

# RAR Secrets Course Bonus 1

## Bonus 1, Introduction and Notes

By default, RAR.exe and UnRAR.exe support only RAR format archives, which have the .rar file name extension. You could specify a .zip extension when creating an archive, but it will be archived with the RAR format, as ZIP and other formats are not supported in RAR.

Command	A single character set combination specifying an action to be performed. Refer to RAR Command Line Syntax, Bonus 3.
Switch	Switches are used to define a specific type of operation, compression strength, type of archive, etc. refer to the list of RAR switches in Bonus 4.
Archive	The name of the archive to process.
Files	The name(s) of files to be processed.
Listfiles	Listfiles are plain text files that contain names of files to process. File names must start at the first column. It is possible to add comments to a listfile after the // characters. You can specify both usual file names and list files in the same command line.
Pathtoextract	Used only with commands e and x, indicating the folder in which to place extracted files. If this folder does not exist, it will be created.

### Notes

- a) If neither files nor listfiles are specified, then \*.\* is implied and RAR will process all files;
- b) If an archive extension is not specified when creating it, RAR will use the default archive format selected in the default compression profile.  
  
If no archive extension is specified when extracting, WinRAR assumes .rar, so \* means all archives with a .rar extension.  
  
If you need to process all archives without extensions, use the \*. mask, as the \*.\* mask selects all files.  
  
You can use wildcards in an archive name in most operations, such as extraction, test and many others, but wildcards are not allowed when archiving and deleting.
- c) Switches entered on the command line override the same configuration settings.  
See the latest RAR.txt, Configuration File for details.
- d) For commands c, e, s, t, rr, k and x wildcards may be used in the archive name.  
It is possible to process more than one archive with a single command.  
When you specify the -r (recursive) switch with these commands, they will also search for archives in subfolders.
- e) Commands and switches are not case sensitive; you may write them both in upper or lower case
- f) If any component in a RAR command line contains spaces, enclose it within quotes "..." or within underscores \_...\_
- g) For the complete information about RAR, please refer to the latest version of RAR.txt.