

**NAME**

zlib-flate – raw zlib compression program

**SYNOPSIS**

**zlib-flate** *-compress / -uncompress*

**DESCRIPTION**

The `zlib-flate` program is part of the `qpdf` package.

The `zlib-flate` program reads from standard input and writes to standard output either compressing or uncompressing its input using raw zlib compression. It can be used to uncompress or compress raw PDF streams or other data that is compressed with raw zlib compression. This program is provided primarily as a debugging tool, though it could be used for other purposes, such as being called from a script that creates simple PDF files.

This program should not be used as a general purpose compression tool. Use something like `gzip(1)` instead.

For details about `qpdf`, please see the `qpdf` manual, which can be found in `$TEXMFDIST/doc/support/qpdf/qpdf-manual.html` or `$TEXMFDIST/doc/support/qpdf/qpdf-manual.pdf`.

**SEE ALSO**

`qpdf(1)`, `gzip(1)`