

How to create and extract RAR files in Windows 10

RAR files are one of the most common and used file types on PC. Their usage has not changed in Windows 10. In this article, TipsMake.com will talk about RAR files, as well as how to create and extract them in Windows 10.

What is RAR file?

As discussed in the previous article, the RAR file is a compressed file used to store larger files in an archive, to use less space on the hard drive or move more easily. You can easily recognize RAR files, because it uses the .rar file name extension.

Unfortunately, Microsoft doesn't add native support for Windows 10, so to manage .rar files, you'll have to use third-party programs. Probably the best program to create and extract .rar archives is WinRAR.

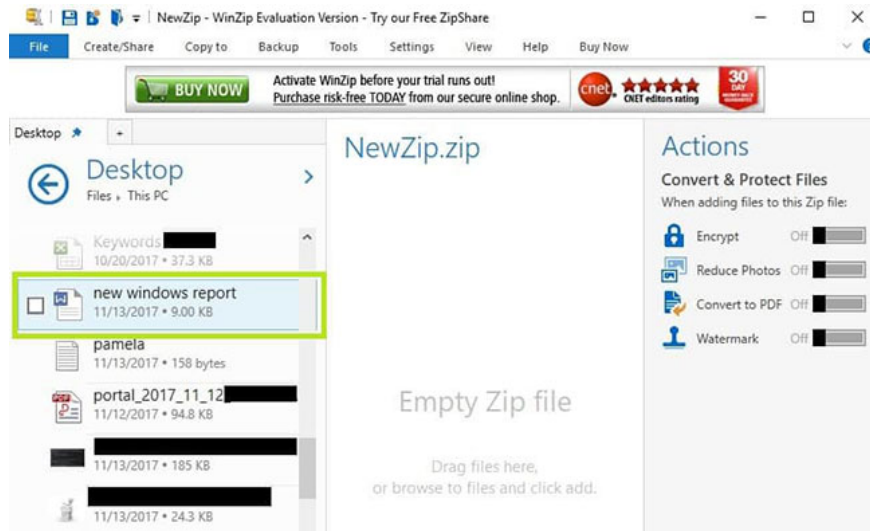
You can download it from the official website and although it is a trial version, you don't have to worry, because for some reason, this version will never expire.

If using WinRAR, please refer to the article: [How to compress and decompress files with WinRAR?](#) for how to do the details.

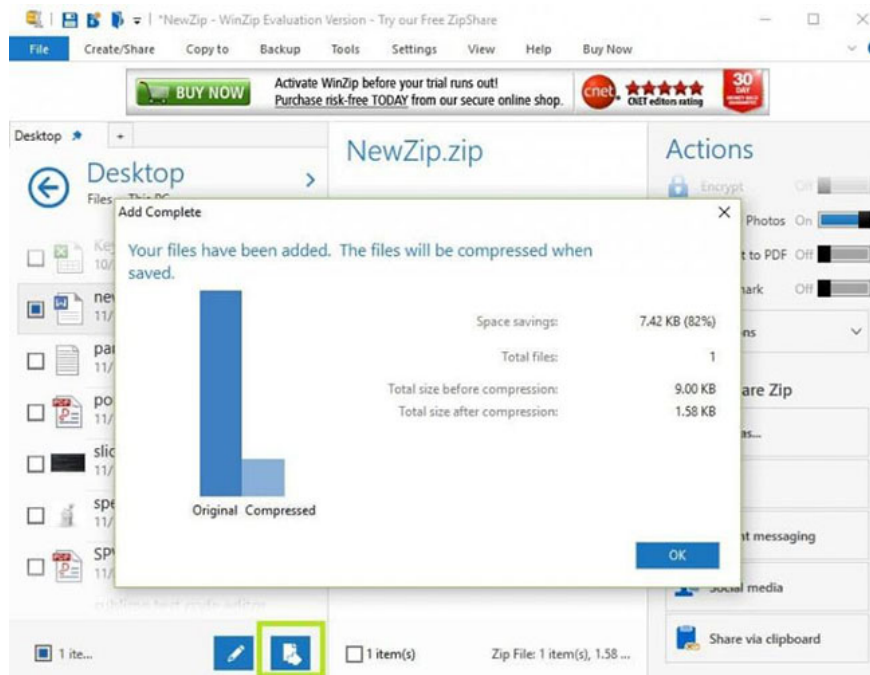
How to create a RAR file with WinZip

To create a .rar file using WinZip, follow these steps:

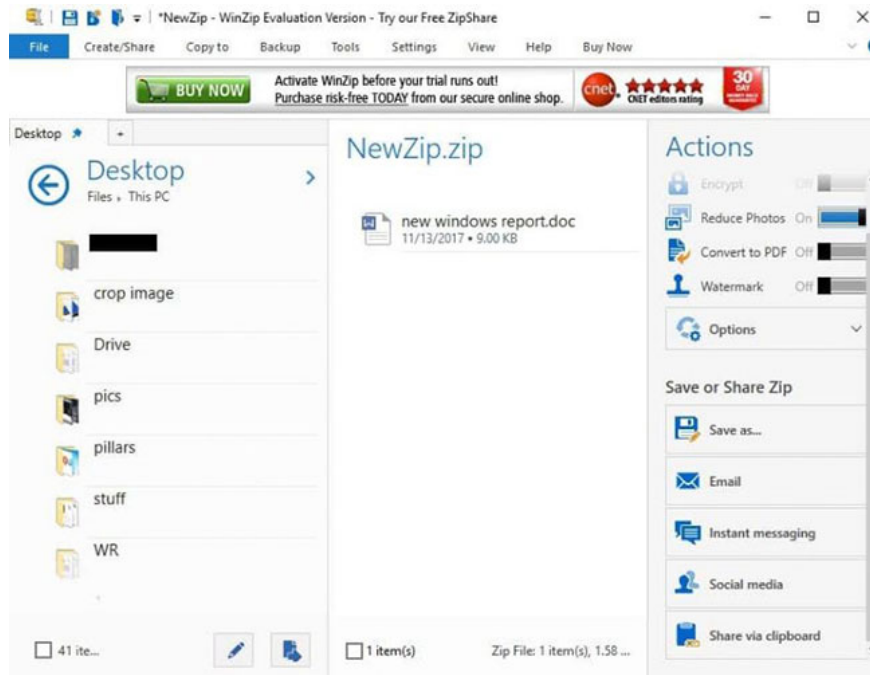
1. Go to **File** , select **New zip file** , add the file you want to convert into .rar file.



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 2. Select the **Zip** option located in the left panel, click **OK**.



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 3. In the right panel, select the action you want to activate before saving files: **Encrypt** / **Reduce photo size** / **Convert to PDF** / **Add a watermark** (*Encode* / *Reduce size photos* / *Convert to PDF* / *Add a watermark*).



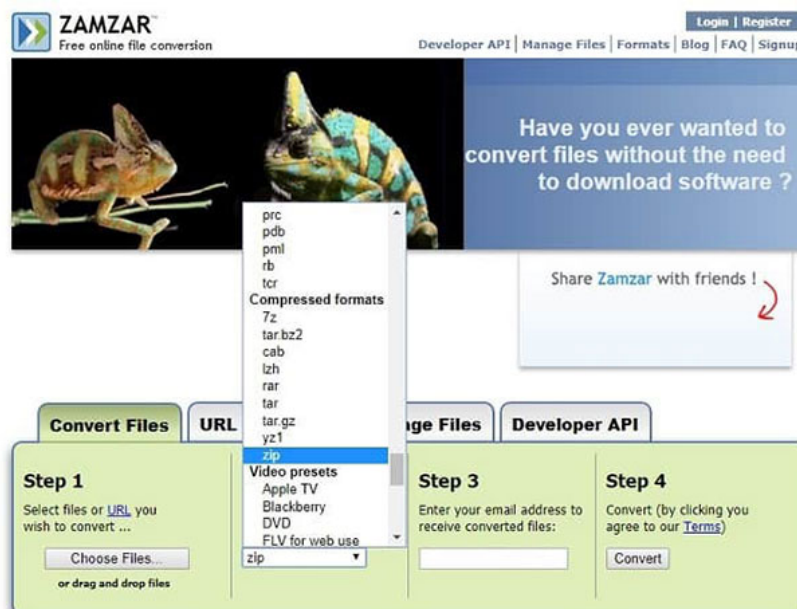
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3. In **Share or save Zip**, you can choose to create a new zip file, email or share it on social networks.

Create RAR file online

If you don't want to download and install a dedicated tool to create and extract RAR files, you can also use online resources to create RAR files.

One of the most popular online RAR conversion tools is Zamzar. The tool supports over 1,000 different file conversion types, including compression formats.



You can use Zamzar to create RAR files online

All you need to do is upload the file (s) you want to compress, select the format to convert, enter your email address to receive the converted files, and then press the **Convert** button .

In a nutshell, if you want to create and extract RAR files, you basically have two options: Download and install a dedicated tool or use an online platform.

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