

Simple UnZipper Version 1.52

An easy to use Windows shell for PKunzip

Introduction;

Simple UnZipper is a Windows Shell Program for the DOS program PKunzip. Our design goal was to create a simple, easy to use interface for PKunzip. We purposely did not include shell functions in this product for PKzip, those functions can be found in our Simple Zip product. Our reasoning behind this was the realization that most users of PKzip never use PKzip or even the advanced features of PKunzip. Most users just want to quickly unzip files they downloaded from on-line services or bulletin boards. Swimming against the Windows tide we decided to create an easy to use product with a minimum of features that can be just opened and used by advanced users and novices alike.

Revision Notes;

Simple UnZipper Version 1.52 is a complete revision over UnZip Front End For Windows version 1.0 and 1.1. It has vastly improved errorhandling and many more automatic features. Please discard UnZip Front End For Windows and use Simple UnZipper. Registered users of UnZip Front End For Windows do not need to register Simple UnZipper.

Changes included in Version 1.52 over all previous versions.

Simple UnZipper now displays the contents of the destination directory and updates that display after unzipping.

Checking available disk space. Simple UnZipper will now check to see if there is enough space on the destination drive to fit the contents of the zip file.

Check for valid zip file signatures. Simple UnZipper now checks a zip file to see if it is a valid zip file before it shells to DOS.

Network drives. Simple UnZipper will work on network drives up to drive M. I was unable to beta test above drive H and would appreciate reports from users with access to drives numbered above that.

More detailed help. To save disk space there is still no complete Windows help file. If you think the program would benefit from a complete help file please send me your comments.

There has been many improvements to the errorhandling routines. Although you do not see these changes when you run the program they were the bulk of the work on the upgrade.

If you have any suggestions or comments please send them to me by E-Mail, CompuServe 71533,2001, Internet; 71533.2001@CompuServe.com

Installation;

If you have received the registered copy then you are reading this section after the install program did everything mentioned here already, and you can skip this section unless you had trouble with the installation. If you received the zipped shareware copy then you should read this part to make sure you install this program correctly.

File list; SIMPLUZP.EXE, the main executable file
 DISKSTUF.DLL, a Dynamic Link Library needed by SIMPLUZP.EXE
 README.WRI, this file

After unzipping the shareware version you should copy the SIMPLUZP.EXE to the directory of your choice (I recommend your already overcrowded windows directory). DISKSTUF.DLL should be copied to your windows\system directory. README.WRI can be deleted, after you print the registration form of course!

Additional required files;

 VBRUN300.DLL, the Visual Basic runtime library
 PKUNZIP.EXE, PKunzip of course

Before downloading VBRUN300.DLL from your local BBS or on-line service check your windows\system subdirectory for it. There are many commercial programs that are written in Visual Basic and one might have installed VBRUN300.DLL on your system already. If you need to download it it is available on most BBSs, AOL, GENIE, and of course on CompuServe (GO WINSHARE). On-line VBRUN300.DLL is usually stored as VBRUN3.ZIP. Copy VBRUN300.DLL to your windows\system subdirectory.

PKUNZIP.EXE should be copied to a directory in your DOS path statement in order for Simple UnZipper to find it. I recommend your DOS directory. I also strongly recommend that you make sure you are using version 2.04G or greater of PKUNZIP.

Setup;

Create a windows ICON for Simple UnZipper by opening the program group in which you wish to place it. Select File then New then New Program Item and select OK. Under description type in Simple Zipper. Under command line type in the full path to SIMPLUZP.EXE or use the browse button to select it. Under working directory select the directory you copied SIMPLUZP.EXE to. Select OK and if you did everything right you will be rewarded by a new program item and not another cursed error message.

Running Simple UnZipper;

Start Simple UnZipper using Program Manager or what ever shell you use (if you haven't already bought HP's Dashboard you are a masochist), (if you are using the Norton or PC Tools desktop then you are a masochist with nothing better to do with your money).

Since I believe that Simple UnZipper is so easy to use I am not going to say another word on how to use it.

Licensee;

Simple UnZipper is shareware. You may use Simple UnZipper for a short period of time to decide if you like it and are going to keep it. If you continue to use it you must register it. You may distribute this program freely as long as you include all three files, SIMPLUZP.EXE, DISKSTUF.DLL and this document README.WRI. If you have the registered copy the disk includes the zip file SIMPLUZP.ZIP this file contains the full shareware copy and you may distribute it freely.

Shareware distributors; You may include Simple UnZipper as part of any shareware library so long as you only charge reasonable distribution fees and present the program as shareware.

NOTE ON PKUNZIP. PKUNZIP and PKZIP are products of Phil Katz's PKWARE. If you received a shareware copy of PKZIP with this program it is to be registered separately. Registering Simple UnZipper does not relieve you of the obligation to register PKZIP with PKWARE. Registering PKZIP does not relieve you of the obligation to register Simple UnZipper with Shoreham Data. If you received PKZIP on the same disk as Simple UnZipper please read the license information that came with PKZIP. PKWARE has lawyers so do not construe anything I say to mean that I have any right to PKZIP or that Simple UnZipper is any thing but a useful accessory to a properly registered copy of PKUNZIP.

Registration;

OK you knew I was going to get to the money sooner or later. Please register Simple UnZipper. My kids need braces. My wife just drove my truck through the garage door. The taxes on Long Island are so high that even the people in the Bay Area shake their heads at them. I promise to notify you of future upgrades. But most important I wrote this thing and if you use it you could at least send me the six bucks. Please print the registration form and send an six dollar check.

Simple UnZipper Registration Form

Version 1.52

Shoreham Data
PO Box 841
Shoreham, NY 11786

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Where did you obtain Simple UnZipper (i.e., CompuServe, BBS name, on a shareware disk or CD etc.)

PLEASE MAKE SIX DOLLAR CHECK OUT TO SHOREHAM DATA. Canadian customers please send a money order payable on a US bank.

Thanks, if you use shareware you should pay for it. That will keep us writing it.