



How to have a self-extracting Zip file extract to a common folder, like the Desktop

- WinZip
- WinZip Self-Extractor
- WinZip Enterprise

The Self-Extractor header does not support the use of **Environment Variables**. In order to cause your self-extractor to place files in a location that can be expressed by using an environment variable, you would need to first extract the files to some set folder that you would designate (such as **C:\Target**). You would also need to include some sort of script, such as a .bat file, in your Zip file that moves the folder you created to your desired location. This script would then be used as the **Command to Issue**.

For example, if you would like to have your files extracted to a subfolder named **Target** whose location would be on the Desktop, you could use something like the following in a .bat file:

```
MD "%USERPROFILE%\Desktop\Target"  
MOVE /Y C:\Target\*. * "%USERPROFILE%\Desktop\Target"
```

Searching the internet using **DOS commands** or **batch file commands** as a search term will provide many sources for more information regarding creating batch files.

Note: Self-Extractor Personal Edition, included in WinZip, **cannot** use a command to issue and does not support the usage described above.
