**Oracle Data Pump**

**Creating the Directory**

Include `EXP_FULL_DATABASE` rights to allow for export of all Oracle data. Include `IMP_FULL_DATABASE` rights to allow for import of all Oracle data. This is not required for *user* owned data.

```
SQL> CREATE DIRECTORY back_user AS '/home/oracle/user/backup';
SQL> GRANT READ, WRITE ON DIRECTORY backup to user;
SQL> GRANT EXP_FULL_DATABASE TO user;
SQL> GRANT IMP_FULL_DATABASE TO user;
```

**Creating the backup**

This only backs up a specific user.

```
LINUX> expdp user/password DIRECTORY=back_user DUMPFILE=back1.dmp
```

Include `full=yes` to get everything.

```
LINUX> expdp user/password DIRECTORY=back_user DUMPFILE=back1.dmp FULL=yes
```

**Restoring the backup**

Change the `table_exists_action` to replace, skip or append accordingly.

```
LINUX> impdp user/password table=tableList DIRECTORY=back_user DUMPFILE=back1.dmp table_exists_action=replace
```

Omit the `table` parameter for all tables.

```
LINUX> impdp user/password DIRECTORY=back_user DUMPFILE=back1.dmp table_exists_action=replace
```