

The UnArchiver

Offset 2 Offset 3 Offset n Directory Size File 1 File 2 File 3 File Entry 3 File Entry 1 File Entry 1

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mechanism

The archive file contains: n Files, n FileEntry objects, offset of FileEntry(where FileEntry array begin) and the number of FileEntry Objects.

Archive

- 1. going over the directory and makes files path copies and save them in List<string>
- 2. writing these files binary to the target archive file
- 3. to every file we've written we created instance of FileEntry with all the data and put that data in List<FileEntry>
- 4. write all FileEntry Objects to the file using Formatter
- 5. write the offset, where FileEntry begin inside archive file
- 6. write the number of FileEntry Objects to archive file.

Extract

The reversed process:

- 1.Read FileEntry offset, and FileEntry Object number from the EOF
- 2.Read the FileEntry Objects and put them inside List<FileEntry>
- 3.making the folder for placing the extracted files
- 4.binary copy and making the files on H.D

Design Summery

For the design of the exercise i used the Following classes:

- [Serializable]FileEntry.cs Class contains the following properties:
 - OffsetStart
 - Size
 - FileName
 - FilePath
- Static Class Archiver.cs: use her methods to archive folder to archive file recursively
 - has a main function in-charge of making the archive file named:
 - Archiver.CreateFromDirectory(string sourceDirectoryName,string destinationArchiveFileName);
- Static Class Extractor.cs: use the various methods to extract archive file completely.
 - has 3 main functions and various helping methods
 - Extractor.GetArchiveInfo(string archiveName); loads all the data from archive file required for unpacking the archive file into different files and folders
 - Extractor.ExtractToCurrentDir(string archiveName); gets archive and un-pack it to the current folder
 - Extractor.ExtractSpecificFileToCurrentDir(string archiveName, string fileToExtract); gets
 archive file and a specific file to un-pack from the archive, for the simplicity of that
 method we used LINQ.
- Class Program.cs:
 - private static void Main(string[] args); runs everything
 - static void RunCommand(string[] args) parses the user arguments