

**Compress-It!** by Whiplash Software via CompuServe:74364.3406

Written and provided as freeware by Whiplash Software with the only request that you use and enjoy it.

Compress-It! presumes you normally use "compress.exe" and "expand.exe" provided with Visual Basic's setup wizard. It is ideal for those developers who build custom setup routines and compress their files manually. IE:

**c:\[path]\compress /r c:\[sourcepath]\  
myfile.xyz c:\[destinationpath]**

Compress-It! builds a batch file named **comp####.bat** of commands similar to that above. The #'s are four digits of a counter making the batch file unique - the program assures this. If you check the appropriate box, Compress-It! will append the command EXIT to the batch file, so that if you choose to execute the file in a DOS shell, it will terminate promptly upon completion.

**Step 1:**

Using the File menu, define the paths for your Compress.exe and expand.exe files.

**Step 2:**

Beneath the Directory menu identify the default path for your completed batch files.

**Step 3:**

On the right hand side of the main screen, choose the first file's destination directory.

**Step 4:**

Select/deselect the /r rename option as desired.

**Step 5:**

On the left side of the screen, pick the source directory of the original file and double-click it. Compress-It! builds the equivalent DOS command line required to compress(expand) and rename(not rename) your selected file. The program will prevent duplicate selections.

**Step6:**

Repeat steps 3 through 5 as needed. Each file picked may have its own settings, with the exception of the check box selections.

**NOTE:**

Files selected accidentally may be removed from the list by selecting it in the center list box and then double clicking on it.

When you have completed your selections and confirmed your options, press the button labeled Go. When the batch file is built, its file name will be presented in a message box. If you selected the option to run the file upon completion, it will be executed after you check the OK button. Remember to place a disk in a removeable drive if one was specified as a destination. **Compress-It! does not check for adequate drive space before running the bat file.**

**August 17, 1995**

Version 2.0

Now allows you to run compression/expansion in a window or iconized!

Minor control improvements.

**August 12, 1995**

Added suport for File Manager drag-n-drop of files via WIN API and also provided option to delete a batch file after it is built and executed.