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## How do I unzip multiple / many files under Linux?

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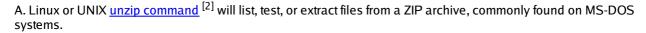
Q. I've lots of files in a directory called /disk2/images. All files are zip file format, so I am using following command:

unzip \*.zip

Which is result into an error as follows:

caution: filename not matched

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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 Zipping and Unzipping Files under Linux? [2]

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