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**.lnk** (Link) files are very usefull as they can link to both files and directories.

However, somehow the GUI tools for zipping .lnk files tend to compress the .lnk target, not the **.lnk** itself.   
I tried the **Windows Explorer**, **WinZIP** and **7zip GUIs** to no avail.

The **7za command-line** to the rescue:

7za a -tzip lnk-files.zip \*.lnk

Unpacking the zip using the **GUI** works fine though.

You can get the latest 7za [here](http://www.7-zip.org/download.html).