

Re: "NET NOT RECOGNIZED AS A COMMAND" et al

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I got this issue and error when trying to execute a NET STOP command to fix the update not working issue.

"NET NOT RECOGNIZED AS A COMMAND"

OK so I know what the problem is – the PATH isn't working.

I have verified that, BUT the PATH variable appears correct and I re-entered it.

I was able to type the long path command and it works
C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\NET STOP

If I type %systemroot% I get back C:\WINDOWS not recognized as a command.

So the system knows what %systemroot% is
the first item in PATH=%systemroot%\system32;.....
NET.EXE is in system32
BUT typing NET STOP at the command prompt gets me the error.

Even if I open the cmd prompt in the system32 folder I get the same error.

everything works the same if I rename notepad.exe to test.exe and type TEST.

WHY & How to fix ppleaseeeee.

Some of the items you report appear contradictory. However, the usual cause for this problem is an invalid value type for the %path% variable. I assume that your path shows up as

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%systemroot%\system32;..... at the Command Prompt, which is wrong. It should show up as c:\windows\system32;.....

Have a look at the value
HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\Environment\Path

I suspect it is a Reg_SZ value. It should be a Reg_Expand_SZ value.