

# Backup MediaWiki

## Database dump

For downloadable dumps of Wikipedia's article database, see [Wikipedia:Database download](#). For a description of the database format and fields, see [database layout](#).

To create your own dump of a local MediaWiki site, you can use the *dumpBackup.php* script found in the maintenance directory of your MediaWiki installation tree. Make sure that *AdminSettings.php* has been configured. By default, MediaWiki ships with an *AdminSettings.sample* file that needs to be edited to suit your configuration and renamed to *AdminSettings.php*

An example invocation to a full backup might look like:

```
php maintenance/dumpBackup.php --full > full.xml
```

Command line options for *dumpBackup.php* are explained by running it with no parameters, i.e.

```
php maintenance/dumpBackup.php
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However, there are some extra undocumented options in its source code.

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