

Unzipping files

To unzip files from an existing zip archive, choose “Open...” from the File menu and open the zip archive. The number of open windows in Ziplt is limited only by available memory. Select the files that you want to unzip, or choose “Select All” from the Edit menu to select all the files. Hold down the command (⌘) key while clicking to select more than one discontinuous file, or the shift key to select multiple files that are displayed contiguously. Choose “Extract” from the Zip menu or double-click on one of the selected files. Find the folder into which you want to put the extracted files, and rename the first file if you want by changing the name in the dialog box. Then choose either “Save” or “Save all.” If you choose “Save all,” all the files will be stored in the same folder, using their original names. If you choose “Save,” Ziplt will ask you where to put each file.

Note: If any file has a name longer than 31 characters (i.e., if it was zipped on a Unix-based system), Ziplt will truncate the filename to 31 characters. This may cause problems if there are multiple files that do not have unique filenames up to the 31st character.

Shortcut: Double-click on an archive in the Finder, or drag the archive onto Ziplt’s icon under System 7. Then immediately hold down the option key. The entire contents of the archive will be automatically decompressed, and Ziplt will quit when it is done.

“Open” Dialog Box

The “Open” dialog box gives you a number of options as to which files to display. If you choose “Look inside files,” then Ziplt will examine each file and try to determine whether or not it is a zip archive. Some extensions, such as SuperBoomerang, interfere with this process. If Ziplt starts to crash after you choose this option, then delete Ziplt’s preferences file to reset this option.

If you choose “Show only ‘.zip’ files,” Ziplt will list only files whose name ends in “.zip”. This is the default.

Choosing “Show possible files” lists all files whose types are “reasonable” for a ZIP archive. Currently, that list includes: TEXT, ?????, BINA, ZIP and pZIP.

Choosing “Show all files” tells Ziplt to show all files, regardless of type.