

How to Extract Missing System Files From the DVD of Windows 7/Vista

In some circumstances, you may want to extract the original system files (.dll files, .exe files, and others) that are shipped with the DVD of Windows 7 and Windows Vista. Whether you need these files because they are missing in your system, or whether these file were replaced by other versions that caused problems, and you want to get back the original Windows files, here's a simple method to extract these system files from Windows 7/Vista DVD:

Procedure

- 1 Open up your favorite zip utility
- 2 Browse into the sources folder of the Windows Installation DVD with your zip utility.
- 3 Locate a file named 'install.wim' and double-click it.
- 4 Soon you'll see a few numbered folders.
Each numeric subfolder represents a different version of Windows (Starter, Home Basic, Pro and so on).
 - 1 - Windows 7 Starter
 - 2 - Windows 7 Home Basic
 - 3 - Windows 7 Home Premium
 - 4 - Windows 7 Professional
 - 5 - Windows 7 Ultimate
- 5 Select the directory that matches the your system
- 6 You should now see a list of base system folders like 'Program Files' and Windows.
You should now go to the right system folder which contains the files you need.
- 7 Select the files that you want to extract, and then click the 'extract'
- 8 Your utility will ask you to type the destination folder to copy the files to. After you choose or type the desired destination folder, click the 'Ok' button, and the files you need will be extracted to the selected folder.
- 9 Select yes to over write the files.