NAME

smbtar - shell script for backing up SMB/CIFS shares directly to UNIX tape drives

SYNOPSIS

smbtar [-r] [-i] [-a] [-v] {-s server} [-p password] [-x services] [-X] [-N filename] [-b blocksize]
  [-d directory] [-l loglevel] [-u user] [-t tape] {filenames}

DESCRIPTION

This tool is part of the **samba**(7) suite.

smbtar is a very small shell script on top of **smbclient**(1) which dumps SMB shares directly to tape.

OPTIONS

-s server

   The SMB/CIFS server that the share resides upon.

-x service

   The share name on the server to connect to. The default is "backup".

-X

   Exclude mode. Exclude filenames... from tar create or restore.

-d directory

   Change to initial *directory* before restoring / backing up files.

-v

   Verbose mode.

-p password

   The password to use to access a share. Default: none

-u user

   The user id to connect as. Default: UNIX login name.

-a

   Reset DOS archive bit mode to indicate file has been archived.

-t tape

   Tape device. May be regular file or tape device. Default: *$TAPE* environmental variable; if not
   set, a file called tar.out.

-b blocksize

>Blocking factor. Defaults to 20. See tar(1) for a fuller explanation.

-N filename

>Backup only files newer than filename. Could be used (for example) on a log file to implement incremental backups.

-i

>Incremental mode; tar files are only backed up if they have the archive bit set. The archive bit is reset after each file is read.

-r

>Restore. Files are restored to the share from the tar file.

-l log level

>Log (debug) level. Corresponds to the *-d* flag of **smbclient**(1).

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

The *$TAPE* variable specifies the default tape device to write to. May be overridden with the -t option.

BUGS

The smbtar script has different options from ordinary tar and from smbclient's tar command.

CAVEATS

Sites that are more careful about security may not like the way the script handles PC passwords. Backup and restore work on entire shares; should work on file lists. smbtar works best with GNU tar and may not work well with other versions.

DIAGNOSTICS

See the *DIAGNOSTICS* section for the **smbclient**(1) command.

VERSION

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SEE ALSO

smbd(8), **smbclient**(1), **smb.conf**(5).

AUTHOR

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