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Subject: ploop backup question - exclude delta file  
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Hi,

I am experimenting with ploop backup, so far all the examples just say something along the lines of:

"backup /vz/private/CTID after creating a snapshot"

Unfortunately this seems to also backup the delta file, which if there are a lot of changes happening on the container, would mean backing up potentially a lot of unnessecary data.

Is it OK instead to do:

```
cd /vz/private  
tar czvf /root/1009.tar.gz 1009 --exclude 'root.hdd.*'
```

This excludes the root.hdd.{GUID} delete.

I've found that when I restore the backup, I can switch to the snapshot and delete it, it does give an error saying it can't delete the delta file (expected) but apart from that works fine.

Is there anything I should be aware of when taking this approach?

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