

## Re: Windows XP and DOS commands

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Nice post Jim –

This is a second attempt to add a reply, the first one supposedly didn't go thru.

I'm adding this reply to see if a copy will be forwarded to my e-mail as asked.

With the previous format for this forum that could easily be done...  
tnx

"Jim Macklin" wrote:

- > *Yes, there is a command line interface and many former DOS*
- > *commands are still supported. Some are not and there are*
- > *some changes in switches.*
- > *To see a list of commands, open the command window by*
- > *Start/Run "cmd" to see a list of supported commands type*
- > *"help" (without the quotes, in each case)*
- > *Type a command with a space followed by a slash and question*
- > *mark to see a list of the switches such as ...*
- > *\*\*\*\*\**
- > *C:\Documents and Settings\>help*
- > *For more information on a specific command, type HELP*
- > *command-name*
- > *ASSOC Displays or modifies file extension associations.*
- > *AT Schedules commands and programs to run on a*
- > *computer.*
- > *ATTRIB Displays or changes file attributes.*
- > *BREAK Sets or clears extended CTRL+C checking.*
- > *CACLS Displays or modifies access control lists (ACLs) of*
- > *files.*
- > *CALL Calls one batch program from another.*
- > *CD Displays the name of or changes the current*
- > *directory.*
- > *CHCP Displays or sets the active code page number.*
- > *CHDIR Displays the name of or changes the current*
- > *directory.*
- > *CHKDSK Checks a disk and displays a status report.*
- > *CHKNTFS Displays or modifies the checking of disk at boot*

- > *time.*
- > *CLS Clears the screen.*
- > *CMD Starts a new instance of the Windows command*
- > *interpreter.*
- > *COLOR Sets the default console foreground and background*
- > *colors.*
- > *COMP Compares the contents of two files or sets of*
- > *files.*
- > *COMPACT Displays or alters the compression of files on NTFS*
- > *partitions.*
- > *CONVERT Converts FAT volumes to NTFS. You cannot convert*
- > *the*
- > *current drive.*
- > *COPY Copies one or more files to another location.*
- > *DATE Displays or sets the date.*
- > *DEL Deletes one or more files.*
- > *DIR Displays a list of files and subdirectories in a*
- > *directory.*
- > *DISKCOMP Compares the contents of two floppy disks.*
- > *DISKCOPY Copies the contents of one floppy disk to another.*
- > *DOSKEY Edits command lines, recalls Windows commands, and*
- > *creates macros.*
- > *ECHO Displays messages, or turns command echoing on or*
- > *off.*
- > *ENDLOCAL Ends localization of environment changes in a batch*
- > *file.*
- > *ERASE Deletes one or more files.*
- > *EXIT Quits the CMD.EXE program (command interpreter).*
- > *FC Compares two files or sets of files, and displays*
- > *the differences*
- > *between them.*
- > *FIND Searches for a text string in a file or files.*
- > *FINDSTR Searches for strings in files.*
- > *FOR Runs a specified command for each file in a set of*
- > *files.*
- > *FORMAT Formats a disk for use with Windows.*
- > *FTYPE Displays or modifies file types used in file*
- > *extension associations.*
- > *GOTO Directs the Windows command interpreter to a*
- > *labeled line in a*
- > *batch program.*
- > *GRAFTABL Enables Windows to display an extended character*
- > *set in graphics*
- > *mode.*
- > *HELP Provides Help information for Windows commands.*
- > *IF Performs conditional processing in batch programs.*
- > *LABEL Creates, changes, or deletes the volume label of a*
- > *disk.*
- > *MD Creates a directory.*
- > *MKDIR Creates a directory.*
- > *MODE Configures a system device.*

- > *MORE* Displays output one screen at a time.
- > *MOVE* Moves one or more files from one directory to
- > another directory.
- > *PATH* Displays or sets a search path for executable
- > files.
- > *PAUSE* Suspends processing of a batch file and displays a
- > message.
- > *POPD* Restores the previous value of the current
- > directory saved by *PUSHD*.
- > *PRINT* Prints a text file.
- > *PROMPT* Changes the Windows command prompt.
- > *PUSHD* Saves the current directory then changes it.
- > *RD* Removes a directory.
- > *RECOVER* Recovers readable information from a bad or
- > defective disk.
- > *REM* Records comments (remarks) in batch files or
- > *CONFIG.SYS*.
- > *REN* Renames a file or files.
- > *RENAME* Renames a file or files.
- > *REPLACE* Replaces files.
- > *RMDIR* Removes a directory.
- > *SET* Displays, sets, or removes Windows environment
- > variables.
- > *SETLOCAL* Begins localization of environment changes in a
- > batch file.
- > *SHIFT* Shifts the position of replaceable parameters in
- > batch files.
- > *SORT* Sorts input.
- > *START* Starts a separate window to run a specified program
- > or command.
- > *SUBST* Associates a path with a drive letter.
- > *TIME* Displays or sets the system time.
- > *TITLE* Sets the window title for a *CMD.EXE* session.
- > *TREE* Graphically displays the directory structure of a
- > drive or path.
- > *TYPE* Displays the contents of a text file.
- > *VER* Displays the Windows version.
- > *VERIFY* Tells Windows whether to verify that your files are
- > written
- > correctly to a disk.
- > *VOL* Displays a disk volume label and serial number.
- > *XCOPY* Copies files and directory trees.
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- > *C:\Documents and Settings\>xcopy /?*
- > Copies files and directory trees.
- >
- > *XCOPY* source [destination] [/A | /M] [/D[:date]] [/P] [/S
- > [/E]] [/V] [/W]
- > [/C] [/I] [/Q] [/F] [/L] [/G]
- > [/H] [/R] [/T] [/U]
- > [/K] [/N] [/O] [/X] [/Y] [/–Y]

- > [/Z]
- > [/EXCLUDE:file1[+file2][+file3]...]
- >
- > *source* Specifies the file(s) to copy.
- > *destination* Specifies the location and/or name of new
- > files.
- > /A Copies only files with the archive attribute
- > set,
- > doesn't change the attribute.
- > /M Copies only files with the archive attribute
- > set,
- > turns off the archive attribute.
- > /D:m-d-y Copies files changed on or after the
- > specified date.
- > If no date is given, copies only those files
- > whose
- > source time is newer than the destination
- > time.
- > /EXCLUDE:file1[+file2][+file3]...
- > Specifies a list of files containing strings.
- > Each string
- > should be in a separate line in the files.
- > When any of the
- > strings match any part of the absolute path
- > of the file to be
- > copied, that file will be excluded from being
- > copied. For
- > example, specifying a string like \obj\ or
- > ..obj will exclude
- > all files underneath the directory obj or all
- > files with the
- > .obj extension respectively.
- > /P Prompts you before creating each destination
- > file.
- > /S Copies directories and subdirectories except
- > empty ones.
- > /E Copies directories and subdirectories,
- > including empty ones.
- > Same as /S /E. May be used to modify /T.
- > /V Verifies each new file.
- > /W Prompts you to press a key before copying.
- > /C Continues copying even if errors occur.
- > /I If destination does not exist and copying
- > more than one file,
- > assumes that destination must be a directory.
- > /Q Does not display file names while copying.
- > /F Displays full source and destination file
- > names while copying.
- > /L Displays files that would be copied.
- > /G Allows the copying of encrypted files to
- > destination that does

- > *not support encryption.*
- > */H Copies hidden and system files also.*
- > */R Overwrites read-only files.*
- > */T Creates directory structure, but does not*
- > *copy files. Does not*
- > *include empty directories or subdirectories.*
- > */T/E includes*
- > *empty directories and subdirectories.*
- > */U Copies only files that already exist in*
- > *destination.*
- > */K Copies attributes. Normal Xcopy will reset*
- > *read-only attributes.*
- > */N Copies using the generated short names.*
- > */O Copies file ownership and ACL information.*
- > */X Copies file audit settings (implies /O).*
- > */Y Suppresses prompting to confirm you want to*
- > *overwrite an*
- > *existing destination file.*
- > */-Y Causes prompting to confirm you want to*
- > *overwrite an*
- > *existing destination file.*
- > */Z Copies networked files in restartable mode.*
- >
- > *The switch /Y may be preset in the COPYCMD environment*
- > *variable.*
- > *This may be overridden with /-Y on the command line.*
- >
- > *C:\Documents and Settings\>*
- > *\*\*\*\*\**
- > *To copy from the command window, right click, select copy*
- > *and then paste into a normal window document or file.*
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- > *The people think the Constitution protects their rights;*
- > *But government sees it as an obstacle to be overcome.*
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- > *"Lexus" <Lexus@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message*
- > *news:39FC675A-2150-4763-BC15-9E5FD1291148@microsoft.com...*
- > *| Getting new computer with WinXP. After living with Win95,*
- > *98, and ME (for*
- > *| last 4 years), I am very familiar with both registry mods*
- > *and DOS batch files.*
- > *| From what I see, my registry knowledge is still usable,*
- > *but understand DOS*
- > *| is no longer underlying XP.*
- > *| Are any DOS commands still usable to automate some tasks?*
- > *|*
- > *| Thanks*
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