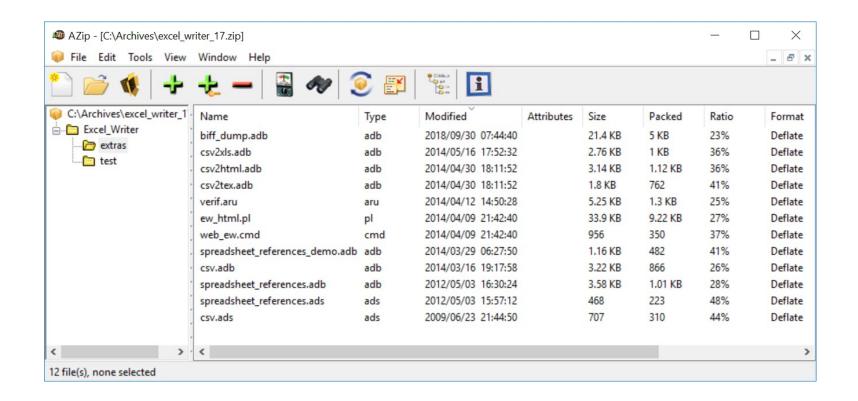


The AZip Archive Manager: a full-Ada Open-Source Portable Application



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Why AZip?

Problem: no free archive manager to my taste

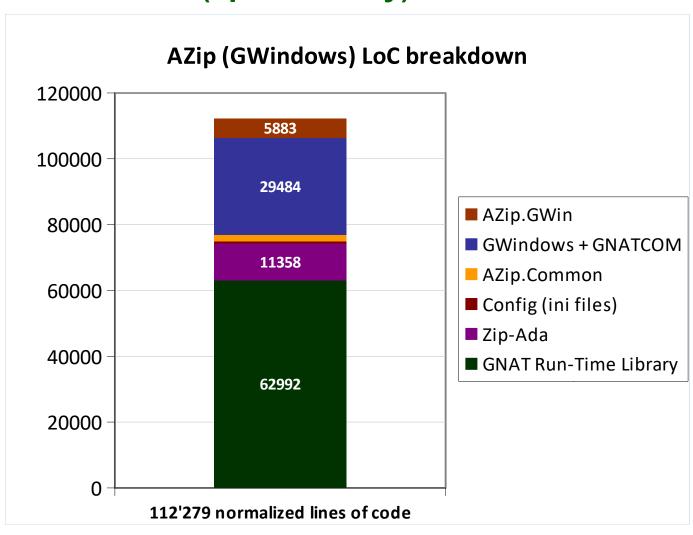
- Others are too complicated, have too many features
- They blur the border between file system and archive
- They lack the few features I need, like a search function

Solution: just do it!

- Good programming exercise
- Opportunity to test the integration of the Zip-Ada library
- Lots of fun!



Inside AZip (GWindows version) – main and 572 with'ed unit files (spec & body)





AZip's portability

There are unfortunately multiple definitions of "portable"

- 1. sources "can be ported" easily to other systems, with some work
- 2. sources compile on all systems supported by compilers, without effort
- 3. binaries run on different systems
- 4. binaries run without installation



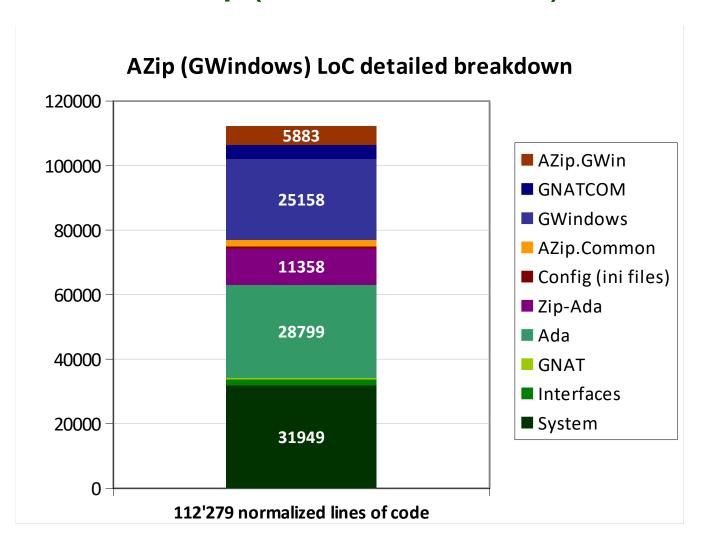
AZip's portability - continued

Bad luck, all those definitions are met in some ways with AZip. We need to clarify...

- **1. sources** "can be ported"... → yes: UI layer above the abstract application layer: GWindows (done), GTK (in the works...)
- 2. sources compile on all systems ... → yes: everything up to and including the abstract application layer ("pure Ada")
- **3.** binaries run on different systems → yes (GWindows executable): though emulators like Wine
- **4. binaries run without installation** → yes (GWindows executable):
 - 1 executable file
 - 1 optional configuration file (stealth mode)



Annex: inside AZip (GWindows version) – more details





References – all you need to build AZip

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