

What is Drag And Zip

Program Description

Drag And Zip is a set of utilities that makes managing compressed files very easy. With Drag And Zip you can use Explorer or any file manager that supports drag and drop manage ZIP, LZH, GZ and TAR files. With its built in routines to zip and unzip files, Drag And Zip makes it very easy to compress files into Zip files and to extract files from Zip files. Drag And Zip also supports use of your copies of PKZIP and LHA to manage compressed files.

To compress a file or a group of tagged files from within Explorer, merely right click on a selected file and a context menu will pop up. One of the context menu options will be “Drag And Zip”. Choose that option, fill out a dialog box with the filename and destination directory, and Drag And Zip will make a Zip file out of the selected files. With the Windows NT file manager, you can drag the selected files to Drag And Zip’s zipper icon with the same result.

Viewing the contents of a ZIP, LZH, TAR or GZ file is as easy as right clicking on the file from within Explorer and choosing “Zip View” from the context menu. Alternately you can double click on the file from within Explorer or the Windows NT file manager or drag it to the Drag And Zip icon. Drag And Zip's ZIP file viewer, Zip View, will automatically be loaded and will show you the contents of the compressed file.

You can tag any group of files in Zip View for extraction or deletion. You can view any file with Zip View's built-in file viewer, Explorer's Quick View or the file viewer of your choice. You can temporarily extract any file from the compressed file and run it if it is a program, or run the program associated with it if it is a data file. If you make modifications to the extracted file, you will also have the opportunity to replace the older file currently in the compressed file with the modified one. You can also make both Windows based or DOS based self-extracting archives.

Right clicking on any file in the Zip View listing will bring up a context menu from which you can extract, view, launch, virus scan and check out the file(s).

Drag And Zip has a built-in virus scanner which you can use to scan the files in the compressed file for possible viruses.

In addition, there is also a check out feature where you can temporarily extract the files from a zip file and give them their own program group to "check them out".

Also part of the Drag And Zip utilities is Fileman Launcher. Fileman Launcher installs as a file manager extension in the Windows NT file manager and runs Drag And Zip every time you run the NT File Manager or any file manager that supports file manager extensions. When you exit your file manager, Drag And Zip will exit automatically at the same time. Fileman Launcher adds its own menu to your file manager. You can use this menu to zip files instead of dragging them to the Drag And Zip icon. You can also add other programs to be run with your file manager through the Fileman Launcher menu.

To use Drag And Zip you need to be running Windows 95 or Windows NT 3.50 or better. Drag And Zip includes a program to make Windows based self extracting zip files. If you want to make DOS based ones, you will need a copy of ZIP2EXE.EXE. which is part of the PKZIP package.

This version of Drag And Zip is designed to be compatible with PKZIP version 2.04 as well as version 1.1. Any other versions of PKZIP may not work properly. Please make note, PKZIP does not necessarily support long file names or directory names like Drag And Zip's builtin zipping and unzipping. To use Drag And Zip to build and extract LZH files, you must have a copy of LHA.EXE. Drag and Zip will not work with LHARC.EXE. Drag And Zip has its own built-in routines to extract files from GZ and TAR files.

Drag And Zip is specially designed to link in with your Internet browser and allow you to easily manage zip files from within Mosaic, Netscape and other popular browsing programs

Installing Drag And Zip

Installation of Drag And Zip and Zip View is very easy with the setup program provided. From the Program Manager, choose "File" from the menu bar and then choose "Run" from the pull down menu. From the Start button choose the run option. In the Run dialog box, type the full path where the files are, and the program name DZSETUP.EXE. For example, if you were installing from drive A:, you would enter "A:\DZSETUP.EXE". If you were installing from the "DZ" directory of drive C:, you would enter "C:\DZ\DZSETUP.EXE".

Install options

1. The first option is Install Drag And Zip Without Fileman Launcher. If you are running under Windows 95 or your version of Windows NT has the Win 95 shell, this option will be the best choice for you. This option will install the Drag And Zip files and make the proper entrees in your registration data base so you can easily zip and unzip files with the right mouse button.
2. The second option is Install Drag And Zip With Fileman Launcher. Fileman Launcher installs as a file manager extension and runs Drag And Zip every time you run the Windows NT File Manager. Fileman Launcher will also keep Drag And Zip's icon uncovered when you are working in the NT File Manager.

Uninstall options

Drag And Zip comes with its own uninstall program. You can run it directly or from Control Panel in Windows 95. If you want to run it directly, the filename is DZUN.EXE and it is in the Drag And Zip directory. Makes sure that

Drag And Zip is not running when you run the uninstall program. The uninstall program will be able to remove most files except the uninstall program itself. You will have to remove the uninstall program manually.

Installing

When you use the DZSetup program to install Drag And Zip it will first ask you which drive and directory you would like to install Drag And Zip to. If the path that you enter is different from the path you are installing Drag And Zip from, all files will be copied over to the new path.

The DZSetup program will then create a program group or a folder of shortcuts called Drag And Zip and put the Drag And Zip, Zip View and DZSetup icons in it.

Because Drag And Zip has built-in zipping, unzipping and virus scanning, you can use it immediately without having to enter the paths of external zip and scanning programs. In addition, Drag And Zip will search your path to find a copy of LHA if you wish to use this program. If you want to enter the name of your World Wide Web browsing program or specifically enter the paths of the other programs, you can have DZSetup present you with a dialog box to enter this information. You can also modify this information from within Drag And Zip itself by choosing the "Settings" menu.

Using Drag And Zip

Creating a Zip File

When you want to create a Zip or LZH file, run Explorer or our file manager, Drag And File and tag the files that you want to compress. Click the right mouse button on one of the files and a context menu will come up. Choose Drag And Zip from the context menu and the Drag And Zip dialog box will pop up.

You can also run Drag And Zip and it will appear as an icon on the lower left of your screen. Drag the tagged files to the Drag And Zip icon and the same dialog will appear.

Zip Filename

In this field you enter the name of the zip file that you want to create.

Output Directory

Enter the directory where you want the zip file to be created. If you are unsure of the directory name, you can use the browse function to find it. If you enter a non-existent directory, Drag And Zip will give you the option to create it.

Add

This will create a new zip file or add files to an existing zip file.

Freshen

This will only replace files in an existing zip file with those selected files that are newer than the files in the zip file.

Update

This is like Freshen but in addition to replacing existing files with newer files, it will also add the files that aren't already in the zip file.

Move Files

This option will delete the original files after they are placed in the zip file. This option is useful when you want to make more space on your hard disk by zipping files.

Zip Subdirectories

This is equivalent to the "-r" argument with PKZIP. When you choose this option, Drag And Zip will not only zip the files in the directories that you dragged to it, it will zip any sub directories that are in the directories and any sub directories in the sub directories, compressing all the files in the directory branch.

Store Pathnames in Subdirectories

This choice is equivalent to the "-p" option in PKZIP. This option won't save path names of the files in the directories that you dragged, but it will save the path names of the files in the sub directories of the directories that you dragged. This option won't be available if you are using LHA.

Store All Pathnames

This option will save the path names of every file that you are zipping.

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Save Set

This is a new feature in Drag And Zip where you can save the list of files that you are zipping and the other parameters into a Zip Set file. This is convenient if you frequently create the same zip files for backup purposes. This option will save all the zip parameters into a “.DZZ” file. Then you can automatically recreate the zip file by just double clicking on the DZZ file. You can also run Drag And Zip in batch files with an at sign ‘@’ and the DZZ file to automate the zip file creation. This DZZ file is text based like an INI file. We have documented the Zip Set format so that other programs can create the DZZ file than then run Drag And Zip to create the zip file.

There are 2 additional tabs in the Create Zip Dialog where you can further modify the zip file parameters.

Archiver

- Built-in Zip This option will create a PKZIP version 2.04G compatible zip file.
- PKZIP. This will cause Drag And Zip to run your copy of PKZIP
- LHA. This will cause Drag And Zip to run your copy of LHA.

Compression

Use the slider to go from no compression to maximum compression.

DOS Compatibility

Drag And Zip can create zip files with long file names, long directory names and names in mixed case but you might have trouble extracting these files under DOS or Windows 3.1x which does not support long and mixed case names. If you need to create a zip file for a DOS environment, you can use the options **Use Short Names** and **Uppercase File Names**.

Make Self Extracting File (EXE)

PKZIP and LHA allow you to make self extracting files. These files have an EXE extension instead of ZIP or LZH. In addition Drag And Zip allows you to make Windows based self-extracting Zip files. These Windows based self-extracting files are 16 bit and will not support long filenames.

Span Multiple Disks

PKZIP version 2 and Drag And Zip's internal zipping allows you to zip files onto multiple floppy diskettes. You select the "Multiple disks" check box to enable this option. When you are zipping to multiple disks, you also can specify if the disks that you are zipping to are to be formatted or just erased, and you can specify if they are high density or low density. You can choose any of these options from the drop-down combo box which becomes active when you check the "Multiple disks" box.

Password Protect

If you are making a Zip file you can also encrypt it so that you need a password to extract files from it. When unzipping the file, Drag And Zip will ask you for the password before unzipping it. Use this option with caution because if you loose the password you won't be able to

unzip the file. This option is the same as the -s option when using PKZIP.

Command Line Arguments

If you are using the external archive programs PKZIP or LHA the command line arguments field will be available. In this field you can enter any PKZIP or LHA command line argument. If you are unfamiliar with the argument needed to select a special option you can click on the help button and you'll find a complete command line reference in the help file.

The third tab is Global Settings. In this window you change the default settings that Drag And Zip uses.

Zippping Directories

With Drag And Zip, you can compress subdirectories just like files. Just select the directories that you want to compress and either drag them to the Drag And Zip icon or use the pop up context menu. If you are using our file manager, Drag And File, tag the directories in the left window and drag them to the Drag And Zip icon.

When a directory is dragged, all the files in the directory will be compressed. If you want to zip any sub directories in the dragged directory, you can click on "Zip Subdirectories" and also "Store Pathnames" or "Store All Pathnames".

If you've tagged whole directory branch with sub directories from Explorer or Drag And File you should not use the "Zip Subdirectories" option because that would make the directories get zipped twice.

Changing Drag And Zip's settings

To change Drag And Zip settings bring up the Create Zip dialog box. In Windows 95 you do this by right clicking on a file and choosing Drag And Zip from the menu. Under Windows NT you drag files to the zipper icon. Click on the Global Settings Tab.

Output Directory

You have two choices of the default output directory that Drag And Zip will enter into the zip dialogs. One is the current directory, which is the directory that you dragged the files from. The other is the directory that you used the last time that you used Drag And Zip.

PKZIP Version 2 or Greater

It's important that this option be checked if you are running with PKZIP version 2.04, and that it not be checked if you are running with PKZIP version 1.1. That way Drag And Zip can pass the proper commands to PKZIP when it is running it. No other versions of PKZIP are currently supported. When you choose your PKZIP directory, Drag And Zip will try to determine this automatically.

PKZIP Location

This should contain the directory where your copies of PKZIP and PKUNZIP are. It is not necessary to fill this out if you are using the built-in zipping and unzipping. You will need to fill this out if you want to make self-extracting zip files and ZIP2EXE is not on your path. When this field is active, you can use the browse button to find the PKZIP directory.

LHA Location

This should contain the directory where your copy of LHA.EXE is. When this field is active, you can use the browse button to find the LHA directory.

Path For Temporary Files

Drag And Zip normally creates temporary files and temporary directories in its home directory. This may not be possible if you are running Drag And Zip from a network and you don't have write access to the DZ home directory. For conditions like this, you can specify a directory where Drag And Zip can store temporary files.

Save Settings

Your settings will be saved automatically when you create an archive. If you don't want to create an archive and just want to save your settings, choose this option and then choose the close button from the bottom of the dialog box.

Icon Always Visible

This option will only be available under Windows NT with Program Manager. Checking this option will make Drag And Zip's icon visible at all times. This is not necessary if you are running Drag And Zip with Fileman Launcher, as Fileman Launcher will always uncover DZ's icon when you are working in File Manager.

Icon Stays Where Last Put

This option will only be available under Windows NT with Program Manager. Checking this option will have Drag And Zip remember the position of its icon when you last ran it. This is not necessary if you are running DZ with Fileman Launcher

Icon caption

This option will only be available under Windows NT with Program Manager. Many users have asked if they could shorten or eliminate the caption under the Drag And Zip icon when it is running. Now you can. Just enter whatever you want in this field and it will appear below Drag And Zip's icon when you run it. Unfortunately, if you choose to make this field blank, Windows will put a blank line under the icon rather than not having a caption at all.

Using Zip View: the Drag And Zip Zip File Viewer

Viewing Zip Files

The easiest way to view a Zip file is to right click on the file and choose Zip View from the context menu. If you're using a file manager that doesn't support context menus you can double click on a ZIP, LZH, TAR or GZ file in the file manager. Zip View will run and will show a file listing of the contents of the zip file in a window. The listing will have the file name, the size in bytes, the date and time of the file, the compression method used; and if there is a stored directory name, Zip View will show that also. On the bottom right the number of files in the ZIP file will be displayed, as well as their collective size. You can also drag zip files to the Drag And Zip icon or the Zip View icon to view them.

All Zip View functions are available from the main menu, from the toolbar and from right mouse button context menus.

Zip View Functions

Type To File

Zip View makes it easy to find any file even in a large listing: Just type in the filename. As you type it, the highlight bar will go to that file. An edit window will open up on the bottom left showing you the contents of what you type. You can also just type in a partial filename and use the up and down arrows to scroll through the matches.

You don't have to close the Zip View window to view another ZIP file. Just double click on another ZIP file and Zip View will show it. You can also bring files into Zip View by dragging them to its icon or window or by using Zip View's file menu.

There are eight buttons across the top of the screen. You can click the mouse on them or use the Alt key and the underlined letter on the button. Clicking on a file will move the highlight bar to that file. You can then tag the file so Zip View will know that you want to unzip it.

Tagging Files

You can tag any in one of three ways:

1. Hold down the Ctrl key and click on the file with the left mouse button.
2. Highlight the file and then press the space bar.
3. Highlight the file and press the left arrow key to tag and the right arrow key to untag.

You can untag the file by doing the same procedure on a tagged file.

A tagged file will have a red arrow at the front of its listing. Like File Manager, Zip View lets you tag a group of files by holding down the Shift key and clicking on a file. You can also tag and untag files with the Right and Left Arrow keys respectively. Use the Ctrl key with the arrow keys to tag and untag all the files. Double clicking on a file will extract it and run it if it is a "COM" or "EXE" file, or will run the program that you have associated with the file if it is a data file. For example, if you clicked on CHESS.BMP, Zip View would extract CHESS.BMP from the parent ZIP file and then check which program you have associated with it. Most likely you have Windows Paintbrush as the associated program. In this case, Zip View will run Paintbrush with CHESS.BMP as an argument. When you close the associated program, Zip View will delete the file. Before deleting the file, Zip View will check if it has been modified. If it has been modified, you can have Zip View replace the older version of the file in the ZIP file with the newer modified one. Simply click on OK when Zip View asks you if you want to put the modified file back into the ZIP file. If you double click on a file that has no program associated with it, you will be able to choose from a list of programs to run with it.

View/Quick View

The first button is "View". Clicking on this or pressing "Alt-V" or choosing "Quick View" from the context menu will have Zip View extract the file from the zip file and load up a file viewer so you can see the contents of the file. If you are running under Windows 95, the built in Quick View will be used unless Canyon Software's viewer Drag And View is available. If neither of these are available, Zip View will use its built in file viewer. The file being

viewed will only be extracted temporarily. If you want the file extracted permanently, you must choose the extract button from the button bar.

If you would rather use another viewer, you can do so through the settings dialog which is explained below.

Delete

You can delete any file or group of tagged files from the ZIP file by clicking on the "Delete" button or pressing "Alt-D".

Launch

Clicking on "Launch" or pressing "Alt-L" will extract any file from the ZIP file and run it if it is a program or run it with its associated program if it is a data file or graphic. If no program association exists for the file, you will be able to choose one.

Extract

To extract (unzip) files from a ZIP, LZH, TAR or GZ file, choose the "Extract" from the button bar or context menu. A dialog box will pop up in which you can enter the zip filename, and a specific output directory.

In the Extract Dialog box there are three radio buttons that give you the choice of extracting all the files, just the tagged files, or just the highlighted file.

To extract files from a zip file you don't have to do anything more than choose OK. However there is an options box provided with 2 check boxes in it.

The first check box is "Overwrite Existing files". Normally if the file that you are extracting will overwrite

an existing file, you will be warned before it is overwritten. Choosing this option will suppress this warning.

The next option is "Create Directories Stored in Zip File". If your zip file has directory information stored in it, then this option will recreate those directories when the files are extracted.

If the zip file that you are working with has been encrypted with a password, there will be a field for you to enter the password. Passwords are case sensitive. You won't be able to extract files from the file unless the correct password is entered.

If you are using an external archive program the command line arguments field will be available. Enter any additional command line arguments into the arguments field. They will be passed to PKUNZIP or LHA when it is run.

Working With GZ and TAR Files

GZ and TAR files are very popular on the Internet. GZ files usually only contain one compressed file while TAR files can contain many files in a non compressed form. Drag And Zip has built-in routines to extract files from these archives so no additional programs are needed. We've gotten the code to extract GZ files from the code posted by the Free Software Foundation. In keeping with their license agreement we will make the source code for the GZ extractor available to anyone who wants a copy. The file ZVGZ32.ZIP can be found on our BBS. This file contains the source code to the GZ extractor.

Scan

Drag And Zip has a built-in version of the Integrity Master virus scanner licensed from Stiller Research. All you need

to do is click on the Scan button to check a zip file for possible viruses. Integrity Master will run and the results placed in a dialog box. You can also install an external virus scanner. For Drag And Zip to run a virus scanner properly, the scanning program must support command line arguments. That way Zip View can run it and tell it which files to scan without your having to navigate through menus. Unfortunately most Windows- based scanner programs don't work this way. Most likely your scanning program will be DOS based; and in that case Zip View will run it in a DOS window.

Check Out

Check out is good for those of you who download files from BBSs and then want to quickly try them out to see if you like them or not. Normally you would have to first extract the files and then run the installation program. If you didn't like the program you would then have to delete it manually. Check Out will do all of that automatically for you. Check Out temporarily unzips a file and puts the extracted files in a "Check Out" program group so you can "Check them out". When you're all done you can delete the extracted files and the "Check Out" group automatically, or if you want to keep the group, you can save it under another name.

There is also an option to scan the files for viruses before putting them in a program group.

Open (File Menu)

The easiest way to use Zip View is to double click on any ZIP file in your file manager. However you can also use its file menu or just drag a file to Zip View and view it. This is especially useful for viewing self-extracting ZIP files that you can't view by double clicking on them.

Exit (File Menu)

Click on this menu entry to exit Zip View.

Sort (Main Menu Bar)

By default, the ZIP file listing is unsorted. You can choose to have it sorted by Filename, Extension, Date and Time, or Size through this menu. There is also an option to save the desired sort for future sessions of Zip View.

Make EXE (Options Menu)

This option will be available for ZIP and LZH files. Choosing this option will make your ZIP or LZH file into an EXE file that will extract automatically when you run it. With a Zip file you have the choice to make the self-extracting file DOS or Windows based. A Windows based self-extracting file will open up a dialog box similar to Zip View from which you can select which files to extract. To make a DOS based self-extracting executable (EXE) from a ZIP file, Zip View will run your copy of ZIP2EXE.

Fonts (Options Menu)

Clicking on Fonts will bring up a standard Windows 3.1 font dialog box from which you can change the default font in Zip View.

Using Zip View without File Manager

Zip View can also be run alone instead of from Windows File Manager. You can use the "File\Open" menu option to choose a ZIP file to view. You can also drag files from your file manager to Drag And Zip or Zip View and view them. You can use these methods to view self extracting ZIP files that you can't view by double clicking on them.

Changing Zip View's Settings

Settings (Options Menu)

Choosing the settings option will bring up the Settings dialog box:

Output Directory

This option lets you choose the default output directory to unzip files to. The choices are:

Current Directory - the directory where the file you're viewing currently resides.

Previous Zip Directory - the last directory that you extracted files to.

Display Options

These options allow you to choose which information Zip View will show in its ZIP file display. Normally, any stored path information will be shown. But if you click on "Show CRC", Zip View will show CRC information instead. Whichever view option you choose will be saved automatically for future Zip View sessions.

Built-in Unzipping

Choosing this option will use Drag And Zip's internal unzipping for extracting files from zip files. If this box is not checked, you will have to enter the directory where your copy of PKUNZIP is.

PKZIP Version 2 or Greater

If you are using an external copy of PKUNZIP instead of Drag And Zip's built-in Unzipping, it is necessary that the state of this option reflects the version of PKUNZIP that

you are using as it will determine which options are sent to PKUNZIP when it is run.

PKUNZIP Location

This field should indicate the directory where your copies of PKZIP and PKUNZIP are. When this field is active, you can use the Browse button to help you find PKUNZIP.

LHA Location

This field should indicate the location where your copy of LHA.EXE is. When this field is active, you can use the Browse button to help you find LHA.

Anti-Virus

Drag And Zip has a special built-in version of Integrity Master virus scanner licensed from Stiller Research. By default this option will be selected. Zip View also supports McAfee's Scan 95, Scan and Norton Anti Virus for Windows 95. If you have either of these programs installed, you can choose them from the drop down menu.

Viewing Program

Enter the viewing program that you want Drag And Zip to use to view a file from within a Zip file. If there is no viewing program installed, Drag And Zip will default to the Windows 95 Quick View if you are running under Windows 95. If you are running under Windows NT, Drag And Zip will use it's built-in ASCII viewer.

Configure Toolbar (Options Menu)

Drag And File's button toolbar is very easily modified allowing you to add and delete different buttons.

Programs can also be added to toolbar buttons. All toolbar buttons can be configured to use Alt or Ctrl key combinations as hot keys. Alt hot keys are shown in the lower right of the button as black on gray. Ctrl hot keys are shown as white on black. There is also an option to completely hide the toolbar. If the toolbar is hidden, the configured hot keys are still active.

To modify the toolbar:

1. Choose Customize Toolbar from the Options menu.

The Toolbar Customize dialog appears:

In the list box on the left appear the available button choices. The top entries is SEPARATOR. SEPARATOR adds a space between two buttons. In the list box on the right appear the buttons that are currently part of the toolbar along with their hot keys.

To add a new button

1. Select the position in the Toolbar buttons list box where you want the button to appear. The new button will appear before the selected button. You can also drag buttons in the Toolbar buttons list box to modify their position.
2. Select the button that you want to add from the Available buttons list box. You can also choose SEPARATOR. If a command button is already in the Toolbar buttons list box, it won't be in the Available buttons list.
3. Choose Add or drag the button to the right hand list box. The button will be added.

To remove a button

1. Select the button that you want to remove from the Toolbar buttons list box. Click on Remove or drag the button to the left hand list box. The button will be removed.

To add or change a button hot key

1. Highlight the button whose hot key you want to change or add. Select the letter of the hot key that you want to use from the drop down list box in the lower right of the Customize Toolbar dialog box. Choose Alt or Ctrl

if you want the hot key to use the Alt key or the Ctrl key.

When you are finished making changes to the toolbar, choose OK. All changes will be saved and windows updated. If you choose a hot key that is already in use, you will be warned before saving the new hot key.

Using Zip View with WWW Browsers

Zip View has been made to work with many World Wide Web browsers. All you have to do is see that your browser is properly listed in the Zip View Settings dialog. If it is, Zip View will run automatically whenever you bring a GZ, ZIP, TAR or LZH file from the net.