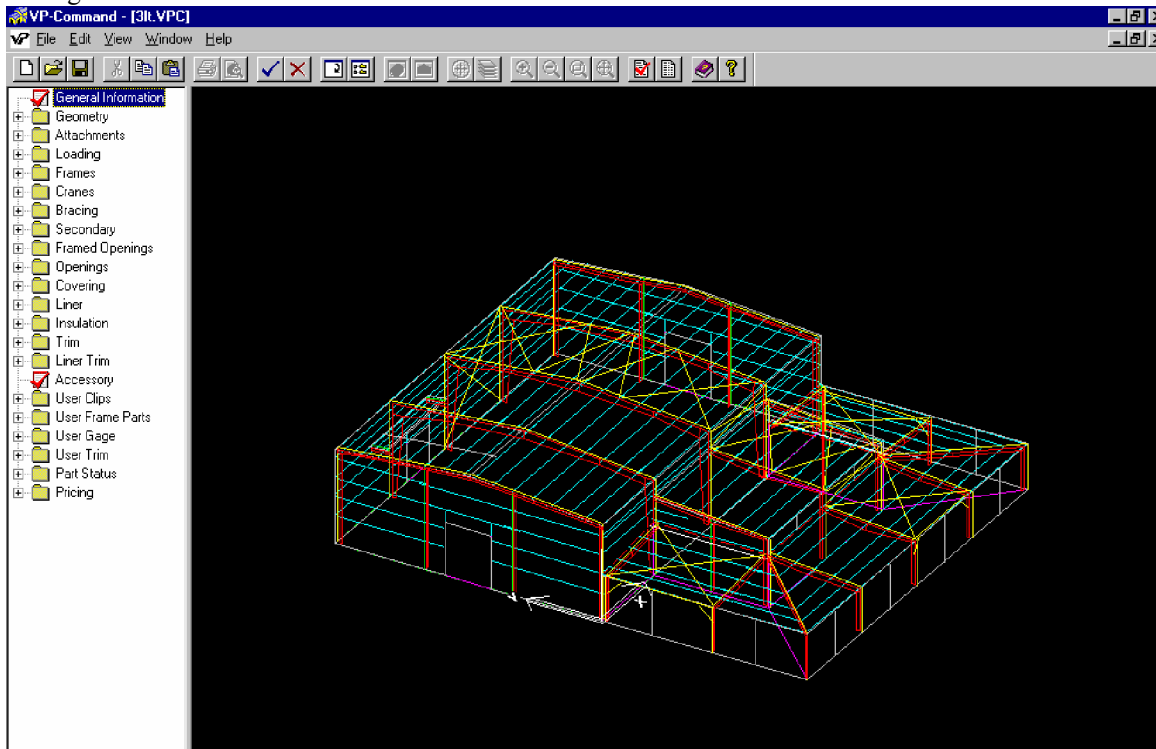


VPC-Tip #28 File Compression – Checking File Size

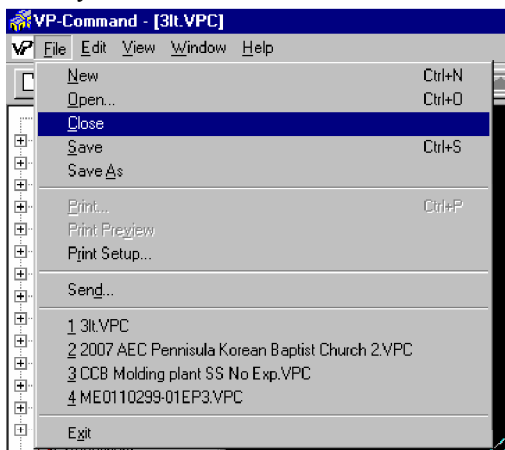
When you open or close a VPCCommand job the file has to be uncompressed or compressed, respectively. It is very important that when you close a file you allow enough time for the file compression to complete. If you do not allow enough time the file may still be trying to compress while you are sending it to the web server, this will cause the transfer to fail and the file to “lock”. There are a couple of different checks you can perform to assure the file is compressed.

When you are finished editing a job and are ready to send it to the web site you want the file size to be as small as possible.

If you use the **File / Close** option in VPCCommand to close the file you will be able to see when the file compression is complete by watching the “Save” icon on the toolbar. You can see that while you are editing the file the “Save” icon is active.



When you close the file it will remain active until the file compression is complete.



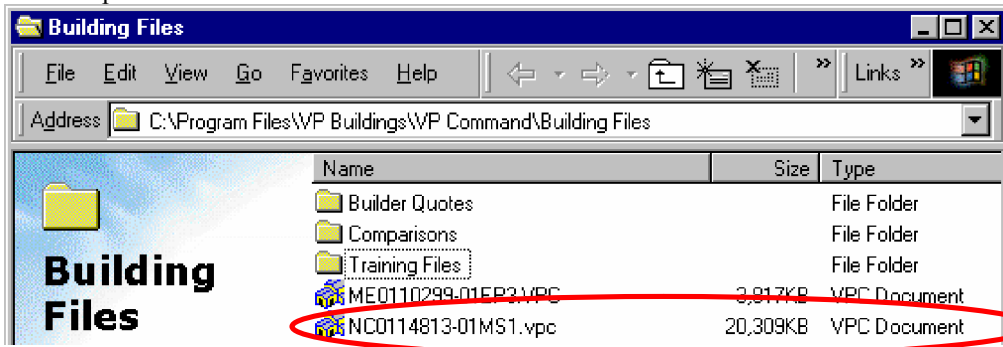
Once the file is compressed notice the “**Save**” icon is “**grayed**” out, or is no longer active.

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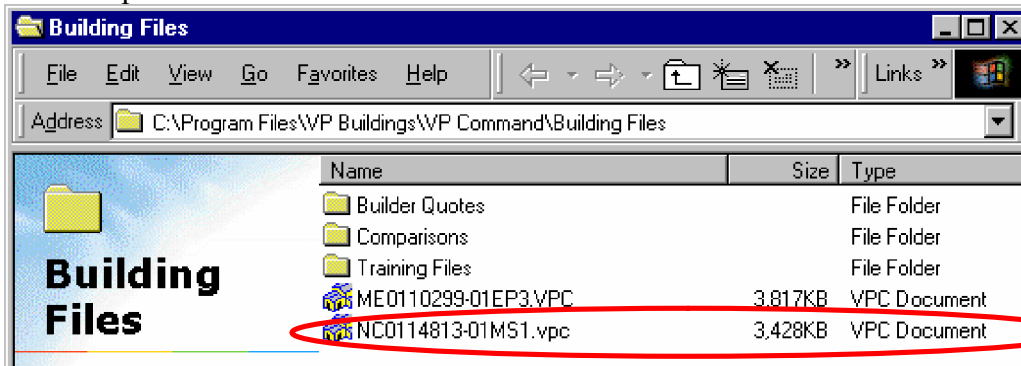
You can also check the file size manually by using the Windows Explorer feature of your computer. All VPCCommand files on your machine will typically be located in the C:\ (hard drive) Program Files\VP Buildings\VPCommand\Building Files directory. You can locate this folder and check the file size before and after compression.

1. Open your job file in VPCCommand.
2. Now go to the directory mentioned above using Windows Explorer.
3. If the view you are using does not show the file size, go to the view menu and choose “Details”
4. Now you should be able to see the file size, take note.
5. Go back to VPCCommand and use the method described earlier to close the file and compress it.
6. Go back to the Windows explorer view and look at the file size now. If there is no change go to the view menu and choose refresh.
7. If there is still no change repeat the steps for closing your VPCCommand file and try again.

Before Compression – File “open” in VPCCommand. File name “NC0114813-01MS1.vpc”.



After Compression – File “compressed” in VPCCommand. “NC0114813-01MS1.vpc”



It is evident there is a major difference in the file size. *This will decrease your transfer time dramatically.*