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## How to Split a File Using 7-Zip

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At times you may have to split a large file into several smaller pieces. For example, you may want to split a large file into 700MB sections that will fit on CD's, or split a 50MB file into 10MB chunks so you can email them.

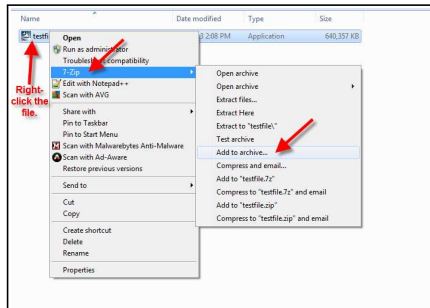
In this tutorial we will show you how to split a file into separate pieces using the 7-Zip archive program.

You will need 7-Zip installed for this tutorial, it is a free open sourced archiving software that is available online, and can be [downloaded here](#).

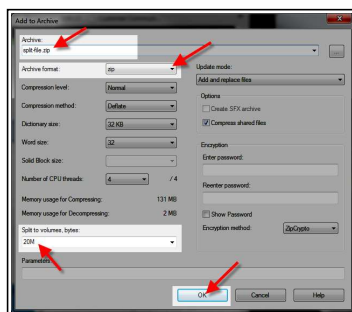
Since the split files will be created in the same folder your original file is in, I recommend creating a new folder and putting the file you are splitting in it.

### Splitting a File:

**Step 1.** Right click the file you want to split, then roll your mouse over the **7-Zip**, then click **Add to archive**. In my tests I am splitting a testfile.exe that is 625MB.



**Step 2.** The **Add to Archive** menu will come up, in the **Archive format** section click the drop-down box and select zip. Then in the **Split to volumes, bytes** section, enter or choose a size from the drop down menu. In my tests I am entering **20M** for 20MB. You can also change the name in the **Archive:** section, be sure to keep the .zip extension at the end of the file name.



**Step 3.** Click the **OK** button. You will see a progress window displaying the status. This will take some time, depending on the size of the file.

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


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After this completes, you will see the separate files in the same location as the original file.

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 split-file.zip.002	2/6/2013 10:16 AM	002 File	20,
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 split-file.zip.009	2/6/2013 10:16 AM	009 File	20,
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Congratulations, now you know how to split a file in to separate pieces using 7-Zip!

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