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I have been accused of a habit of changing my opinions. -- Bertrand Russell

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## Decompressing .ZIPX on Unix-like systems

Any new technology tends to go through a 25-year adoption cycle.  
-- Marc Andreessen

Newer versions of WinZip introduced the extension [.zipx](#) for the ZIP files that use newer compression methods. Many commercial programs offer support for .zipx files but if you want a free and open source program to handle .zipx (especially to *decompress* .zipx files), you can use 7zip (<http://www.7-zip.org/>). 7-zip added support for .zipx files in version 9.18.

On **Windows**, any installer with version >9.18 will do the trick.

On **Unix-like systems**, there are few possibilities to install and use 7zip (mind you, only 7zip versions >9.18 support .zipx format):

- Find a 7zip package for your distribution's package manager (or, compile 7zip yourself).
- Or, you can install and use 7zip in wine (<http://www.winehq.org/>).
- Or, use p7zip POSIX/Linux x86 binary (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/p7zip/files/p7zip/>)

That's it!

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