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I have an environment of all XP pro machines. The majority of the machines were all purchased together. The 4 machines in question were purchased at a later date.

The problem with these 4 machines is that they do not execute batch files like all the original machines on the network. They don't like file names that don't follow the 8.3 rule, they don't like the /q switch, and they don't seem to support using variables in batch files.

My question is, is there any way to change the version of DOS (if this is in fact the problem)? And if that isn't the problem, I would appreciate any suggestions on what it might be. Thanks