Command Line Hacking

powershell start cmd -v runAs - Run the Command Prompt as an Administrator

Entering this command opens another command prompt window as an administrator:

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19044.1826]
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C:\Users\user>
powershell "start cmd -v runAs

C:\Users\user>
```

driverquery - Lists All Installed Drivers

It is important to have access to all drivers because they often cause problems.

That's what this command does – it shows you even the drivers you won't find in the device manager.

Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\user>driverquery
Module Name Display Name
                               Driver Type
                                           Link Date
1394ohci 1394 OHCI Compliant Ho Kernel
3ware
           3ware
                               Kernel
                                           5/18/2015 11:28:03 PM
Acceleromete HP Mobile Data Protect Kernel
                                           3/21/2022 7:54:41 PM
ACPI
      Microsoft ACPI Driver Kernel
          ACPI Devices driver
AcpiDev
                               Kernel
acpiex
          Microsoft ACPIEx Drive Kernel
           ACPI Processor Aggrega Kernel
acpipagr
           ACPI Power Meter Drive Kernel
AcpiPmi
           ACPI Wake Alarm Driver Kernel
acpitime
Acx01000
           Acx01000
                               Kernel
ADP80XX
           ADP80XX
                               Kernel
                                           4/9/2015 9:49:48 PM
AFD
           Ancillary Function Dri Kernel
afunix
           afunix
                               Kernel
```

chdir or cd - Changes the Current Working Directory to the Specified Directory

```
C:\Users\user>cd desktop

C:\Users\user\Desktop>
```

systeminfo – Shows Your PC's Details

If you want to see more detailed information about your system you won't see in the GUI, this is the command for you.

```
Command Prompt
C:\Users\user><mark>systeminfo</mark>
Host Name:
                            DESKTOP-3BGCHRR
OS Name:
                            Microsoft Windows 10 Pro
OS Version:
                           10.0.19044 N/A Build 19044
OS Manufacturer:
                           Microsoft Corporation
                       Microsoft Corporation
Standalone Workstation
OS Configuration:
OS Build Type:
                           Multiprocessor Free
Registered Owner:
                           user
Registered Organization:
Product ID:
                           00330-50546-45898-AAOEM
Original Install Date:
                            11/27/2021, 12:37:40 PM
                            8/8/2022, 8:29:22 AM
System Boot Time:
System Manufacturer:
                           HP
System Model:
                           HP EliteBook 840 G3
System Type:
                           x64-based PC
Processor(s):
                           1 Processor(s) Installed.
```

set – Shows your PC's Environment Variables

```
Command Prompt
 :\Users\user\Desktop>set
ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\ProgramData
 APPDATA=C:\Users\user\AppData\Roaming
ChocolateyInstall=C:\ProgramData\chocolatey
ChocolateyLastPathUpdate=133041797766612056
CommonProgramFiles=C:\Program Files\Common Files
CommonProgramFiles(x86)=C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files
CommonProgramW6432=C:\Program Files\Common Files
COMPUTERNAME=DESKTOP-3BGCHRR
COMPOTENUMPEDESKTOP-SBOOK
ComSpec=C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
DriverData=C:\Windows\system32\Drivers\DriverData
FPS_BROWSER_APP_PROFILE_STRING=Internet Explorer
FPS_BROWSER_USER_PROFILE_STRING=Default
 GOPATH=C:\Users\user\Desktop\Go-codes
 HOMEDRIVE=C:
 HOMEPATH=\Users\user
 LOCALAPPDATA=C:\Users\user\AppData\Local
LOGONSERVER=\\DESKTOP-3BGCHRR
NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS=4
OneDrive=C:\Users\user\OneDrive
OneDriveConsumer=C:\Users\user\OneDrive
OS=Windows_NT
Path=C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python310\Scripts\;C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Programs\
2\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\;C:\WINDOWS\System32\OpenSSH\;C:\Program Files\Git\cmd;C:\Program Files\Go\bin;C
Menu\Programs\Python 3.10;C:\Program Files\nodejs\;C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\bin;C:\Program Files (x86)\
rams\Microsoft VS Code\bin;C:\Users\user\go\bin;C:\xampp\php;C:\Users\user\AppData\Roaming\npm;C:\Users\u
 PATHEXT=.COM;.EXE;.BAT;.CMD;.VBS;.VBE;.JS;.JSE;.WSF;.WSH;.MSC;.PY;.PYW
php=C:\xampp
 PROCESSOR_ARCHITECTURE=AMD64
 PROCESSOR_IDENTIFIER=Intel64 Family 6 Model 78 Stepping 3, GenuineIntel
 PROCESSOR_LEVEL=6
PROCESSOR_REVISION=4e03
 ProgramData=C:\ProgramData
ProgramFiles=C:\Program Files
ProgramFiles(x86)=C:\Program Files (x86)
ProgramW6432=C:\Program Files
```

prompt - Changes the Default Text Shown before Entering Commands

By default, the command prompt shows the C drive path to your user account.

You can use the prompt command to change that default text with the syntax prompt prompt_name \$G:

Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\user>prompt you do what i say $G
you do what i say >
```

N.B: If you don't append \$G to the command, you won't get the greater than symbol in front of the text.

clip - Copies an Item to the Clipboard

For example, dir | clip copies all the content of the present working directory to the clipboard.

Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop>dir | clip
C:\Users\user\Desktop>_
```

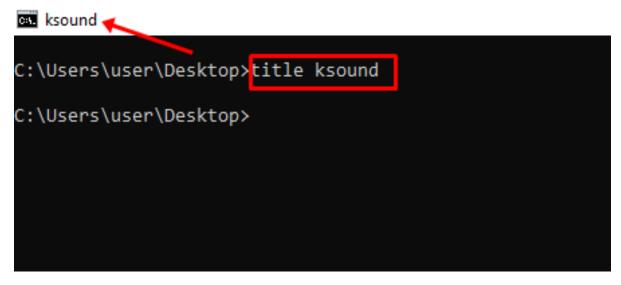
You can type clip /? and hit ENTER to see how to use it.

assoc - Lists Programs and the Extensions They are Associated With

Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\user><mark>assoc</mark>
.386=vxdfile
.3g2=WMP11.AssocFile.3G2
.3ga=VLC.3ga
.3gp=WMP11.AssocFile.3GP
.3gp2=WMP11.AssocFile.3G2
.3gpp=WMP11.AssocFile.3GP
.669=VLC.669
.a52=VLC.a52
.AAC=WMP11.AssocFile.ADTS
accda=Access.ACCDAExtension.15
accdb=Access.Application.15
.accdc=Access.ACCDCFile.15
.accde=Access.ACCDEFile.15
.accdr=Access.ACCDRFile.15
.accdt=Access.ACCDTFile.15
accdu=Access.WizardUserDataFile.15
 accdw=Access.WebApplicationReference.15
```

title – Changes the Command Prompt Window Title Using the Format title window-titlename



fc - Compares Two Similar Files

If you are a programmer or writer and you want to quickly see what differs between two files, you can enter this command and then the full path to the two files. For example fc "file-1-path" "file-2-path".

cipher - Wipes Free Space and Encrypts Data

On a PC, deleted files remain accessible to you and other users. So, technically, they are not deleted under the hood.

You can use the cipher command to wipe the drive clean and encrypt such files.

```
Command Prompt
C:\Users\user;cipher
Listing C:\Users\user\
New files added to this directory will not be encrypted.
U .bash history
U .cache
U .dbshell
U .dbus-keyrings
U .gitconfig
U .lesshst
U .mongorc.js
U .quokka
U .software
U .virtualenvs
U .vscode
U .wallaby
U 3D Objects
U Contacts
```

netstat -an - Shows Open Ports, their IP Addresses and States

```
Command Prompt
:\Users\user>netstat -an
Active Connections
 Proto Local Address
                                 Foreign Address
                                                          State
         0.0.0.0:135
                                 0.0.0.0:0
0.0.0.0:0
0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
        0.0.0.0:445
0.0.0.0:554
                                                          LISTENING
 TCP
                                                          LISTENING
         0.0.0.0:623
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
 TCP
         0.0.0.0:2869
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
                                 0.0.0.0:0
0.0.0.0:0
 TCP
         0.0.0.0:5040
                                                          LISTENING
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:7250
                                                          LISTENING
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:7680
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
 TCP
         0.0.0.0:10243
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
 TCP
         0.0.0.0:16992
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
 TCP
         0.0.0.0:49664
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
         0.0.0.0:49665
  TCP
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
         0.0.0.0:49666
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
         0.0.0.0:49667
 TCP
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
         0.0.0.0:49668
 TCP
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENTING
 TCP
         0.0.0.0:49678
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
         127.0.0.1:7335
                                 0.0.0.0:0
                                                          LISTENING
```

ping – Shows a Website IP Address, Lets you Know How Long it Takes to Transmit Data and a Get Response

```
C:\Users\user: ping "www.freecodecamp.org"

Pinging www.freecodecamp.org [104.26.3.33] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 104.26.3.33: bytes=32 time=152ms TTL=53
Reply from 104.26.3.33: bytes=32 time=168ms TTL=53
Reply from 104.26.3.33: bytes=32 time=182ms TTL=53
Reply from 104.26.3.33: bytes=32 time=153ms TTL=53

Ping statistics for 104.26.3.33:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 152ms, Maximum = 182ms, Average = 163ms

C:\Users\user>
```

color - Changes the Text Color of the Command Prompt

Enter color attr to see the colors you can change to:

```
Command Prompt - cmd
C:\Users\user\Desktop>color attr
Sets the default console foreground and background colors.
COLOR [attr]
  attr
                Specifies color attribute of console output
Color attributes are specified by TWO hex digits -- the first
corresponds to the background; the second the foreground. Each digit
can be any of the following values:
                       8 = Gray
    0 = Black
                       9 = Light Blue
    1 = Blue
                       A = Light Green
    2 = Green
                    A = Light
B = Light Aqua
    3 = Aqua
    4 = Red
                       C = Light Red
                       D = Light Purple
    5 = Purple
    6 = Yellow E = Light Yellow
7 = White F = Bright White
If no argument is given, this command restores the color to what it was when CMD.EXE started. This value either comes from the current console window, the /T command line switch or from the DefaultColor registry
The COLOR command sets ERRORLEVEL to 1 if an attempt is made to execute
the COLOR command with a foreground and background color that are the
Example: "COLOR fc" produces light red on bright white
C:\Users\user\Desktop>
```

Entering color 2 changes the color of the terminal to green:

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop>color 2

C:\Users\user\Desktop>_
```

for /f ''skip=9 tokens=1,2 delims=:'' %i in ('netsh wlan show profiles') do @echo %j | findstr -i -v echo | netsh wlan show profiles %j key=clear – Shows All Wi-Fi Passwords

```
s ksound
 :\Users\user\Desktop;for /f "skip=9 tokens=1,2 delims=:" %i in ('netsh wlan show profiles') do @echo %j | findstr -i -v echo | netsh wlan show profiles %j key=clear
 rofile OLAX_4G_4BBC on interface wi-ri:
Applied: All User Profile
 rofile information
   Version
                           : Wireless LAN
: OLAX_4G_4BBC
   Type
   Name
   Control options
       Connection mode : Connect manually
Network broadcast : Connect only if this network is broadcasting
       AutoSwitch
                           : Do not switch to other networks
       MAC Randomization : Disabled
Connectivity settings
   Number of SSIDs
                            : "OLAX_4G_4BBC"
   SSID name
                           : Infrastructure
   Network type
                           : [ Any Radio Type ]
: Not present
   Radio type
   Vendor extension
Security settings
   Authentication
                           : WPA2-Personal
   Cipher
   Authentication
                           : WPA2-Personal
                           : GCMP
   Cipher
   Security key
                           : Present
   Key Content
Cost settings
                            : Unrestricted
   Congested
   Approaching Data Limit : No
   Over Data Limit
                            : No
   Roaming
   Cost Source
                            : Default
```

ipconfig - Shows Information about PC IP Addresses and Connections

```
Command Prompt
C:\Users\user>ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
  Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:
                           . . . : Media disconnected
  Media State . . . . . . . .
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::d965:45d5:f471:a5e7%18
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.137.1
  Default Gateway . . . . .
```

This command also has extensions such as ipconfig /release, ipconfig /renew, and ipconfig /flushdns which you can use to troubleshoot issues with internet connections.

sfc - System File Checker

This command scans your computer for corrupt files and repairs them. The extension of the command you can use to run a scan is /scannow.

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\WINDOWS\system32>sfc
Microsoft (R) Windows (R) Resource Checker Version 6.0
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
Scans the integrity of all protected system files and replaces incorrect versions with correct Microsoft versions.
SFC [/SCANNOW] [/VERIFYONLY] [/SCANFILE=<file>] [/VERIFYFILE=<file>]
[/OFFWINDIR=<offline windows directory> /OFFBOOTDIR=<offline boot directory> [/OFFLOGFILE=<log file path>]]
                        Scans integrity of all protected system files and repairs files with problems when possible.  \\
 'SCANNOW
                         Scans integrity of all protected system files. No repair operation is
 VERIFYONLY
                         performed.
Scans integrity of the referenced file, repairs file if problems are
/SCANFILE
                        identified. Specify full path <file>
Verifies the integrity of the file with full path <file>. No repair operation is performed.
/VERIFYFILE
                        For offline repair, specify the location of the offline boot directory
For offline repair, specify the location of the offline windows directory
For offline repair, optionally enable logging by specifying a log file path
/OFFBOOTDIR
/OFFWINDIR
OFFLOGFILE
            sfc /VERIFYFILE=c:\windows\system32\kernel32.dll
sfc /SCANFILE=d:\windows\system32\kernel32.dll /OFFBOOTDIR=d:\ /OFFWINDIR=d:\windows
sfc /SCANFILE=d:\windows\system32\kernel32.dll /OFFBOOTDIR=d:\ /OFFWINDIR=d:\windows /OFFLOGFILE=c:\log.txt
            sfc /VERIFYONLY
  :\WINDOWS\system32>
```

powercfg - Controls Configurable Power Settings

You can use this command with its several extensions to show information about the power state of your PC.

You can enter powercfg help to show those extensions.

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\WINDOWS\system32;powercfg help
POWERCFG /COMMAND [ARGUMENTS]
Description:
 Enables users to control power settings on a local system.
 For detailed command and option information, run "POWERCFG /? <COMMAND>"
Command List:
 /LIST, /L
                    Lists all power schemes.
 /QUERY, /Q
                    Displays the contents of a power scheme.
 /CHANGE, /X
                    Modifies a setting value in the current power scheme.
 /CHANGENAME
                    Modifies the name and description of a power scheme.
 /DUPLICATESCHEME Duplicates a power scheme.
 /DELETE, /D
                    Deletes a power scheme.
 /DELETESETTING Deletes a power setting.
```

For example, you can use powercfg /energy to generate a battery health report.

Administrator: C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>powercfg /energy
Enabling tracing for bu seconds...
Observing system behavior...
Analyzing trace data...
Analysis complete.

Energy efficiency problems were found.

4 Errors
5 Warnings
66 Informational

See C:\WINDOWS\system32\energy-report.html for more details.

C:\WINDOWS\system32>
```

The powercfg /energy command will generate an HTML file containing the report. You can find the HTML file in C:\Windows\system32\energy-report.html.

dir - Lists Items in a Directory

Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is C080-FAEB
 Directory of C:\Users\user\Desktop
08/07/2022 02:21 PM
                         <DIR>
08/07/2022
           02:21 PM
                         <DIR>
07/20/2022 04:10 PM
                         <DIR>
                                         Academind
08/03/2022 01:45 PM
02/01/2022 11:43 AM
                                         Articles
                         <DIR>
                                         Challenges
                         <DIR>
01/09/2022 09:30 PM
                                         CopywritingCourse
                         <DIR>
07/08/2022 07:58 AM
                         <DIR>
                                         deCodeTechInterviewProcess
05/02/2022 10:03 AM
                         <DIR>
08/07/2022 06:05 PM
                                  2,271 Discord.lnk
07/21/2022 06:03 PM
04/06/2022 08:28 AM
                                   2,181 Figma.lnk
                         <DIR>
                                         freeLance
03/29/2022 11:19 AM
                         <DIR>
                                         frontend
12/05/2021 01:22 PM
                                   2,392 Kolade (Ksound Personal) - Chrome.lnk
07/18/2022 03:26 PM
                                   2,345 Local.lnk
07/08/2022 07:58 AM
                         <DIR>
                                         misc
```

del - Deletes a File

Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop><mark>del cls-Copy.mp4</mark>
C:\Users\user\Desktop>
```

attrib +h +s +r folder_name - Hides a Folder

You can hide a folder right from the command line by typing in attrib +h +s +r folder_name and then pressing ENTER.

To show the folder again, execute the command – attrib -h -s -r folder_name.

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop>attrib +h +s +r deCodeTechInterviewProcess

C:\Users\user\Desktop>attrib -h -s -r deCodeTechInterviewProcess

C:\Users\user\Desktop>_
```

start website-address - Logs on to a Website from the Command Line

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop><mark>start https://freecodecamp.org</mark>
C:\Users\user\Desktop>_
```

tree - Shows the Tree of the Current Directory or Specified Drive

```
global-modules

global-prefix

node modules

bin

globals

globby

graceful-fs

grip-size

handle-thing

lib

test

has-bigints

github

test

has-symbols

github

test

shas-symbols

github

test

has-tostringtag

spithub

test

shas-tostringtag

spithub

test

has-tostringtag

has-tostringtag
```

ver – Shows the Version of the OS

C:\Users\user\Desktop>ver

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19044.1826]

C:\Users\user\Desktop>_

tasklist - Shows Open Programs

You can do the same thing you do with the task manager with this command:

Administrator: Command Prompt C:\WINDOWS\system32>tasklist Image Name PID Session Name Session# Mem Usage 0 8 K
0 3,428 K
0 71,824 K
0 904 K
0 3,636 K
1 4,768 K
0 3,612 K 0 Services System Idle Process 4 Services System 100 Services Registry 460 Services smss.exe csrss.exe 624 Services 712 Console csrss.exe 736 Services wininit.exe 784 Services services.exe 808 Services 860 Console 992 Services 20,900 K lsass.exe winlogon.exe 12,324 K 32,032 K svchost.exe 3,900 K 6,240 K 1020 Services WUDFHost.exe 540 Console 520 Services fontdrvhost.exe 1,568 K fontdrvhost.exe a 916 Services 0 WUDFHost.exe 10,776 K 16,792 K svchost.exe 1068 Services svchost.exe 1124 Services 5,840 K 1232 Console 111,224 K dwm.exe svchost.exe 1388 Services 0 3,968 K

The next command shows you how to close an open task.

taskkill - Terminates a Running Task

To kill a task, run taskkill /IM "task.exe" /F. For example, taskkill /IM "chrome.exe" /F:

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\WINDOWS\system32>
taskkill /IM "chrome.exe" /F
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 10748 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 10836 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 11124 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 11136 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 7568 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2032 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2560 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2560 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2388 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2388 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2680 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3368 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3368 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3092 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2228 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2228 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2228 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2228 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2228 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2228 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 2228 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3092 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3092 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3092 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3092 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3092 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3092 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3092 has been terminated.
                   C:\WINDOWS\system32>taskkill /IM "chrome.exe" /F
```

date – Shows and Changes the Current Date

Command Prompt - date

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop;<mark>date</mark>
The current date is: Tue 08/09/2022
Enter the new date: (mm-dd-yy) _
```

time - Shows and Changes the Current Time

```
Command Prompt - time
C:\Users\user><mark>time</mark>
The current time is:
                                 7:50:09.95
Enter the new time:
```

vol - Shows the Serial Number and Label Info of the Current Drive

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop>vol
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is C080-FAEB
C:\Users\user\Desktop>
```

dism - Runs the Deployment Image Service Management Tool

CTRL + C – Stops the Execution of a Command -help – Provides a Guide to other Commands

For example, powercfg -help shows how to use the powercfg command

Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\user>powercfg -help
POWERCFG /COMMAND [ARGUMENTS]
Description:
 Enables users to control power settings on a local system.
 For detailed command and option information, run "POWERCFG /? <COMMAND>"
Command List:
                     Lists all power schemes.
 /LIST, /L
 /QUERY, /Q
                     Displays the contents of a power scheme.
 /CHANGE, /X
                     Modifies a setting value in the current power scheme.
 /CHANGENAME
                     Modifies the name and description of a power scheme.
  /DUPLICATESCHEME
                     Duplicates a power scheme.
 /DELETE, /D
                     Deletes a power scheme.
```

echo - Shows Custom Messages or Messages from a Script or File

Administrator: Command Prompt

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32><mark>echo "Hello World"</mark>
"Hello World"
C:\WINDOWS\system32>_
```

You can also use the echo command to create a file with this syntax echo file-content > filename.extension.

C:\Users\user\Desktop><mark>echo hello world > hello.txt</mark>
C:\Users\user\Desktop>_

mkdir - Creates a Folder

Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop><mark>mkdir my-folder</mark>
C:\Users\user\Desktop>
```

rmdir - Deletes a Folder

C:\Users\user\Desktop; rmdir my-folder
The directory is not empty.
C:\Users\user\Desktop>rmdir my-folder

C:\Users\user\Desktop>

N.B.: The folder must be empty for this command to work.

more – Shows More Information or the Content of a File

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop>more hello.txt
hello world
C:\Users\user\Desktop>
```

move - Moves a File or Folder to a Specified Folder

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop>move hello.txt my-folder
1 file(s) moved.

C:\Users\user\Desktop>_
```

ren – Renames a File with the Syntax ren filename.extension new-name.extension

```
C:\Users\user\Desktop>ren text.txt hello.txt
C:\Users\user\Desktop>
```

cls - Clears the Command Line

In case you enter several commands and the command line gets clogged up, you can use cls to clear all entries and their outputs.

exit – Closes the Command Line shutdown – Shuts down, Restarts, Hibernates, Sleeps the Computer

You can shut down, restart, hibernate, and sleep your PC from the command line.

Enter shutdown in the command line so you can see the extensions you can use to perform the actions. For example, shutdown /r will restart your computer.

Basic CMD Commands

Here are some basic CMD (Command Prompt) commands for Windows that can be useful in ethical hacking or penetration testing:

1. **ipconfig**: This command displays information about the current TCP/IP network configuration, including IP addresses, subnet masks, and default gateways.

Example: `ipconfig /all` (displays detailed network configuration information)

2. **netstat**: This command displays active TCP connections, ports on which the computer is listening, and various network statistics.

Example: 'netstat -an' (shows all active connections and listening ports)

3. **nslookup**: This command is used to query DNS (Domain Name System) servers for information about domain names, IP addresses, and other DNS records.

Example: `nslookup example.com` (queries DNS information for a specific domain)

4. **tracert**: This command traces the path that packets take from your system to a remote host, displaying all the intermediate routers/gateways along the way.

Example: `tracert example.com` (traces the route to a specific host)

5. **net**: This command is used to manage user accounts, groups, and network resources in Windows.

Example: 'net user' (displays information about user accounts)

6. **whoami**: This command displays information about the current user, including the user's name, security identifiers (SIDs), and other details.

Example: `whoami /all` (displays detailed information about the current user)

7. **netsh**: This command-line utility is used to configure and monitor various network components, such as firewalls, interfaces, and routing tables.

Example: 'netsh firewall show state' (shows the status of the Windows Firewall)

8. **arp**: This command is used to view and modify the Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) cache, which maps IP addresses to physical (MAC) addresses.

Example: `arp -a` (displays the ARP cache)

9. **tasklist**: This command displays a list of currently running processes on the system.

Example: `tasklist` (lists all running processes)

10. **reg**: This command is used to access and modify the Windows registry, which stores configuration settings for various system components and applications.

Example: `reg query HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE` (queries the specified registry key)

Advanced CMD Commands

1. **net use**: This command is used to connect to a shared resource, such as a network drive or printer.

Example: 'net use \\192.168.1.100\share /user:domain\username password'

- 2. **net view**: This command displays a list of available network resources and shares. Example: `net view \\192.168.1.100`
- 3. **net share**: This command is used to create, manage, or delete shared resources on the local system.

Example: `net share share_name=C:\path /GRANT:domain\username,READ`

4. **runas**: This command is used to run a program or command with different credentials or

privileges.

Example: `runas /user:domain\username cmd.exe`

5. **sc**: This command is used to manage services and display information about their status.

Example: `sc query service_name`

6. **wmic**: This command-line tool is used to retrieve and modify system information through the Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) interface.

Example: `wmic product get name, version`

7. **reg export/import**: These commands are used to export and import registry keys or values to and from a file.

Example: 'reg export

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run backup.reg`

8. **schtasks**: This command is used to schedule commands or programs to run at a specific time or after a specific event.

Example: `schtasks /create /tn "TaskName" /tr "command.exe" /sc daily /st 00:00`

9. **netsh**: This command-line utility is used to configure various network components, including interfaces, routing tables, and firewalls.

Example: `netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="Rule Name" dir=in action=allow protocol=TCP localport=80`

10. **powershell**: This command launches the PowerShell environment, which provides advanced scripting and automation capabilities.

Example: `powershell -c "Get-Process"`

Basic Linux Commands

Here are some basic Linux commands that are commonly used:

1. **ls**: This command is used to list files and directories in the current working directory.

Example: `ls` (lists files and directories)

Example: `ls -l` (lists files and directories with detailed information) Example: `ls -a` (lists all files and directories, including hidden ones)

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2. **cd**: This command is used to change the current working directory.

Example: `cd /path/to/directory` (changes the current directory to the specified path)

Example: `cd ..` (moves up one directory level)

3. **pwd**: This command displays the current working directory's full path.

Example: `pwd`

4. **mkdir**: This command is used to create a new directory.

Example: `mkdir directory_name`

5. **rm**: This command is used to remove (delete) files or directories.

Example: `rm file_name` (removes a file)

Example: `rm -r directory_name` (removes a directory and its contents recursively)

6. **cp**: This command is used to copy files or directories.

Example: `cp source_file destination_file` (copies a file)

Example: `cp -r source_directory destination_directory` (copies a directory and its contents recursively)

7. **mv**: This command is used to move or rename files or directories.

Example: 'mv source_file destination_file' (moves a file)

Example: `mv source_directory destination_directory` (moves a directory)

Example: `mv file_name new_file_name` (renames a file)

8. **cat**: This command is used to display the contents of a file.

Example: `cat file_name`

9. **grep**: This command is used to search for patterns or text within files.

Example: `grep "pattern" file_name` (searches for the specified pattern in the file)

10. **sudo**: This command is used to execute a command with superuser (root) privileges. Example: `sudo command` (runs the specified command with root privileges)

11. **man**: This command displays the manual page (documentation) for a given command. Example: `man command_name` (shows the manual page for the specified command)

12. **apt** (or **apt-get**, **yum**, **dnf**): These commands are used to install, update, or remove packages (software) on different Linux distributions.

Example: `sudo apt update` (updates the package lists on Debian/Ubuntu-based systems) Example: `sudo yum install package_name` (installs a package on RHEL/CentOS-based systems)

Networking Commands used for Ethical Hacking

- **Ipconfig:** This is your go-to command to view your IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS server information. You can also use ipconfig /all for more detailed information and ipconfig /renew (or /release) to renew or release your IP lease.
- **Ping:** The ping command is fundamental for checking connectivity to another device on a network or the internet. It sends test packets to the specified IP address or hostname and reports on the response time.
- **Nslookup:** This command helps with troubleshooting DNS (Domain Name System) resolution issues. You can use it to query DNS servers and see how they translate hostnames into IP addresses.
- **Tracert:** Ever wondered what route your data packets take to reach a website? Tracert visualizes the path (hops) taken by packets to reach a destination, aiding in diagnosing network latency and routing problems.

Advanced Configuration Commands:

- **Netstat:** While ipconfig shows network configuration, netstat offers a deeper look into active connections on your system. It can display details like listening and established connections, ports used, and foreign IP addresses. Use flags like -a (all connections), -b (program using the connection), or -f (fully qualified domain names) for more granular information.
- **ARP** (**Address Resolution Protocol**): ARP displays the Address Resolution Protocol cache, which maps MAC addresses (physical addresses) to IP addresses on your local network.
- **Route:** This command deals with routing tables, which dictate how your device forwards data packets. You can use route print to see the current routing table and potentially use route add or route delete for advanced configuration (use with caution!).



