



Windows Command Prompt LS Equivalent Dir

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Question: What is the equivalent of typing ls to list folders and files in Linux in a Windows command prompt?

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Answer: Type DIR to show the folders and files in command prompt. DIR is the MS DOS version of LS, which lists the files and folders in the current directory. Here is a huge list of all the Linus terminal commands and their Windows equivalents.

To get help on a Windows command, use the `/?` option, for example `date /?`.

Windows command	Unix command	Notes
<code>arp</code>	<code>arp</code>	
<code>assign</code>	<code>ln</code>	Create a file link
<code>assign</code>	<code>ln -s</code>	On Unix, a directory may not have multiple links, so instead a symbolic link must be created with <code>ln -s</code> .
<code>assoc</code>	<code>file</code>	
<code>at</code>	<code>at</code> <code>batch</code> <code>cron</code>	
<code>attrib</code>	<code>chown</code> <code>chmod</code>	Sets ownership on files and directories
<code>cd</code>	<code>cd</code>	On Windows, <code>cd</code> alone prints the current directory, but on Unix <code>cd</code> alone returns the user to his home directory.
<code>cd</code>	<code>pwd</code>	On Windows, <code>cd</code> alone prints the current directory.
<code>chkdsk</code>	<code>fsck</code>	Checks filesystem and repairs filesystem corruption on hard drives.
<code>cls</code>	<code>clear</code>	Clear the terminal screen
<code>copy</code>	<code>cp</code>	
<code>date</code>	<code>date</code>	Date on Unix prints the current date and time.
<code>time</code>		Date and time on Windows print the date and

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time respectively, and prompt for a new date or time.

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del	rm	
deltree	rm -r	Recursively deletes entire directory tree
dir	ls	“dir” also works on some versions of Unix.
doskey /h F7 key	history	The Unix history is part of the Bash shell.
edit	vi emacs etc.	edit brings up a simple text editor in Windows. On Unix, the environment variable EDITOR should be set to the user’s preferred editor.
exit	exit Control-D	On Unix, pressing the control key and D simultaneously logs the user out of the shell.
explorer	nautilus etc.	The command explorer brings up the file browser on Windows.
fc	diff	
find	grep	
ftp	ftp	
help	man	“help” by itself prints all the commands
hostname	hostname	
ipconfig /all	ifconfig -a	The /all option lets you get the MAC address of the Windows PC
mem	top	Shows system status
mkdir	mkdir	
more	more less	
move	mv	
net session	w who	
net statistics	uptime	
nslookup	nslookup	
ping	ping	
print	lpr	Send a file to a printer.
reboot	shutdown	
shutdown -r	-r	
regedit	edit /etc/*	The Unix equivalent of the Windows registry are the files under /etc and /usr/local/etc. These are edited with a text editor rather than with a special-purpose editing program.
rmdir	rmdir	

<code>rmdir /s</code>	<code>rm -r</code>	Windows has a y/n prompt. To get the prompt with Unix, use <code>rm -i</code> . The <code>i</code> means “interactive”.
<code>set</code>	<code>env</code>	<code>Set</code> on Windows prints a list of all environment variables. For individual environment variables, <code>set <variable></code> is the same as <code>echo \$<variable></code> on Unix.
<code>set Path</code>	<code>echo %PATH%</code>	Print the value of the environment variable using <code>set</code> in Windows.
<code>shutdown</code>	<code>shutdown</code>	Without an option, the Windows version produces a help message
<code>shutdown -s</code>	<code>shutdown -h</code>	Also need <code>-f</code> option to Windows if logged in remotely
<code>sort</code>	<code>sort</code>	
<code>start</code>	<code>&</code>	On Unix, to start a job in the background, use command <code>&</code> . On Windows, the equivalent is <code>start</code> command. See How to run a Windows command as a background job like Unix ? .
<code>systeminfo</code>	<code>uname -a</code>	
<code>tasklist</code>	<code>ps</code>	“tasklist” is not available on some versions of Windows. See also this article on getting a list of processes in Windows using Perl
<code>title</code>	<code>?</code>	In Unix, changing the title of the terminal window is possible but complicated. Search for “change title xterm”.
<code>tracert</code>	<code>tracert</code>	
<code>tree</code>	<code>find</code> <code>ls -R</code>	On Windows, use <code>tree</code> find “string”
<code>type</code>	<code>cat</code>	
<code>ver</code>	<code>uname -a</code>	
<code>xcopy</code>	<code>cp -R</code>	Recursively copy a directory tree



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