

Re: Creating a zip file

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B.W. wrote:

So exe and jpg cannot be zipped so does that mean everything other file format can?

No, nobody said that exe and jpg files can't be zipped. *Any* file can be zipped. The question is whether zipping compresses files. In general zipping exe and jpg files (and some other types) provides little, if any, compression

Richard mentioned one reason why you might zip a file that can't be compressed. I'll mention a couple of others:

1. A zipped file can be password-protected.
2. A zipped file can contain more than one individual file. If you have several files you want to treat as a single package (for example, the component files of a an application), it can be very convenient to package them as a single entity. That makes it easy, for example, to E-mail it to someone, or to put it on a web site where it can be downloaded by others as a single file.

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"Richard Urban" <richardurbanREMOVETHIS@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:OUVEryxmGHA.3372@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Exe files are already compressed to the max. Zipping them gives you no further compression to speak of.

The only reason to zip it is to allow it to be sent/read by some programs that will not allow an .exe file to be transmitted or read

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at the receiving end.

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Regards,

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(For email, remove the obvious from my address)

Quote from George Ankner:
If you knew as much as you think you know,
You would realize that you don't know what you thought you knew!

"B.W." <bwaller@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (del xxx)> wrote in message
news:%237MrMZxmGHA.3600@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

If I want to send an exe file to someone and it's too big.
When I
follow the instructions on creating a zipped file, I