as database backend is not supported at this time. As a workaround, we recommend that you stop the server, copy the environment directory, and make a backup of the database using whatever mechanism is provided by the database system."

See also: [TracAdmin](#), [TracEnvironment](#), [TracGuide](#)

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