

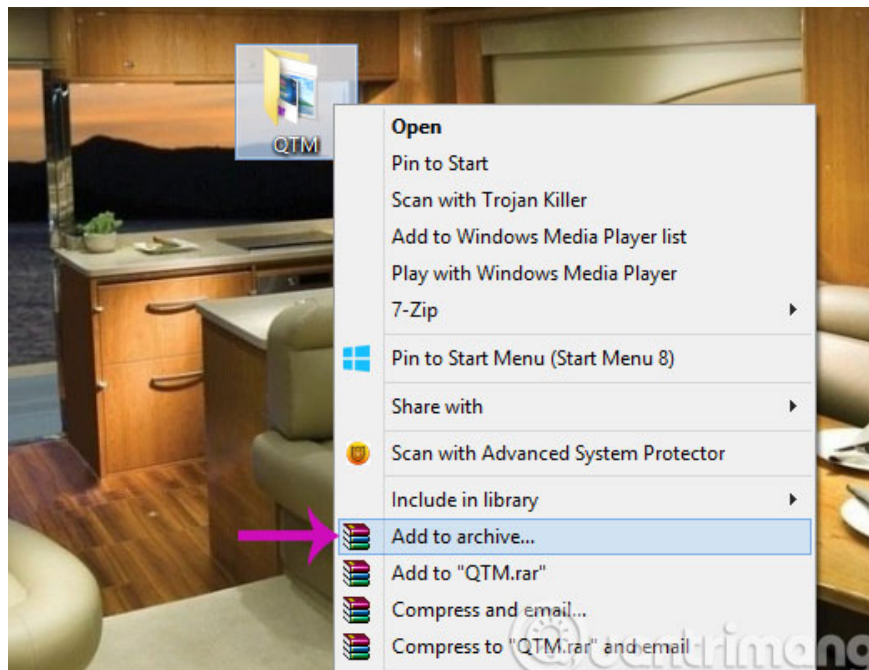
How to compress and decompress files with WinRAR?

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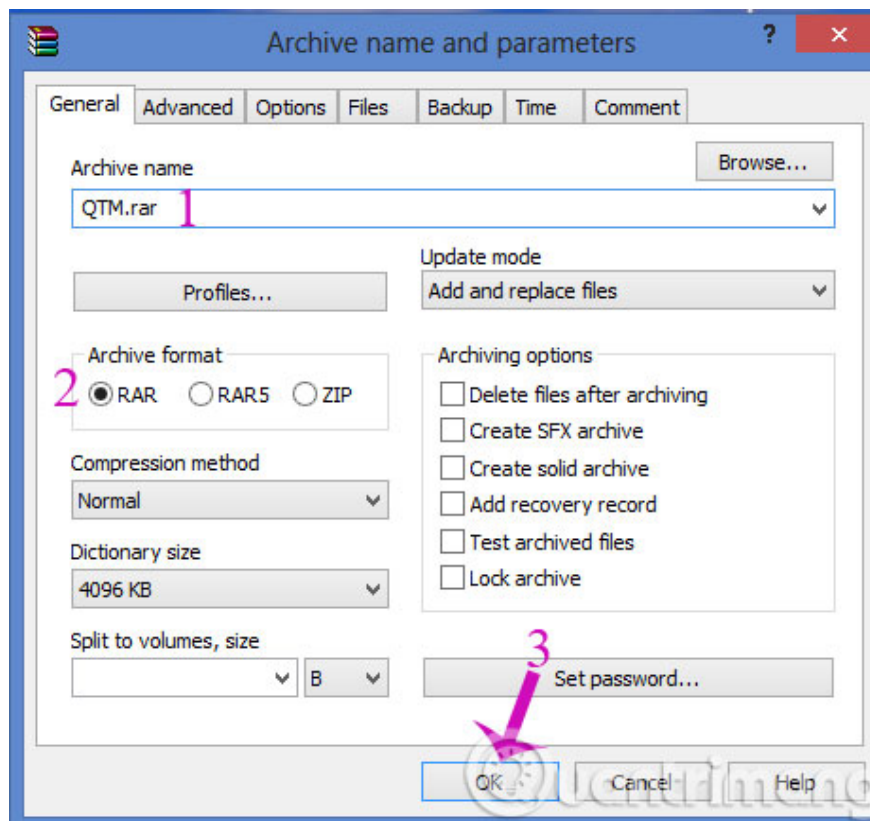
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Instructions for compressing files with WinRAR

Step 1 : Right-click the file to compress and select **Add to archive** .



Step 2 : When the dialog box opens, name it and choose the format for the compressed file and some other customizations

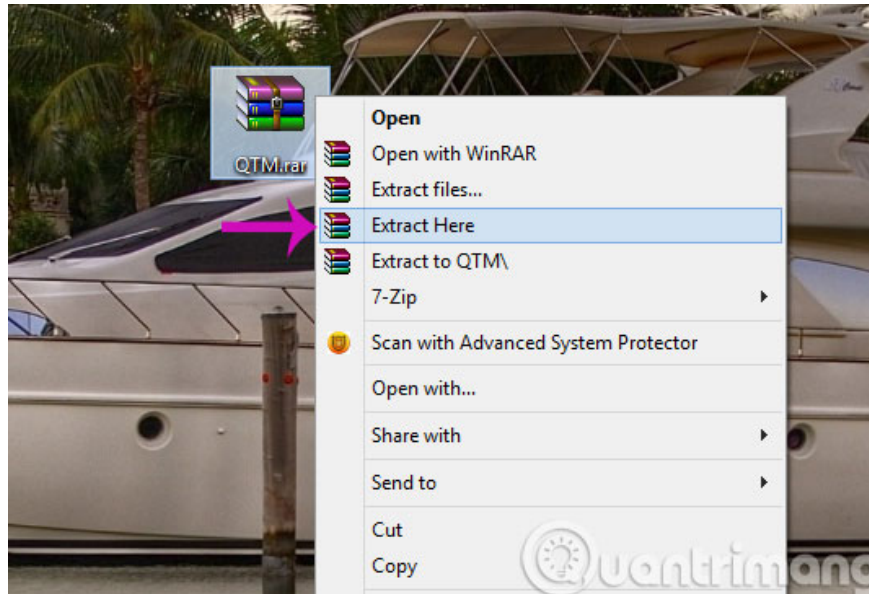


And this is the compressed file.

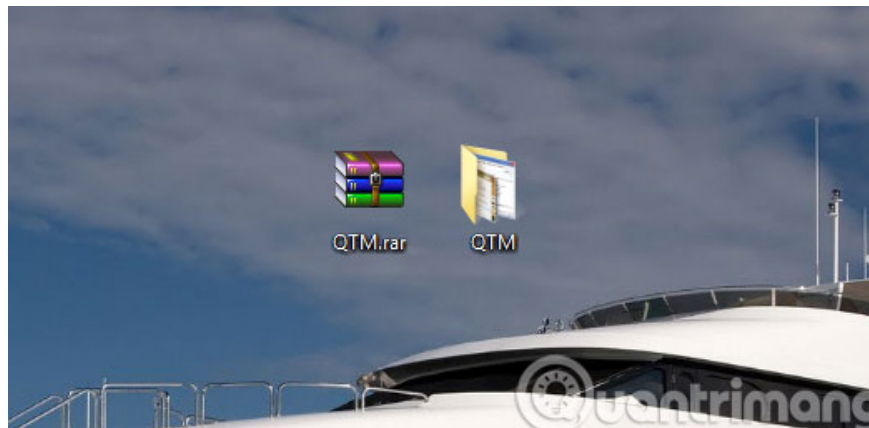


Instructions to extract using WinRAR

Step 1 : Right-click the file to extract and select **Extract Here**



Step 2 : Immediately, the compressed file will pop up next to it



The above is a simple operation for you to compress and decompress a file in your computer. From now on, you can customize it to suit your purpose.

1. [Instructions for solving .Rar, .Zip compressed files online](#)
2. [How to fix the compressed archive using WinRAR?](#)
3. [Create ZIP files in just two steps in Mac OS X](#)

Note when compressing and decompressing files with winrar

- Normally when uploading multiple files at the same time (such as the files of a music disc), we should compress all these files into a single compressed file and then upload this compressed file.

- WinRAR supports setting passwords while compressing files.If we use a password for the compressed file, we must provide the password to the downloader so that they can successfully extract the file

- WinRAR also supports both compressing and splitting files.If the uploader uses WinRAR to both compress and split the file, then the downloader needs to download all the parts and put them in the same directory.Then just

extract the first part and WinRAR will automatically find the rest to join and extract.

- If using Windows XP, you can extract ZIP archives without WinRAR. How to do the following: double click on the zip file, copy the contents of the zip file, then paste it into an existing folder, Windows will automatically extract and put the results into this folder.

- If the message 'The archive is either in unknown format or damaged' or 'No archives found' is displayed when the file is extracted, it means that the compressed file has been corrupted. The damaged file may be due to an unsuccessful download or by the wrong person. If it's the two case, we need to notify the person who compressed this file.

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