

Vista – how do you restore default behaviour for Zip (other) file types?

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Hi all,

I broke my nice clean re-installation of Vista Ultimate after hours of effort. Major bummer.

Perhaps I'm overly tired and have been looking for a solution too long (nearly 1am here – 6 hours later :). I can't find a simple way to 'undo' or 'reverse' (whatever you call it) the way that Vista's explorer handles ZIP files.

I'd like to fix things so that when I see a ZIP file in explorer the icon looks as it did originally (a neat little zipped folder). I'd like the context menu (right click) option of being able to extract the file to ... wherever. And I'd like to look inside the ZIP file ... without causing explorer to crash and burn all the time.

I've used ZIPGENIUS (quite a useful utility ... <http://www.zipgenius.it/eng/index.php>) quite happily for a few years. Although it is a free utility, it works as designed and gets the job done well.

For some reason, I decided against including the program in my pristine installation ... ready for saving as a cloned image. I noticed that the ZIP files no longer had either the Zipgenious icon or the default Vista icon. Also, when I paused the mouse over the file ... Vista (explorer) crashed. No reason given ... most of the time and not all of the time.

This should be a trivial matter ... returning Vista to its default file handling procedure but it's beyond me. Never been brilliant at playing around in the registry ... as in, things work better when I leave it alone :) I found the following (file called: zipfix_vista.reg) in WinHelpOnline (www.winhelponline.com) and it's repeated across a number of alternate sites: same file name and so far as I can tell, the same registry entries.

Before I potentially make things worse, could someone please point me towards a website / reference that shows us how to restore Vista to its default file handling ways? I'm not clever enough to tell if the registry entries (below) are the 'solution' or a disaster in waiting.

All help gratefully accepted :)

Kindest regards,

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@="[FindFolder(\"%1\", %I)]"
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[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CompressedFolder\shell\find\ddeexec\application]
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@="Folders"
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[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CompressedFolder\shell\find\ddeexec\topic]
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@="AppProperties"
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[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CompressedFolder\shell\Open]
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[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CompressedFolder\shell\Open\Command]
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@=hex(2):25,00,53,00,79,00,73,00,74,00,65,00,6d,00,52,00,6f,00,6f,00,74,00,25,\  
00,5c,00,45,00,78,00,70,00,6c,00,6f,00,72,00,65,00,72,00,2e,00,65,00,78,00,\  
65,00,20,00,2f,00,69,00,64,00,6c,00,69,00,73,00,74,00,2c,00,25,00,49,00,2c,\  
00,25,00,4c,00,00,00
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"DelegateExecute"="{11dbb47c-a525-400b-9e80-a54615a090c0}"
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[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CompressedFolder\ShellEx]
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[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CompressedFolder\ShellEx\ContextMenuHandlers]
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[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CompressedFolder\ShellEx\ContextMenuHandlers\{b8cdcb65-b1bf-4b42-9428-1dfdb7e
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@="Compressed (zipped) Folder Menu"
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[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CompressedFolder\ShellEx\DropHandler]
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@="{ed9d80b9-d157-457b-9192-0e7280313bf0}"
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[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CompressedFolder\ShellEx\StorageHandler]
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@="{E88DCCE0-B7B3-11d1-A9F0-00AA0060FA31}"
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