

7 best features of WinRAR

The 7 best features of WinRAR are what make this file compression and decompression software a truly useful tool for every user. Let's explore these great features of WinRAR with TipsMake.

WinRAR is software that allows users to compress and decompress data files on their computers, which is very helpful in data preservation, as well as transferring and sending data for work and study. In addition, WinRAR has many other useful features that you may not know about. Besides WinRAR, there are other software programs such as 7-Zip and WinZip. 7-Zip is considered a competitor to WinRAR because its decompression speed is also quite fast, while WinZip can be considered a second version of WinRAR.

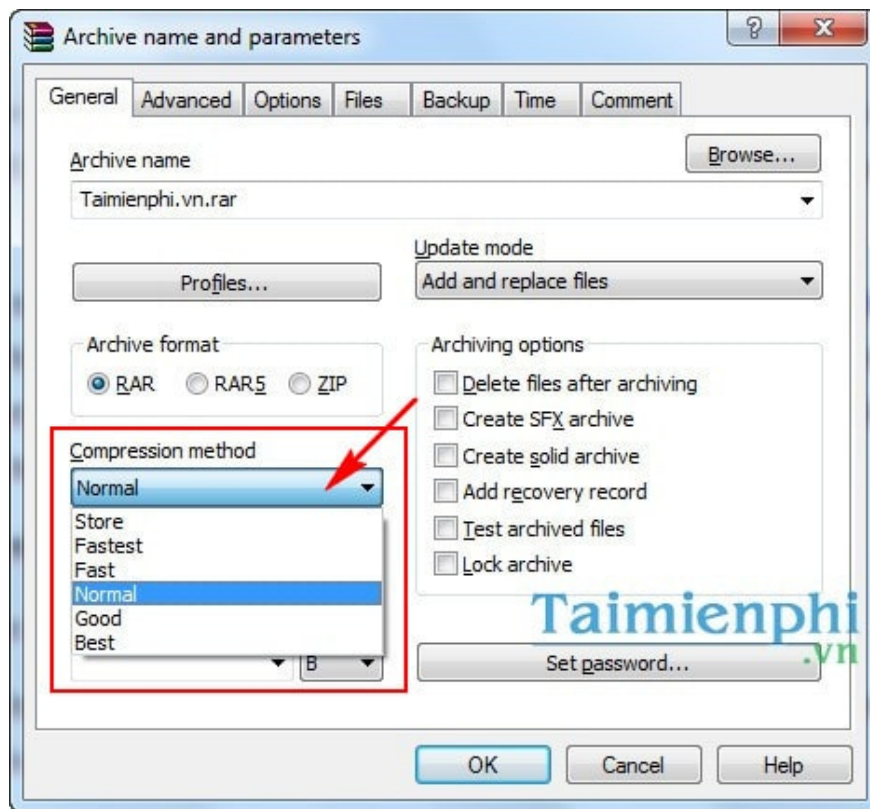


File compression is a feature widely used on computers today, often through software like WinRAR. WinRAR allows for fast and easy file compression .

Furthermore, installing WinRAR is quite simple for users. After successfully **installing WinRAR** , we can use it to compress large data files to a smaller size to save hard drive space. Now, TipsMake will introduce you to 7 of WinRAR's best features.

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1. *Change the compression settings.*



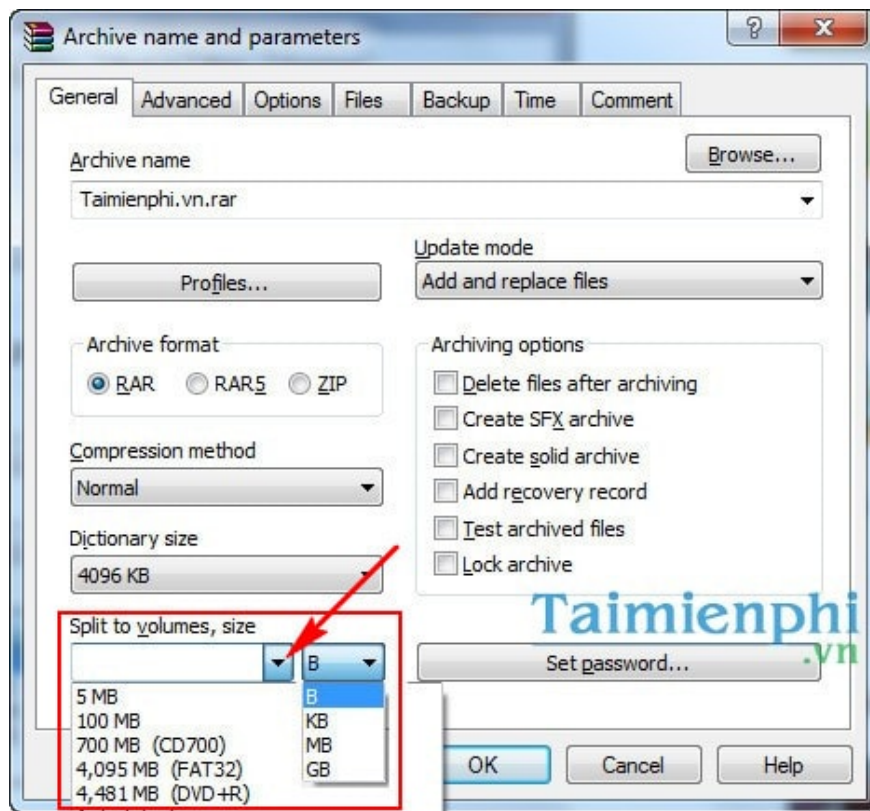
A feature often overlooked, WinRAR offers six different options corresponding to different compression types and compression quality.

In the Compression method section, we have the following options:

- Store: Fastest compression time, but large compression size, prone to errors, unsuitable for compressing large data files.
- Faster: Compression time is faster than normal, slower than Store, and the compressed file size is also quite large. Similar to Store, this compression method is not suitable for large data files and is prone to errors.
- Fast: Compression time is faster but not as fast as Faster; the compressed file size is only slightly higher. However, according to reviews, this is still not a suitable method for compressing large data files.
- Normal: This is the most commonly used compression type. The speed depends on the data size, it's quite stable, and rarely experiences errors when compressing large data files.
- Good: Compression takes longer than normal, but the compressed file quality is higher, even though the compressed file size is quite small compared to Normal.
- Best: Longest compression time, resulting in the smallest possible compressed file size, suitable for large data files to avoid errors during use.

2. Split the file to be compressed into smaller parts.

This is a feature that was used quite a lot in the past, before external storage devices (portable HDDs, USB drives) existed. Similar to file compression, this feature simply breaks down the file into smaller fragments.



In the Split to volumes section, the size option will provide default choices for splitting the file into smaller data segments. The adjacent column indicates the number of segments to be split within the file.

The method for splitting a file to be compressed has been published in the article on **splitting** compressed files; you can view it and learn more about how to use this feature.

In addition, under the Archiving options section, we also have other options such as :

- Delete files after archiving: Delete the original files after the compression is complete.
- Create SFX archive: Creates a file that can be automatically extracted without the need for decompression software (usually used for devices without decompression tools).
- Create solid archive: This compression method is only available in WinRAR and is effective for large numbers of small files. However, the compression time is quite long and errors are likely to occur.
- Add recovery record: Create a backup to protect the compressed file so that it can be repaired if errors occur during the process.
- Test archived files: Check the compressed file after completion.
- Lock archive: This locks the file, preventing you from editing the compressed file once you use it.

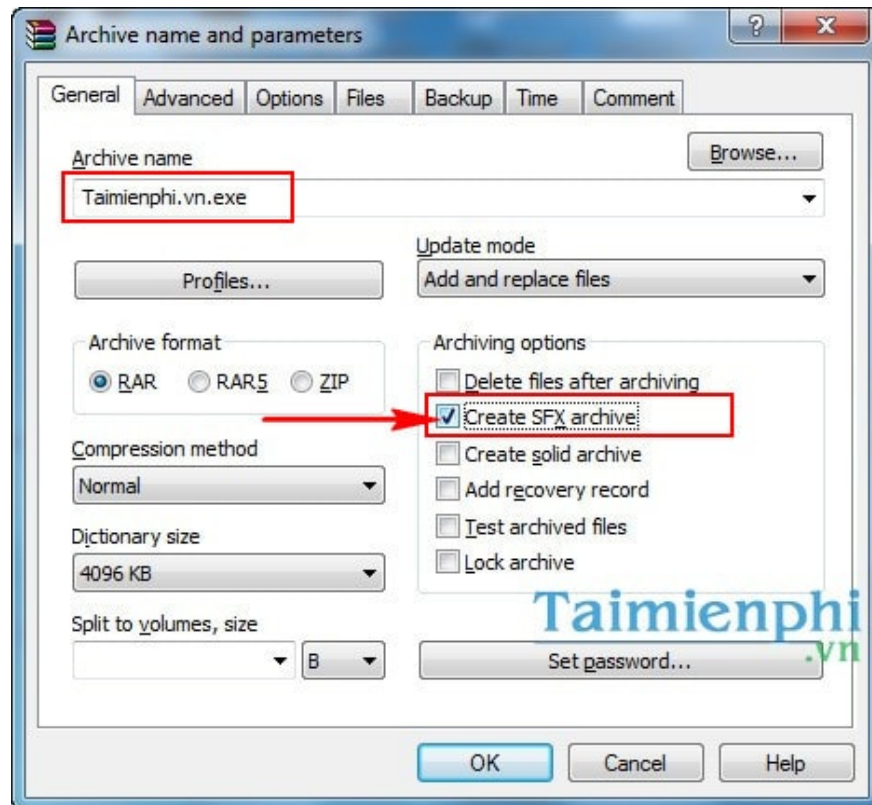
3. Set a password for the compressed file.

This is a way to increase data security after file compression is complete, preventing malicious actors from using the data.

TipsMake has provided detailed instructions on how to set a password and create a password to protect your compressed file in the article "How to set a password for a compressed file using WinRAR". You can view and follow the instructions.

4. Create a self-extracting file (.EXE)

This is a commonly used method to extract data files without using a decompression tool.



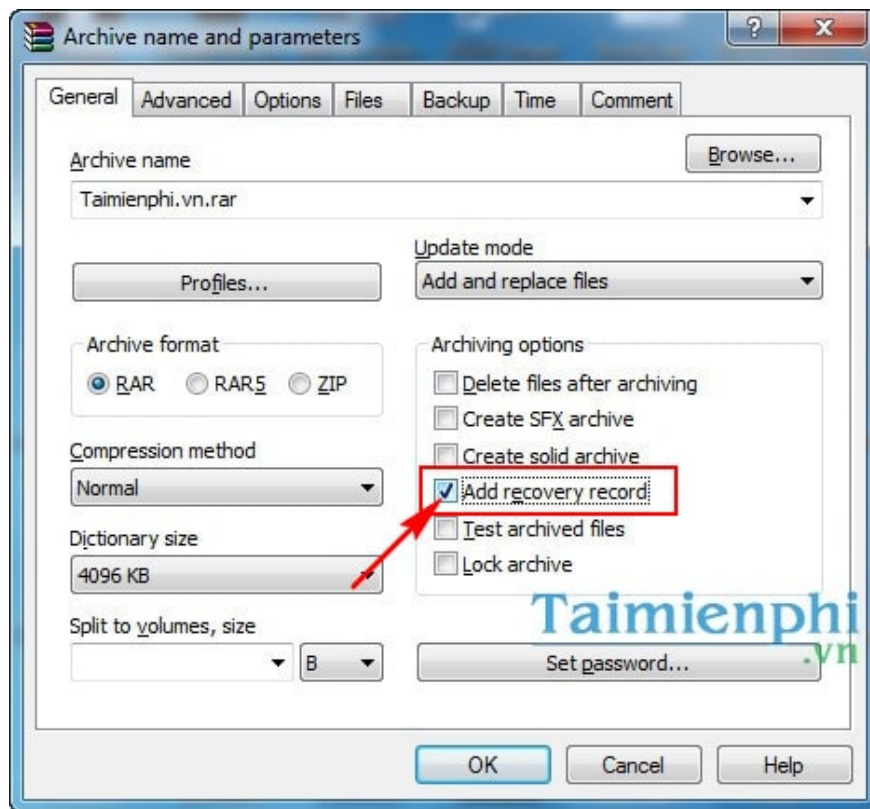
In the file compression interface, select the "Create SFX archive" option. Immediately, your compressed file will change from .rar to .exe.

To learn more about how to create self-extracting files, you can refer to the article **on creating exe compressed files** using WinRAR, which TipsMake has already answered in previous posts.

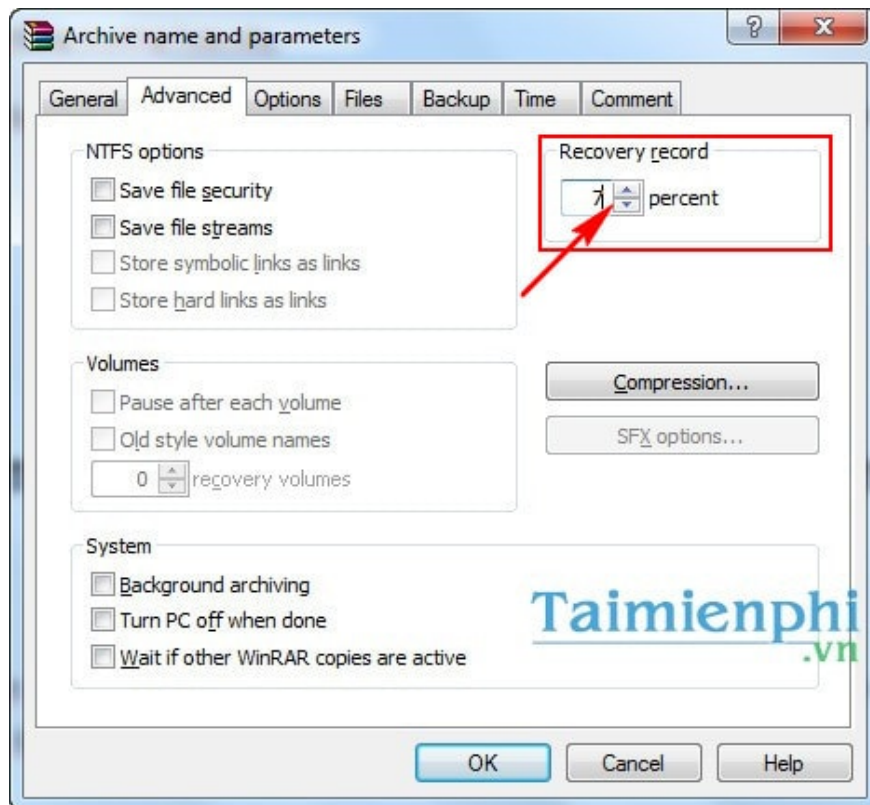
5. Use Recovery to restore corrupted WinRAR compressed files.

During the file compression process, large data files or problems occurring during compression can affect the process and easily lead to errors. The Recovery feature is used in these situations.

To use this feature, we check the "Add recovery record" box.

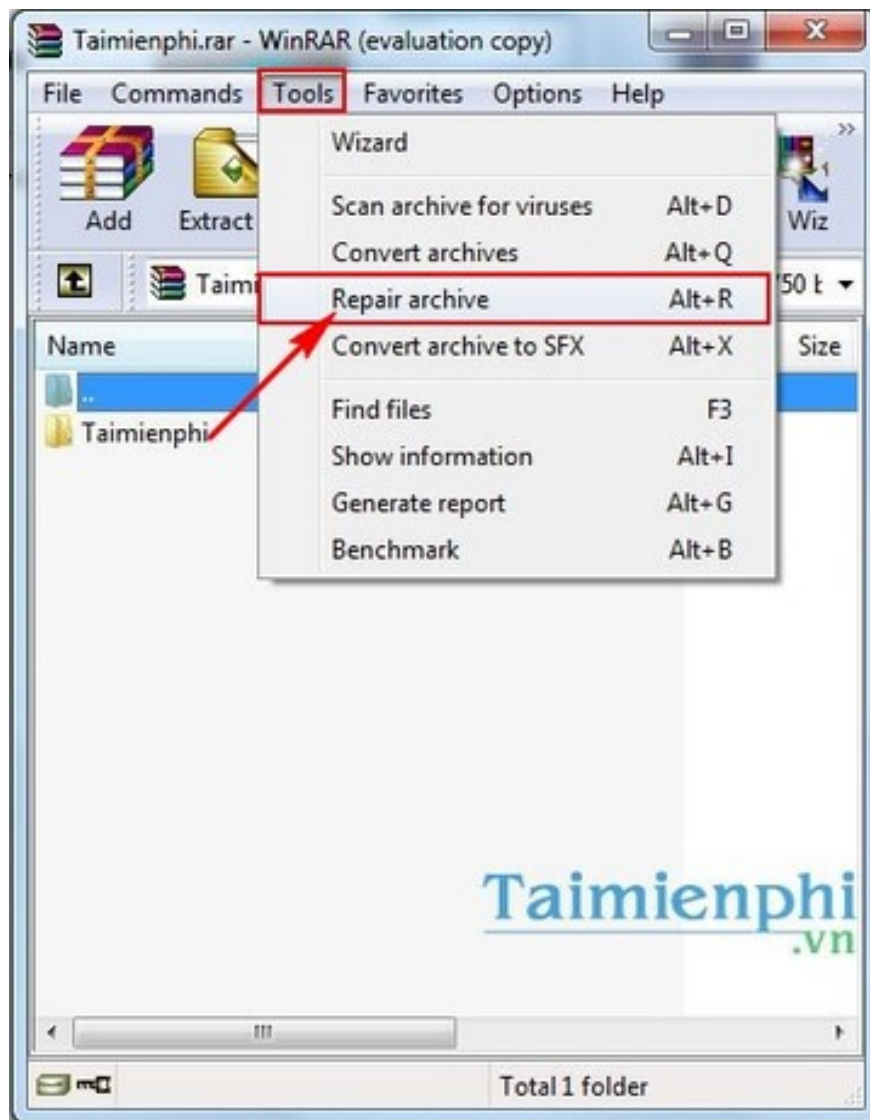


Click on the Advanced tab to add more options, and change the Recovery record setting to increase the recovery rate for corrupted files.



6. How to fix corrupted WinRAR compressed files

After enabling Recovery during the file compression process, if the compressed file is corrupted, we can easily repair it.



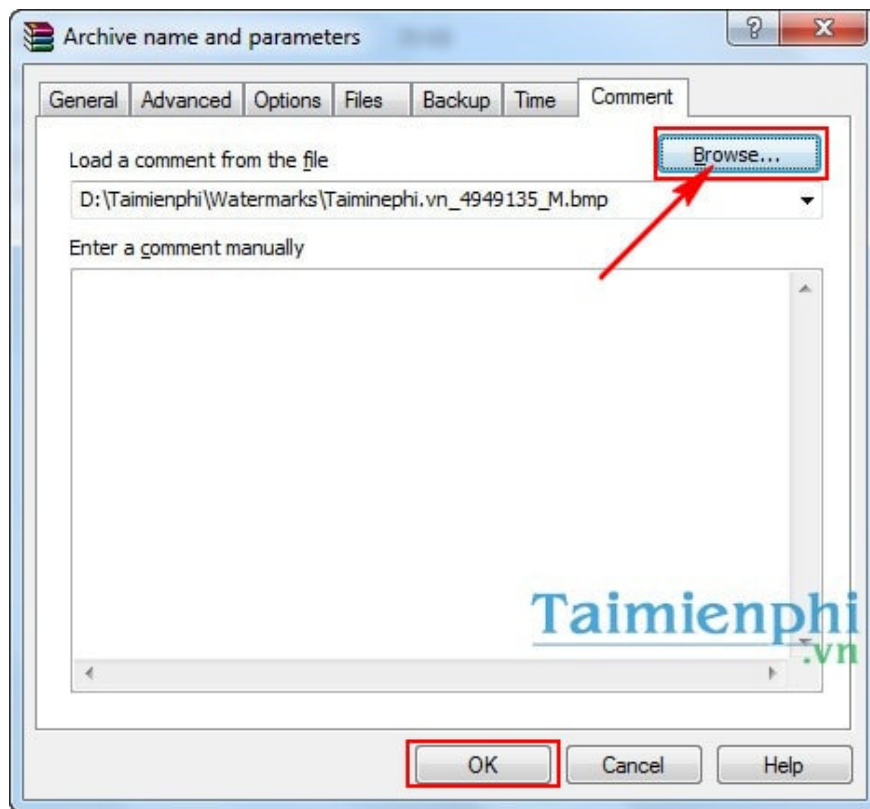
Click on the Winrar file, select the tab, and then select Repair archive.

TipsMake has provided instructions on how to recover data from compressed files and repair corrupted Winrar files in the article **on recovering data from damaged compressed files** . You can find more information in that article.

7. Add personal markings to the compressed file.

This is how we can insert personal markings into compressed files to prevent someone from using our compressed files for malicious purposes.

You can click on the Comment tab and then click Browse to select your comment.



Then press OK to confirm.

Above are 7 of WinRAR's best features that the publisher offers users with convenient options. In addition, WinRAR also allows users to open ISO files to access the data within them. With detailed steps recorded in the article "[How to open ISO files,](#)" we believe you will be able to access your ISO files easily.

During the extraction process, you may sometimes encounter a "file is corrupt" error and not know how to fix it. Don't worry, TipsMake has already provided instructions on how to fix **the "file is corrupt" error** in previous articles. You can refer to those articles to learn how to resolve this issue.

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