INTRODUCTION
A disturbing trend has developed as of late.   With the proliferation of multiple compression utilities, everyone has begun to create self-extracting archives (SEAs).   While this is all-and-well, self-extracting archives add to the file sizes of files being transferred.   While 10-20K for the self-extraction code isn't much, it rapidly adds up over multiple transfers.   In addition, the use of self-extraction features on small files can often cause the file to be larger than the original, uncompressed file.

WHAT IT DOES
DeSEA removes the self-extraction code from a self-extracting archive.   DeSEA strips the resource fork, renames the file, and changes the type/creator to its native format.   Since the compressed data is always stored in the data fork, no important data can ever be lost since the data fork is left completely intact.   DeSEA can be run on a single file or on an entire folder of files.   DeSEA is currently configured for the three most popular compression programs: Disk Doubler, Compact Pro, and StuffIt Classic/Deluxe and can be extended to support other formats (see release notes).

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The many people who have mailed suggestions/bug reports who have helped make DeSEA a better and more useful utility. Special thanks to those registered users who have sent postcards -- keep 'em coming.

DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION
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If you find DeSEA useful, why not send me postcard of your place of business, hometown, school, or where you most recently vacationed.   Bug reports, comments, and suggestions are always welcomed.

Enjoy!

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