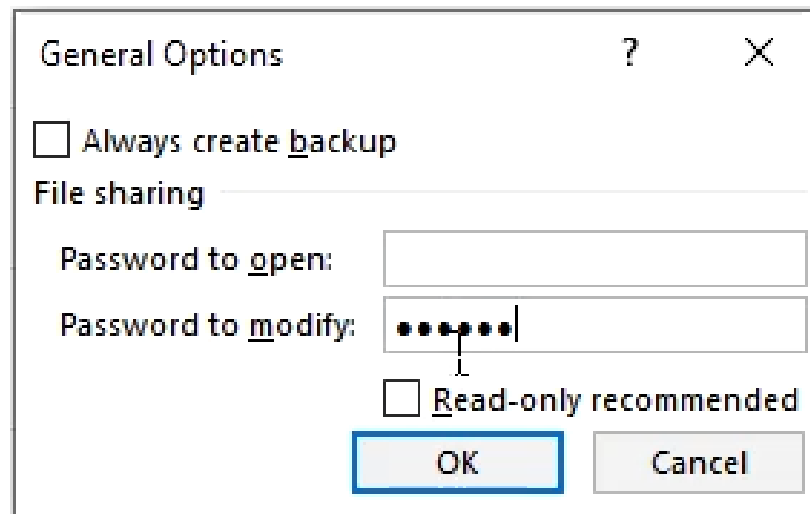


# Unlock Read only Excel Files

# Step- 1

- ❖ Prepare a password protected Excel file

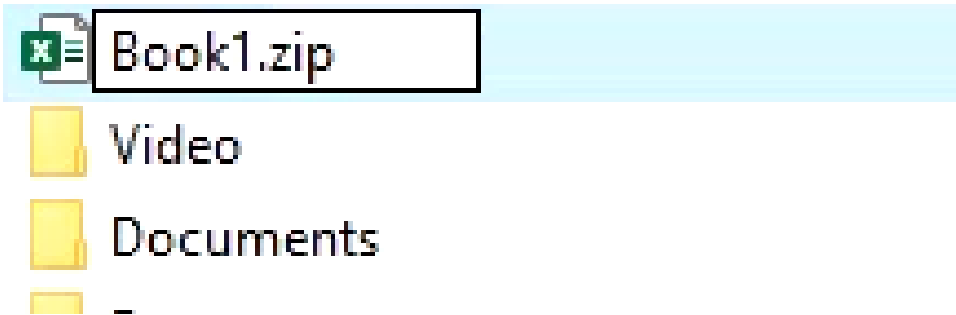
Go to properties and in the Security tab, you can apply a password (limits Modification)



## Step- 2

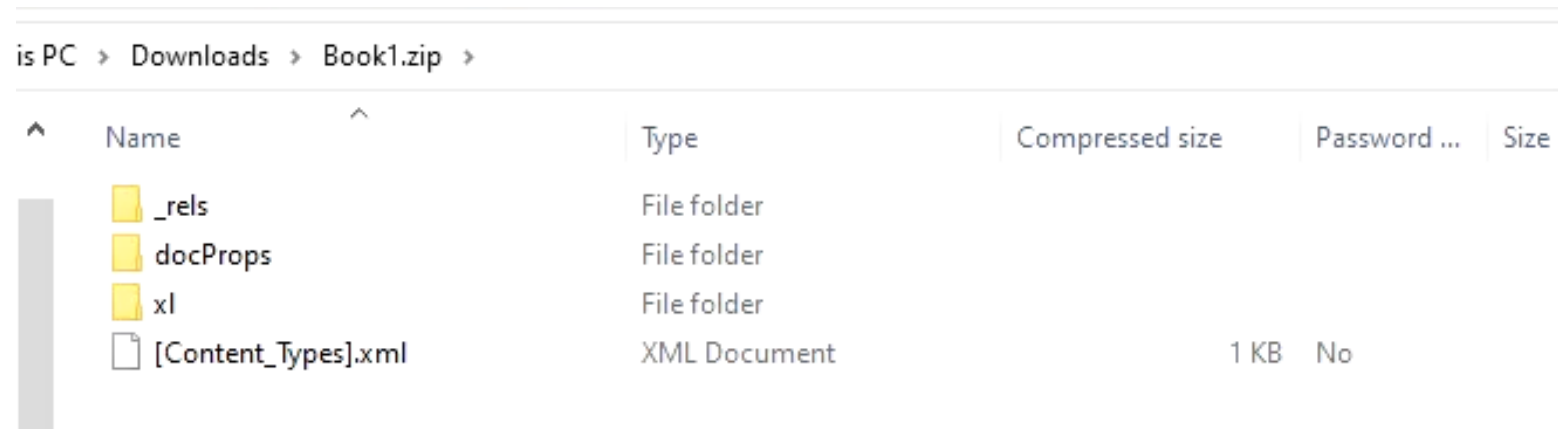
- ❖ Change the File extension to ZIP

Name



## Step- 3

- ❖ Open the ZIP folder in Windows explorer or Winrar



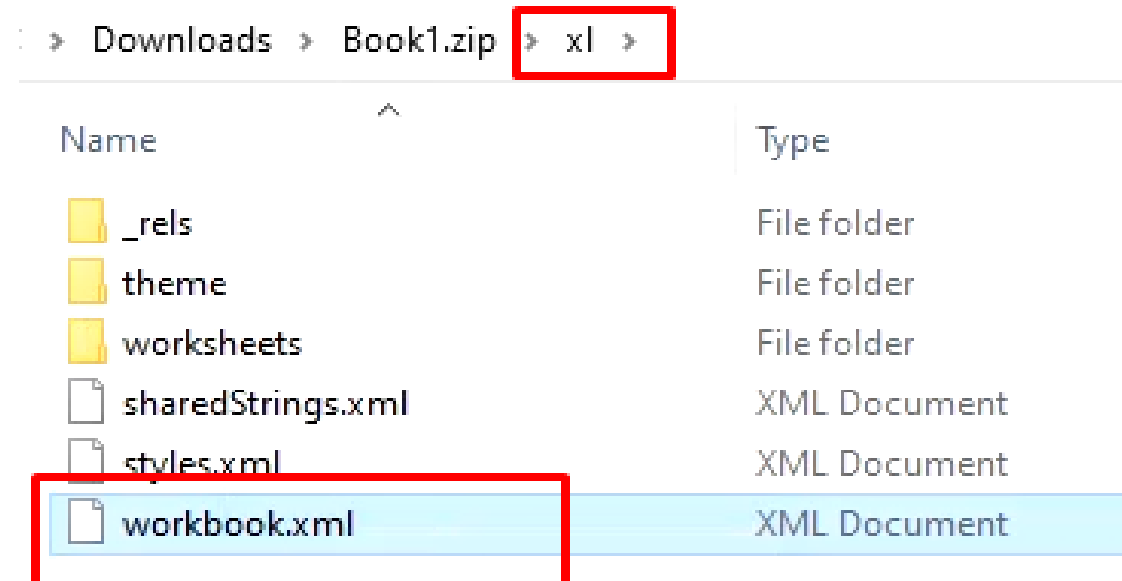
The screenshot shows a Windows Explorer window with the address bar displaying 'is PC > Downloads > Book1.zip >'. The main area shows a table of files and folders extracted from the ZIP file.

Name	Type	Compressed size	Password ...	Size
_rels	File folder			
docProps	File folder			
xl	File folder			
[Content_Types].xml	XML Document	1 KB	No	

## Step- 4

- ❖ Look for the following file in the xl folder and open it in text editor

Workbook.xml



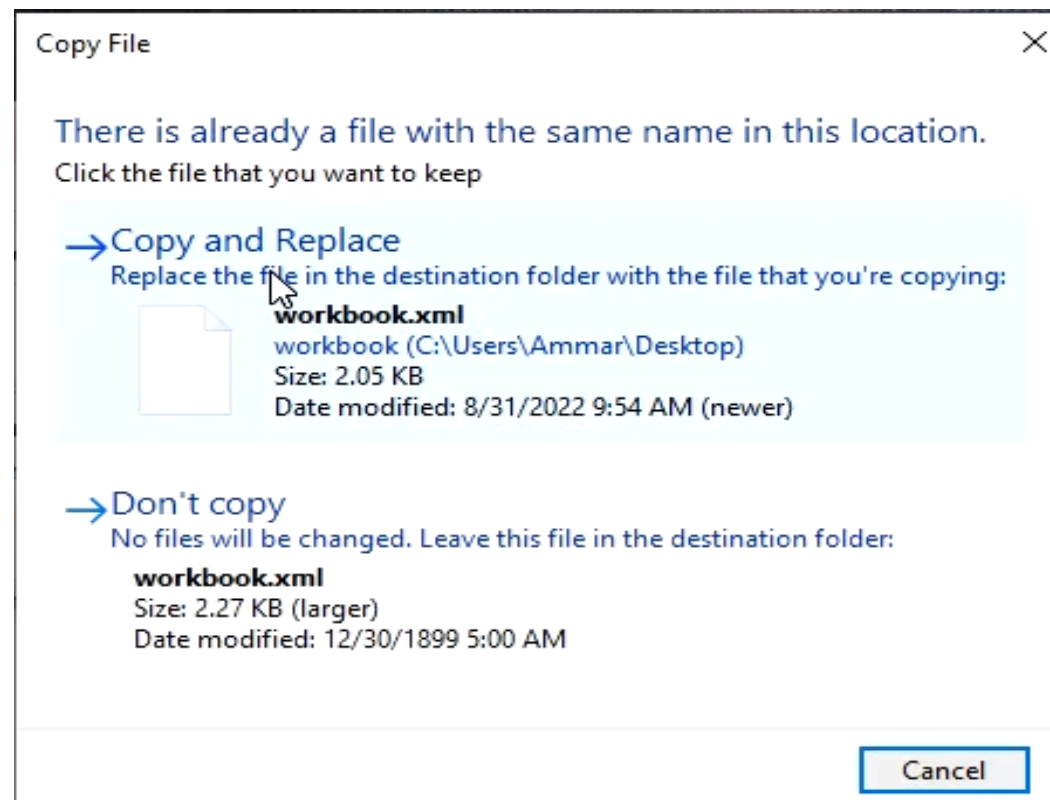
## Step- 5

- ❖ Search for the content “filesharing”. Remove all contents within the tags <> </>

```
workbook.xml - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<workbook xmlns="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/spreadsheetml/2006/main" xmlns:r="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships"
xmlns:mc="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/markup-compatibility/2006" mc:Ignorable="x15 xr xr6 xr10" xmlns:x15="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/spreadsheetml/2010/11/main"
xmlns:xr="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/spreadsheetml/2014/revision" xmlns:xr6="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/spreadsheetml/2016/revision6"
xmlns:xr10="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/spreadsheetml/2016/revision10"><fileVersion appName="xl" lastEdited="7" lowestEdited="7" rupBuild="25427"/><fileSharing userName="Ammar hassan"
algorithmName="SHA-512" hashValue="0XBSV3jmNRVcbfEBnSHlH0UCCrPtj2EUqI4Z8zZAAazQ0P3r8PpGGx88M54zL6J7fZ+t+GHZQvFLRET13h5Kpg==" saltValue="7P7aqix5hj5Ds1GR+5UQuA=="
spinCount="100000"/><workbookPr defaultThemeVersion="166925"/><mc:AlternateContent xmlns:mc="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/markup-compatibility/2006"><mc:Choice
Requires="x15"><x15ac:absPath url="C:\Users\Ammar\Downloads\" xmlns:x15ac="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/spreadsheetml/2010/11/ac"/></mc:Choice></mc:AlternateContent><xr:revisionPtr
revIDLastSave="0" documentId="8_{0C9A60DA-DF9A-41B8-BBD2-480F0B79C1CD}" xr6:coauthVersionLast="47" xr6:coauthVersionMax="47" xr10:uidLastSave="{00000000-0000-0000-0000-
000000000000}"/><bookViews><workbookView xWindow="-120" yWindow="-120" windowWidth="20640" windowHeight="11160"/></bookViews><sheets><sheet name="Sheet1" sheetId="1"
r:id="rId1"/></sheets><calcPr calcId="191029"/><extLst><ext uri="{140A7094-0E35-4892-8432-C4D2E57EDEB5}"
xmlns:x15="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/spreadsheetml/2010/11/main"><x15:workbookPr chartTrackingRefBase="1"/></ext><ext uri="{B58B0392-4F1F-4190-BB64-5DF3571DCE5F}"
xmlns:xcalcf="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/spreadsheetml/2018/calcfFeatures"><xcalcf:calcFeatures><xcalcf:feature name="microsoft.com:RD"/></xcalcf:feature
```

## Step- 6

- ❖ Save the file separately with the same name and then drag it to the actual archive and replace the original file





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A photograph of a body of water with mountains in the background and a small structure on the right. The word 'THANKS' is overlaid in the center.

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