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How do I unzip multiple / many files under Linux?

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Q. I've lots of files in a directory called /disk2/images. All files are zip file format , so I am using following command:

```
unzip *.zip
```

Which is result into an error as follows:

caution: filename not matched

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A. Linux or UNIX [unzip command](#) ^[2] will list, test, or extract files from a ZIP archive, commonly found on MS-DOS systems.

When you want to unzip file using wild card, you have two options as follows.

Option # 1 : unzip multiple files using single quote (short version)

Type the command as follows:

```
$ unzip '*.zip'
```

Note that *.zip word is put in between two single quote, so that shell will not recognize it as a *wild card character* .

Option # 2 : unzip multiple files using shell for loop (long version)

You can also use for loop as follows:

```
$ for z in *.zip; do unzip $z; done
```

See also

- [How Can I Zippping and Unzipping Files under Linux?](#) ^[2]

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