

Re: How to STOP file – a command line & script – where do you put it to work?

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"David Candy" <> wrote in message
news:Otgctax3EHA.3224@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...
That batch is for a very specific problem. It can be as simple as

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ren oldfilename newfilename
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Where is that typed? Is there a program that I need?

Or as you seem to be adding words to the beginning of a name.
FOR %A IN (*.jpg) do ren "%A" "Old %~nxA"
All jpgs will have old prepended to their name.

Where does that go to change the names of the files? Where do I type
that in and tell it which folders to change the names in?

That website didn't explain where this is typed in or how to tell it what
folders etc.

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<http://www.uscricket.com>

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> "Malke" <malke@nospoonnotreally.com> wrote in message

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>> I gave you an answer to one of your other posts (and please keep posts

>> about one subject in one thread;

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> ## Sorry. The other thread is about WMP and how to stop it from phoning

> home/being seen as SPYWARE. I still can't find those buttons the face it

> shows when it comes up. But THAT'S another problem.

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> it makes it difficult to help you

>> otherwise). However, in addition to what I suggested there, you could

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>> also do some Googling about the command line and creating scripts.
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> ## I have no clue what a command line or a script is, what they do or how
> to write them?!?!?! I'm a PC user, not a software, java or script
> writer.
> :-)
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> For
>> instance, I found this link that might be quite helpful:
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>> http://www.computing.net/dos/wwwboard/forum/13970.html
>> It's about renaming files using a batch script.
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> From the above site: I have never seen anything like this nor do I know
> how
> to rewrite it allowing me to change names individually in a folder.
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> This is the script that was given: (Example)
> @echo off
> if "%1"=="GoTo" goto %2
> if not "%OS%"=="Windows_NT" goto eof
> %comspec% /v:on /c %0 GoTo start
> goto eof
>
> :start
> echo.
> echo This program will rename all files from the current directory,
> echo and possibly from its subdirectories, following a certain rule.
> echo.
> echo Press any key to VIEW the renaming process . . .
> pause > nul
> echo Processing . . .
>
> type nul> %temp%.\process.bat
> :: To include the files under subdirectories from current
> :: directory on the renaming process, add the string ' /R'
> :: after the string 'for' on the next line, so it becomes
> :: 'for /R' (don't forget the space between the strings)
> for %%F in (*.*) do (
> set ORIG=%%~nF
> set ORIG=!ORIG:~=-!
> set FILE=!ORIG:~3,-4!
> set EXT=!ORIG:~4,-1!
> if not "!FILE!"==" " if not "!EXT!"==" " (
> echo REN "%F" "!FILE!.!EXT!">> %temp%.\process.bat
> )
> )
>
> ## And the average PC user is supposed to understand that, where to put
> it,
> how to get it to work, how to rewrite it to suit their needs, etc? It
> looks like Chinese to me. :-()
> Besides I'm not just changing or removing one word or number in the file
> name. I'm adding different years to different files, shortening the
> Artists
> names etc. They can't be batchfiled even if I understood the code above.
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> But I thank you for the suggestions.
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>> Malke
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>> MS MVP - Windows Shell/User  
>> Elephant Boy Computers  
>> www.elephantboycomputers.com  
>> "Don't Panic!"  
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