

# Manual backup/restore of OpenVZ VPS

## Backup

1. Connect to the source server over SSH.
2. Create an archive of the VPS:

```
# vldump --compress --dumpdir /home/backup VMID
```

- compress : It will compress the dump file (results in a .tgz).
- dumpdir specifies the directory in which you want to store the dump. If you don't specify a dumpdir, it stores in /vz/dump
- VMID of VPS can be found in **SolusVM > Virtual Servers**.

## Restore

1. Restore the archive:

```
# vldump --restore /home/backup/vldump-VMID.tgz VMID
```

where VMID is a corresponding VM ID.

2. Import VPS if required: [Importing OpenVZ containers](#)