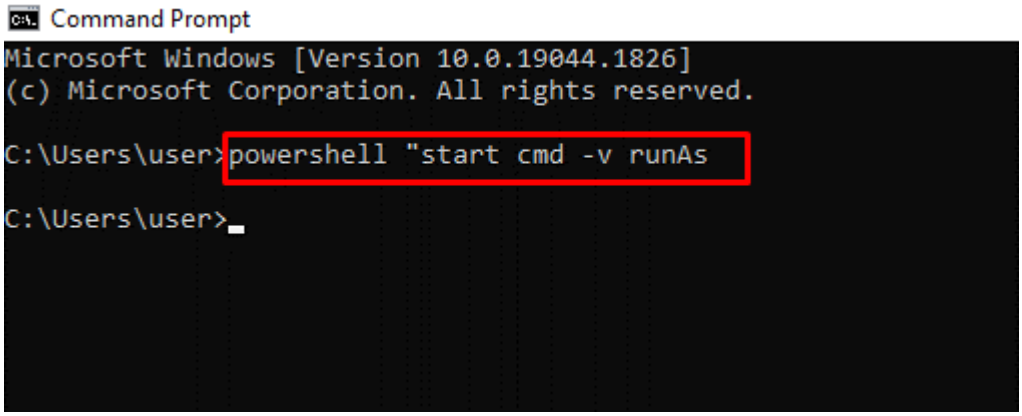
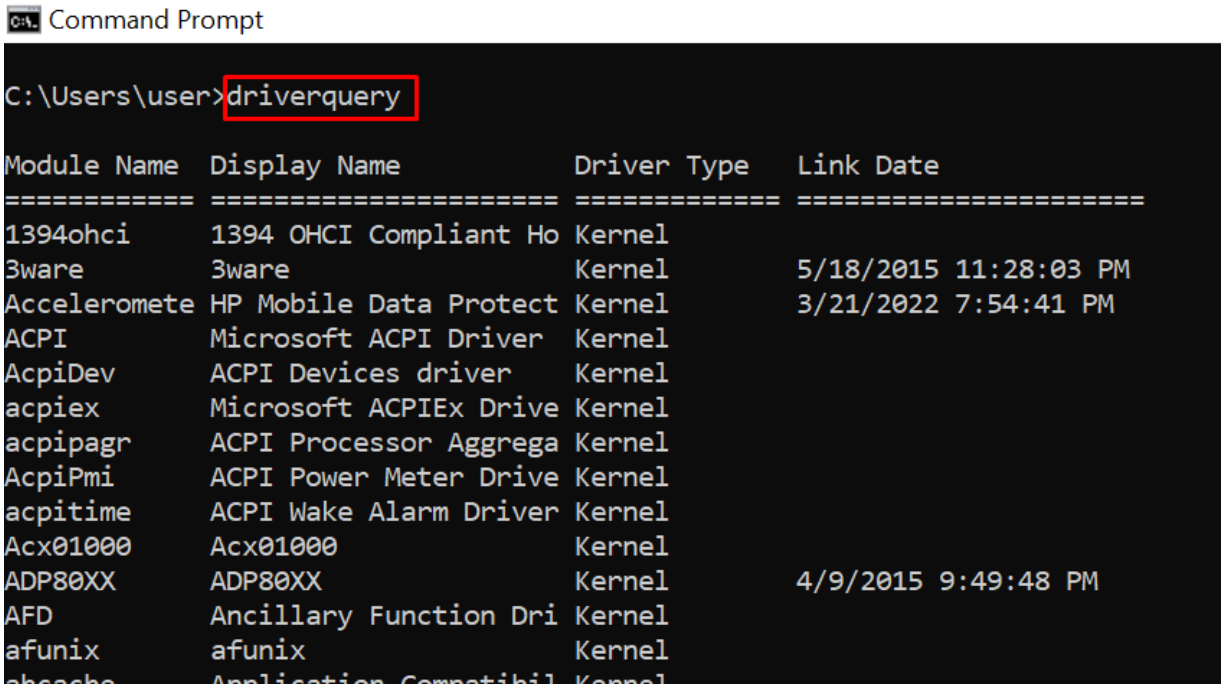
Command Line Hacking

powershell start cmd -v runAs – Run the Command Prompt as an Administrator
Entering this command opens another command prompt window as an administrator:

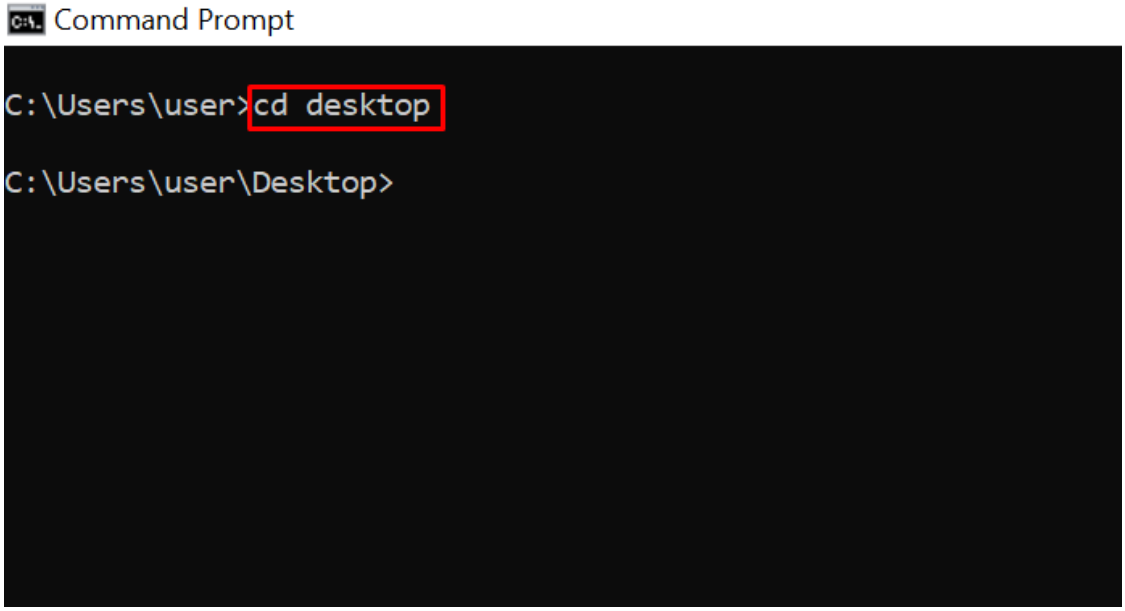


driverquery – Lists All Installed Drivers
It is important to have access to all drivers because they often cause problems.

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

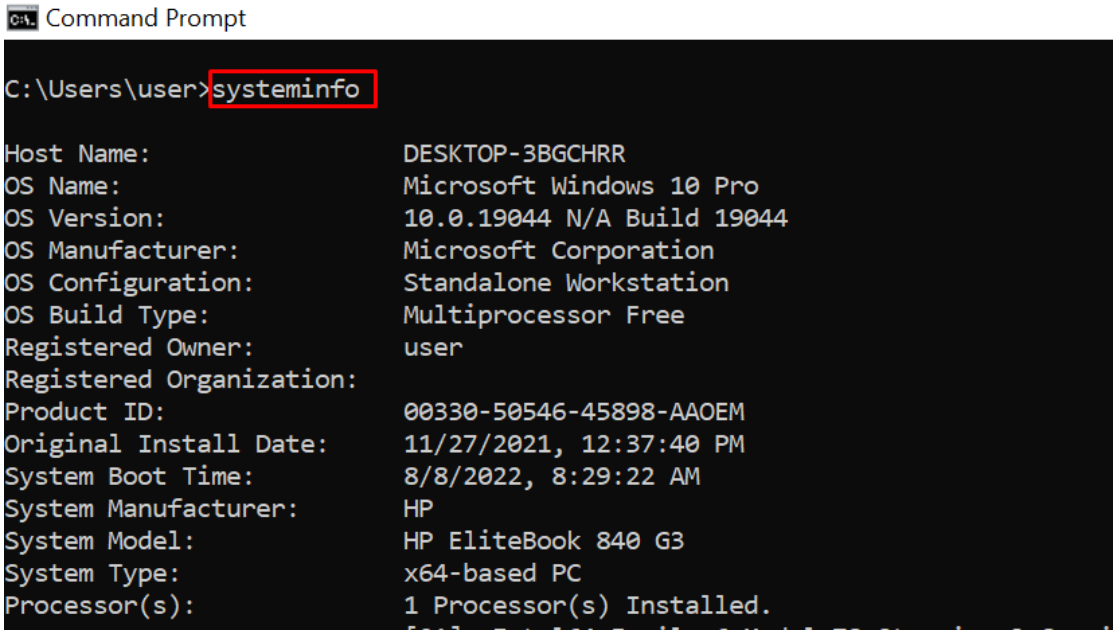


chdir or cd – Changes the Current Working Directory to the Specified Directory

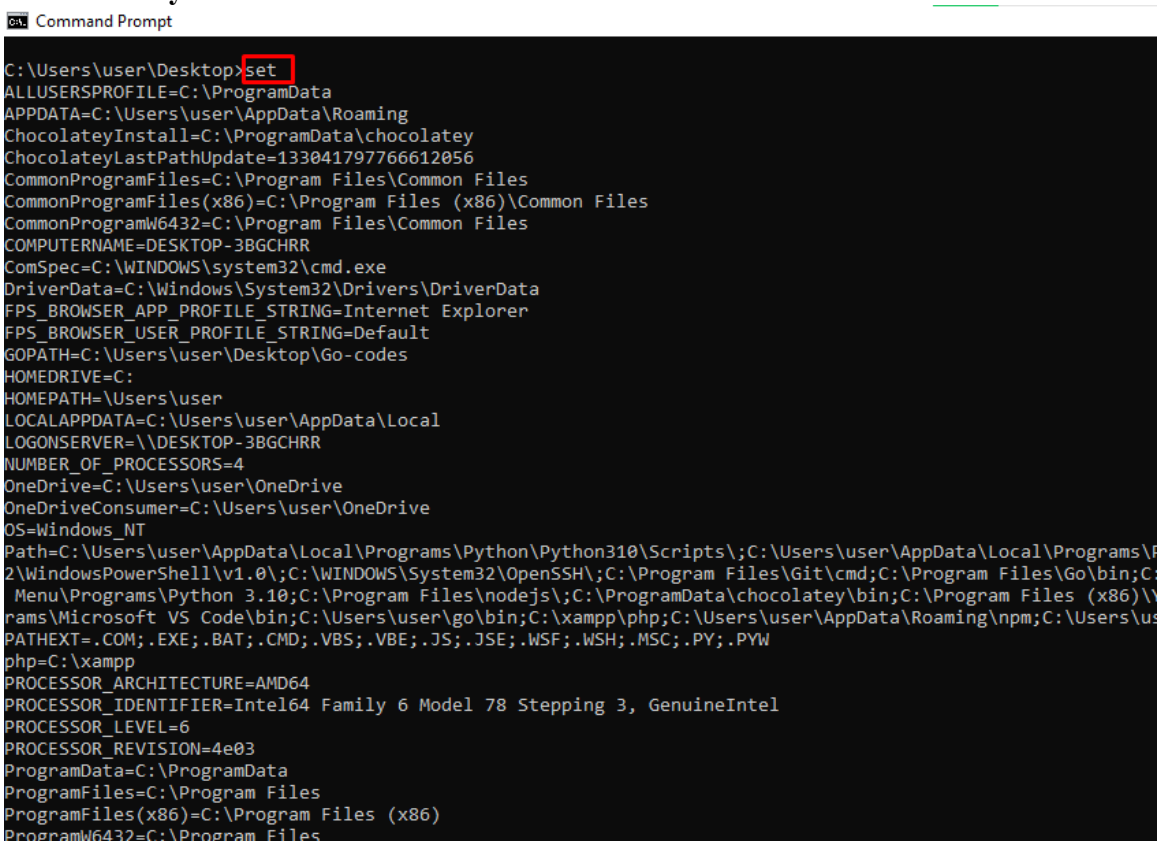


systeminfo – Shows Your PC's Details

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



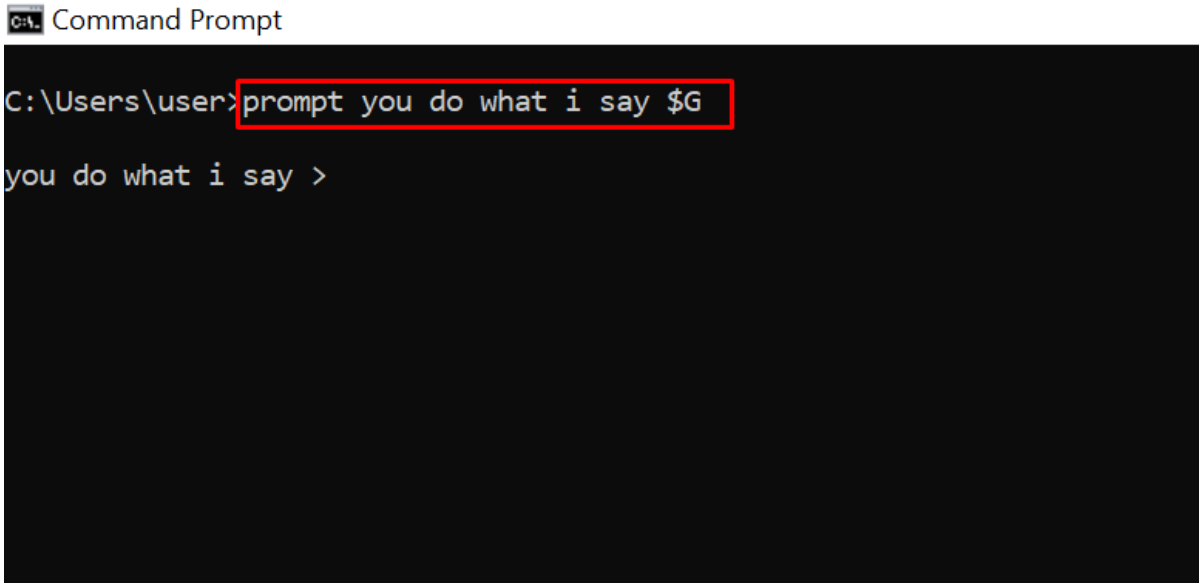
set – Shows your PC's Environment Variables



prompt – Changes the Default Text Shown before Entering Commands

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

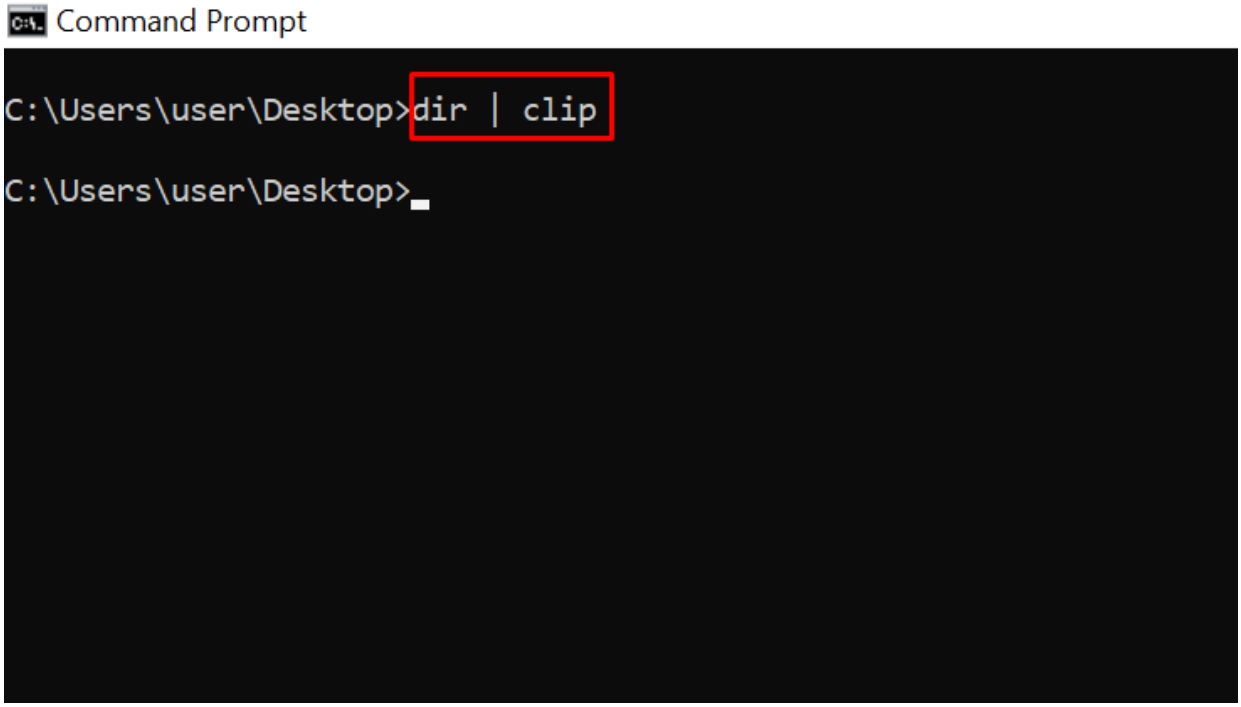
You can use the prompt command to change that default text with the syntax prompt prompt_name $G:



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

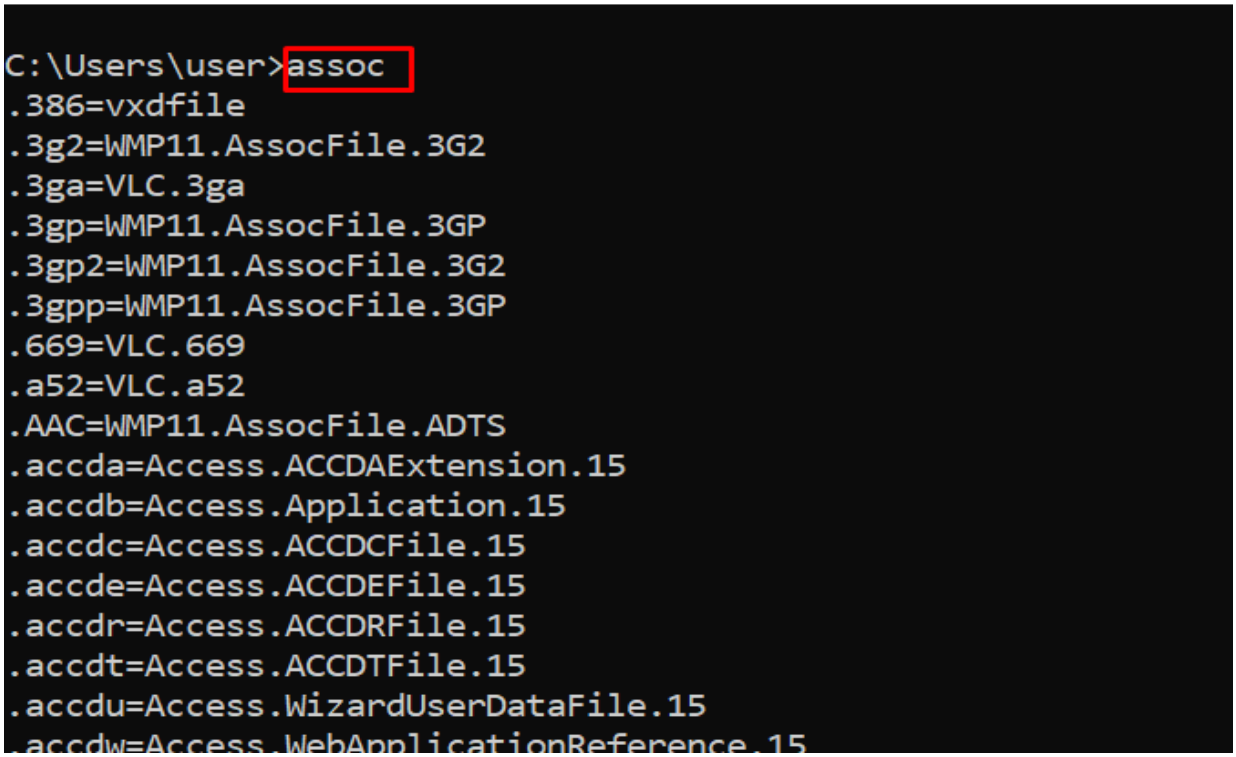
clip – Copies an Item to the Clipboard

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

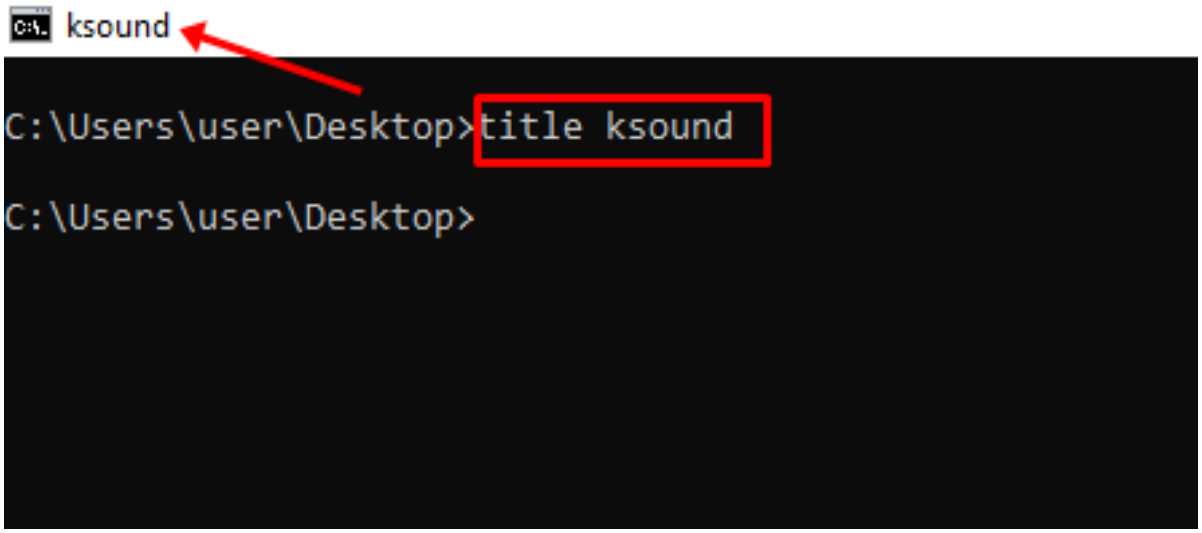


You can type clip /? and hit ENTER to see how to use it.

assoc – Lists Programs and the Extensions They are Associated With

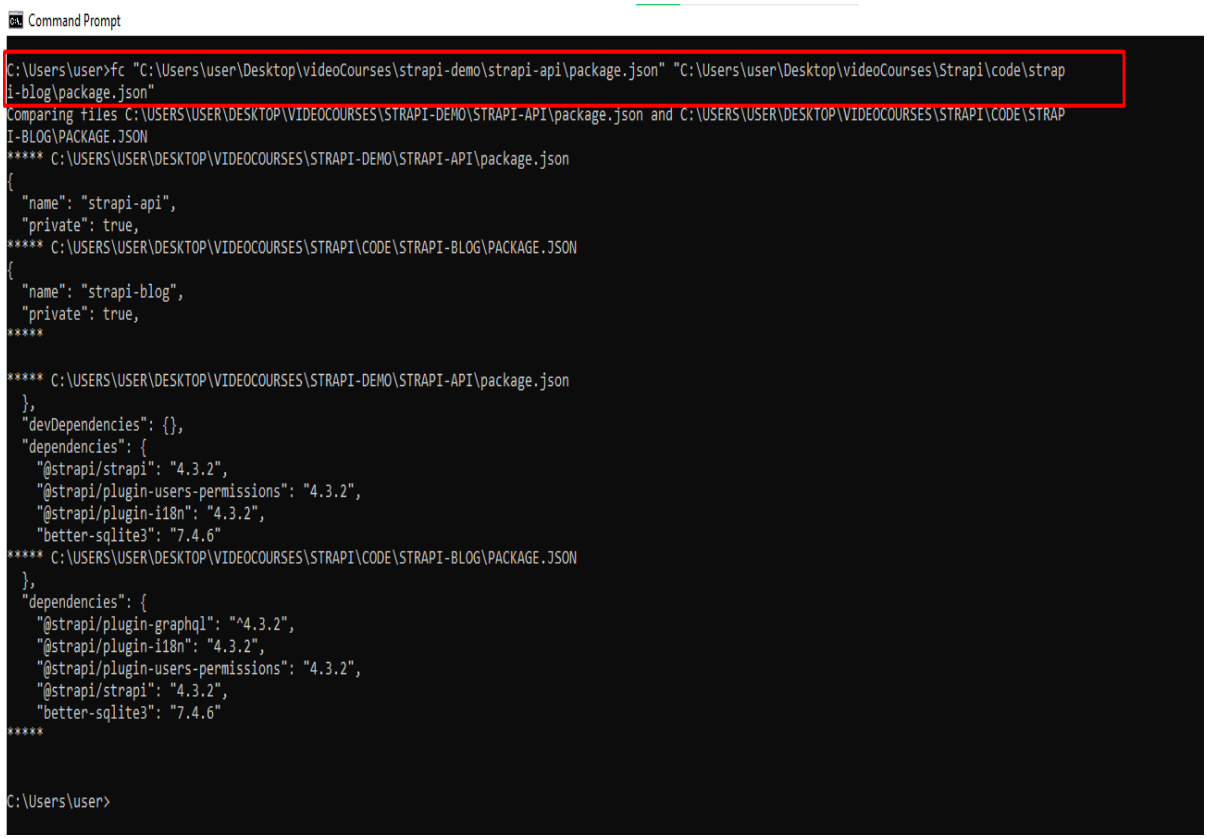


title – Changes the Command Prompt Window Title Using the Format title window-title-name



fc – Compares Two Similar Files

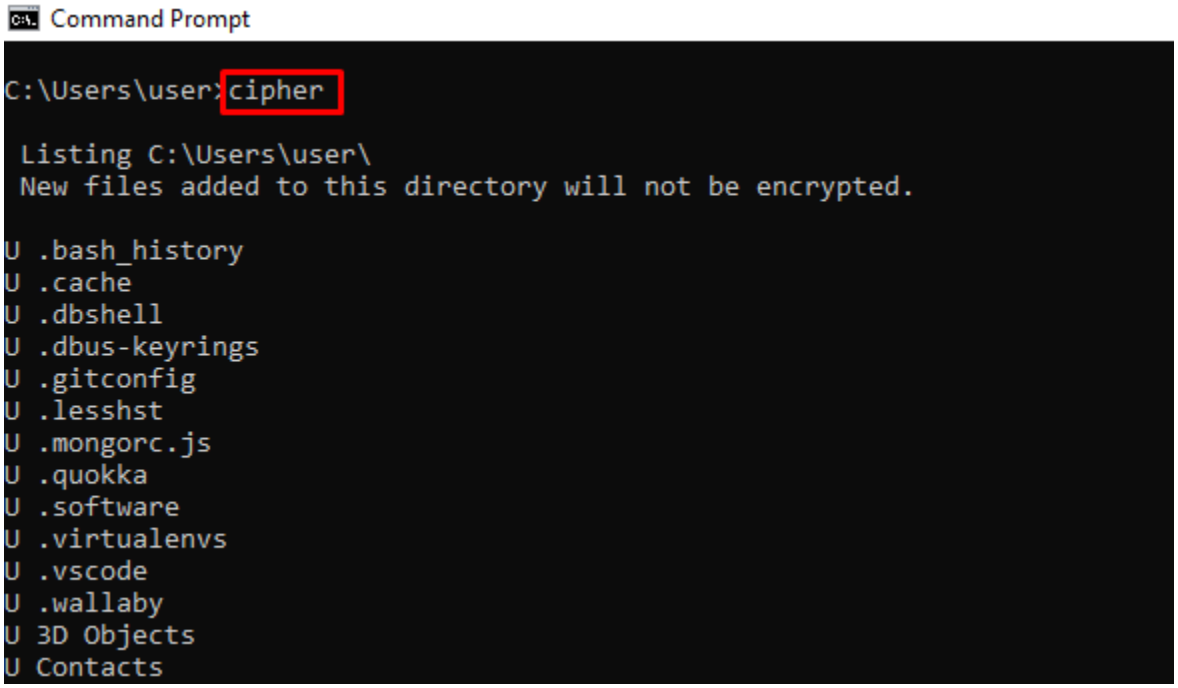
If you are a programmer or writer and you want to quickly see what differs between two files, you can enter this command and then the full path to the two files. For example fc "file-1-path" "file-2-path".



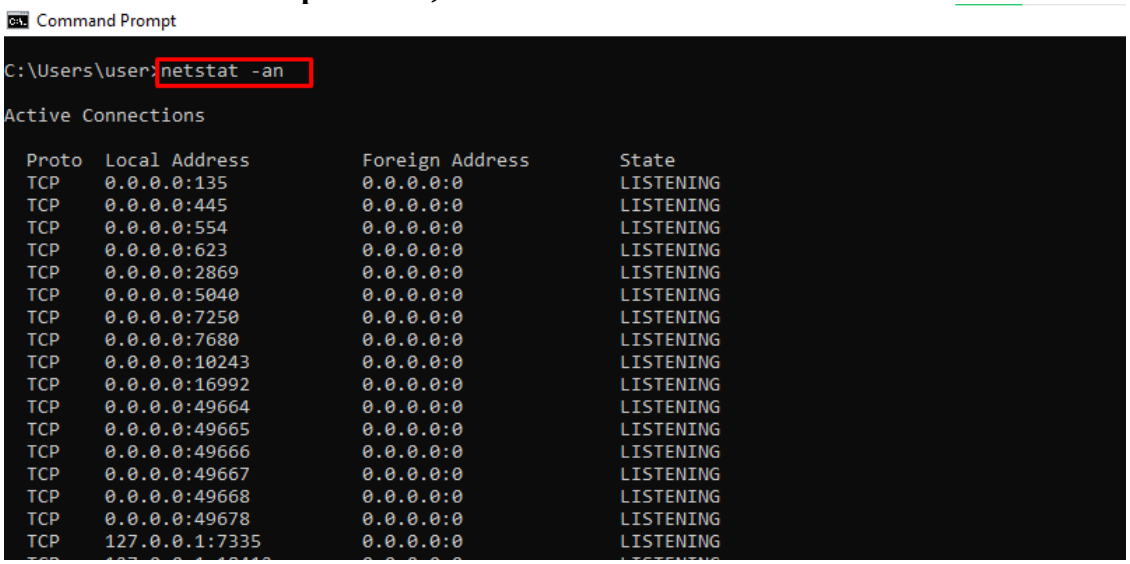
cipher – Wipes Free Space and Encrypts Data

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

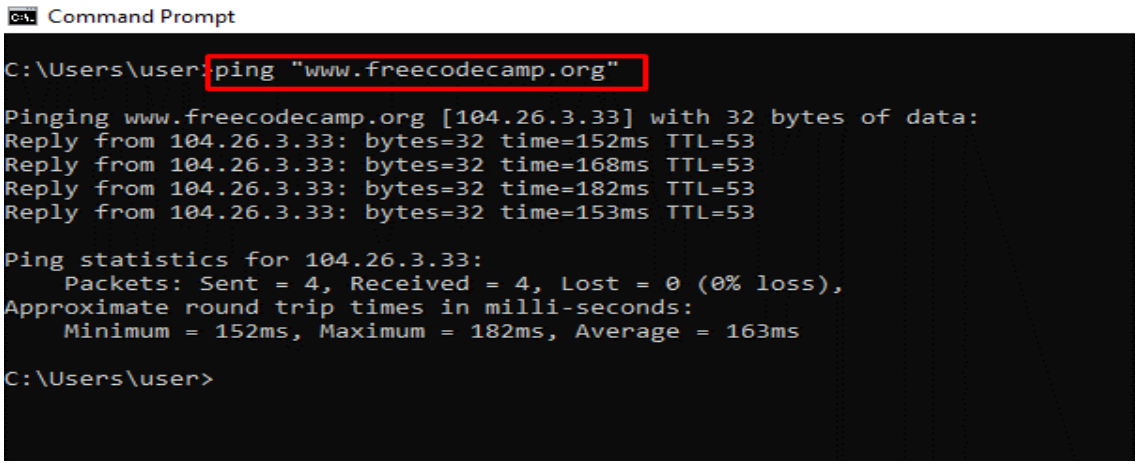
You can use the cipher command to wipe the drive clean and encrypt such files.



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

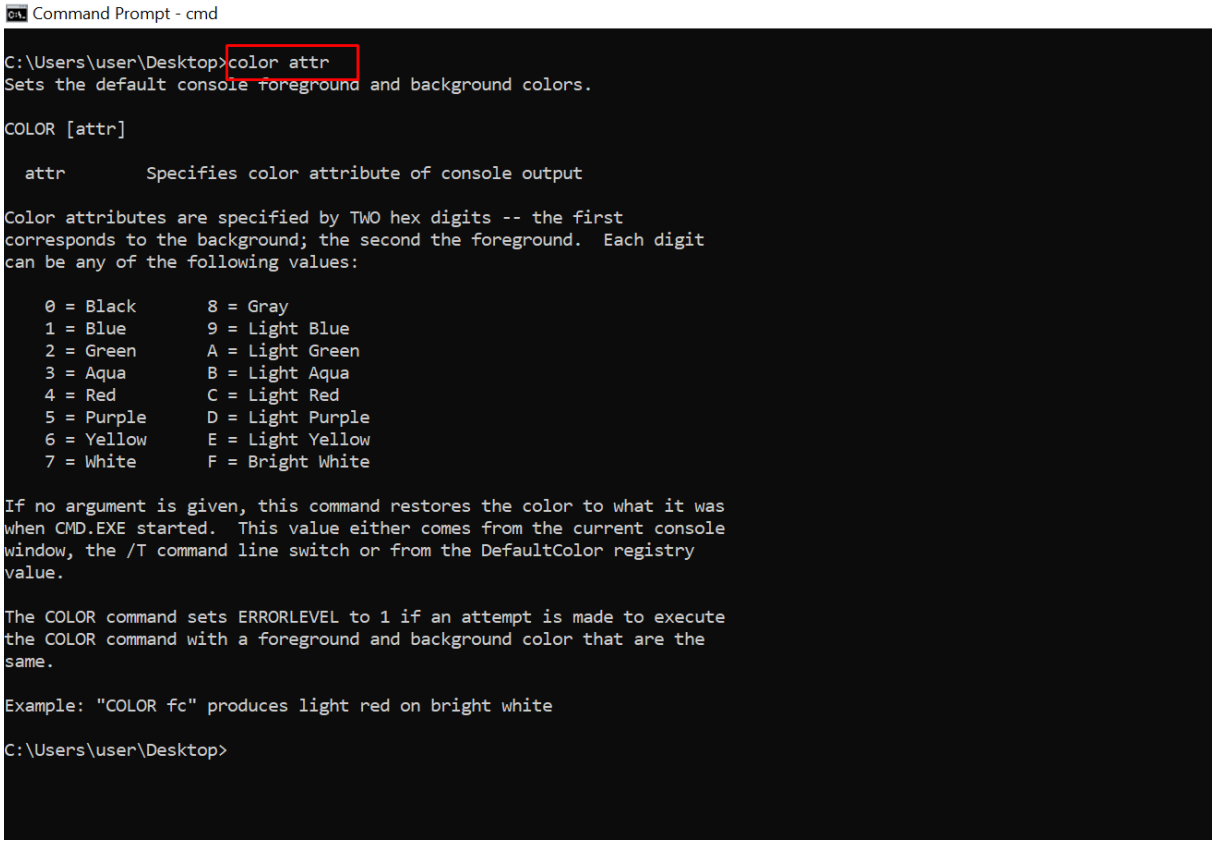


ping – Shows a Website IP Address, Lets you Know How Long it Takes to Transmit Data and a Get Response

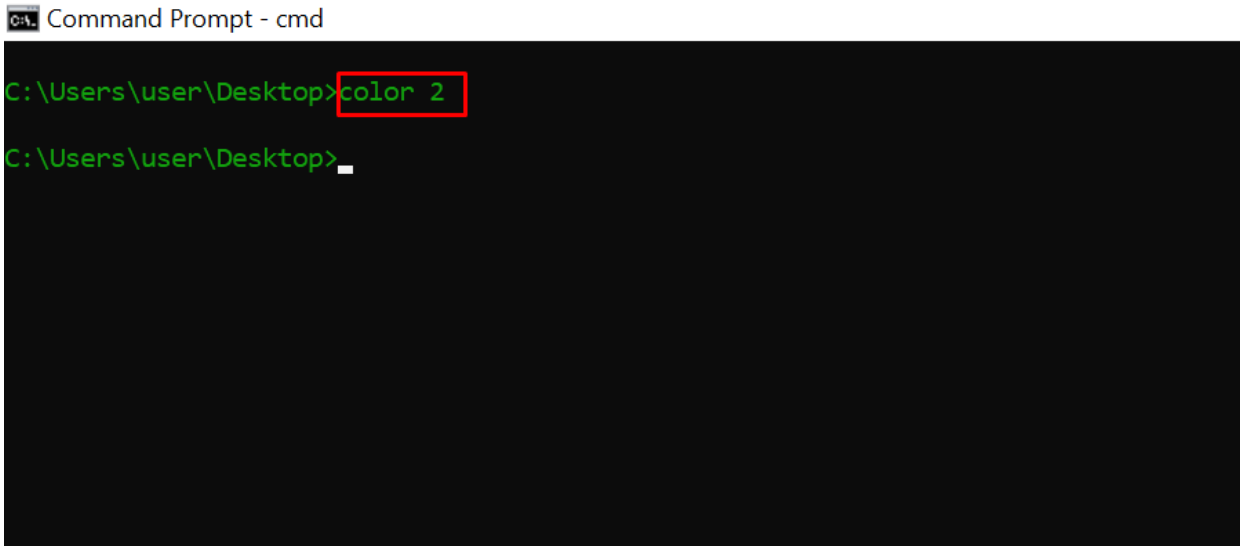


color – Changes the Text Color of the Command Prompt

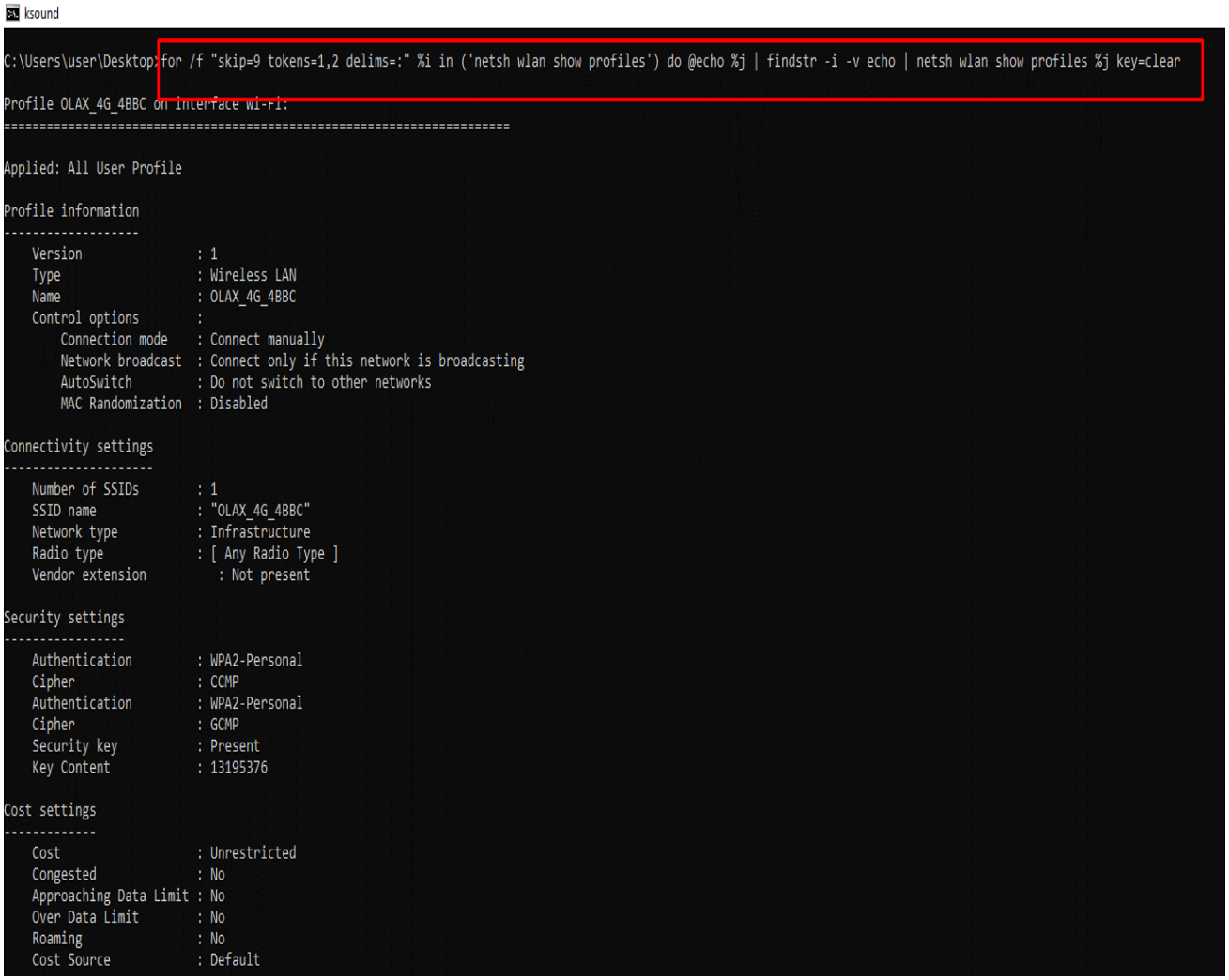
Enter color attr to see the colors you can change to:



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



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



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 State . . . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
   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
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   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
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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>]]

/SCANNOW        Scans integrity of all protected system files and repairs files with
                problems when possible.
/VERIFYONLY     Scans integrity of all protected system files. No repair operation is
                performed.
/SCANFILE       Scans integrity of the referenced file, repairs file if problems are
                identified. Specify full path <file>
/VERIFYFILE     Verifies the integrity of the file with full path <file>.  No repair
                operation is performed.
/OFFBOOTDIR     For offline repair, specify the location of the offline boot directory
/OFFWINDIR      For offline repair, specify the location of the offline windows directory
/OFFLOGFILE     For offline repair, optionally enable logging by specifying a log file path

e.g.

        sfc /SCANNOW
        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

C:\WINDOWS\system32>
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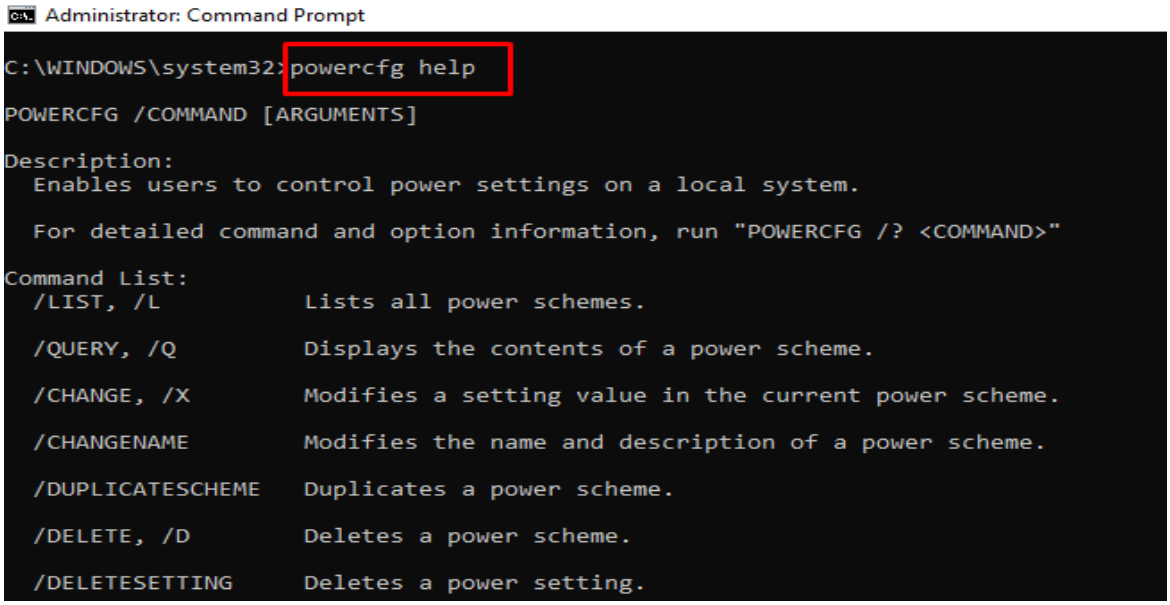
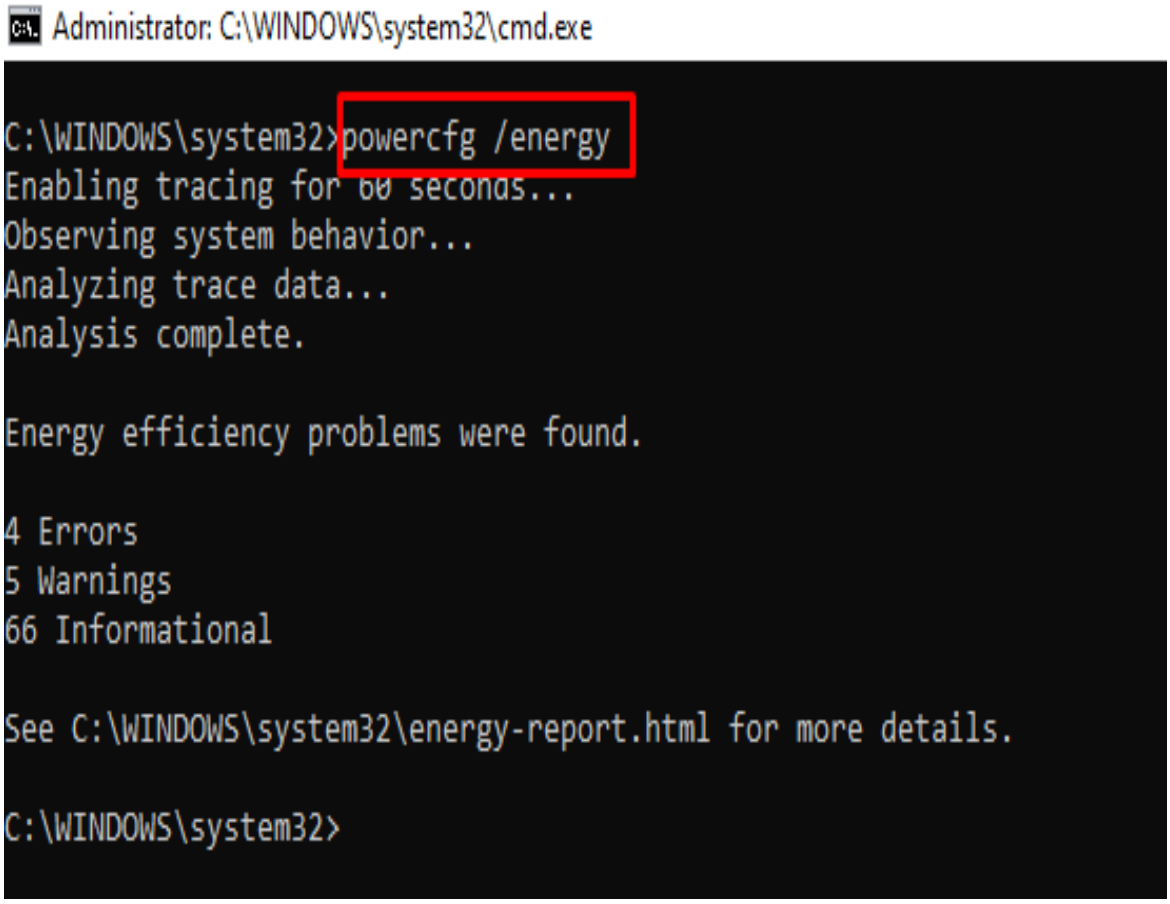
powercfg – Controls Configurable Power Settings
You can use this command with its several extensions to show information about the power state of your PC.

You can enter powercfg help to show those extensions.

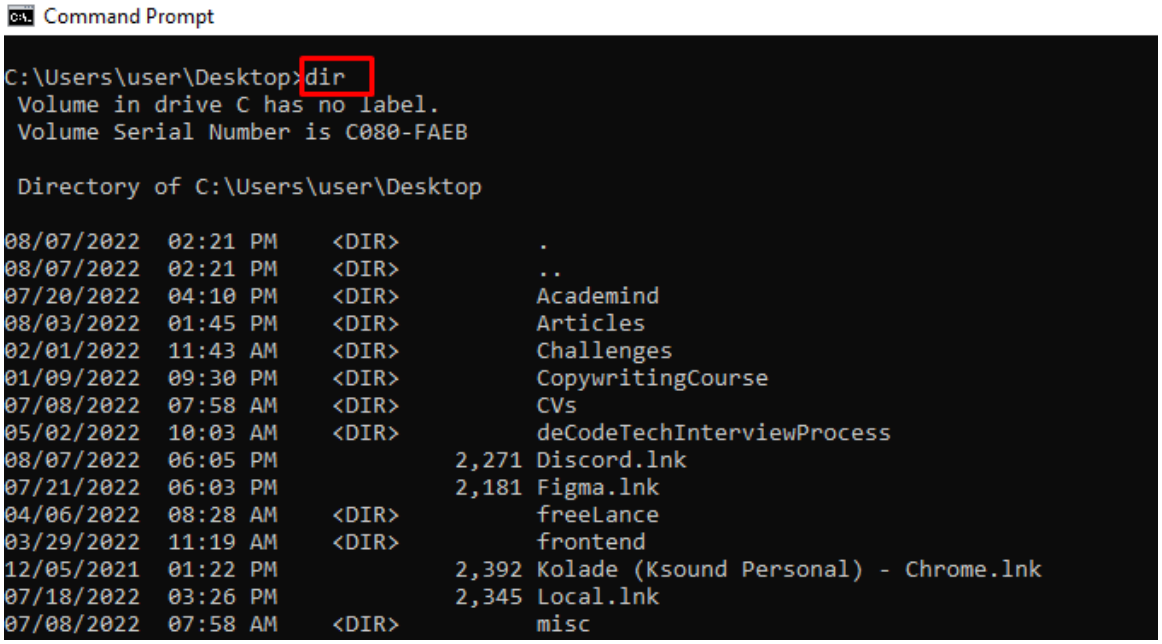


For example, you can use powercfg /energy to generate a battery health report.

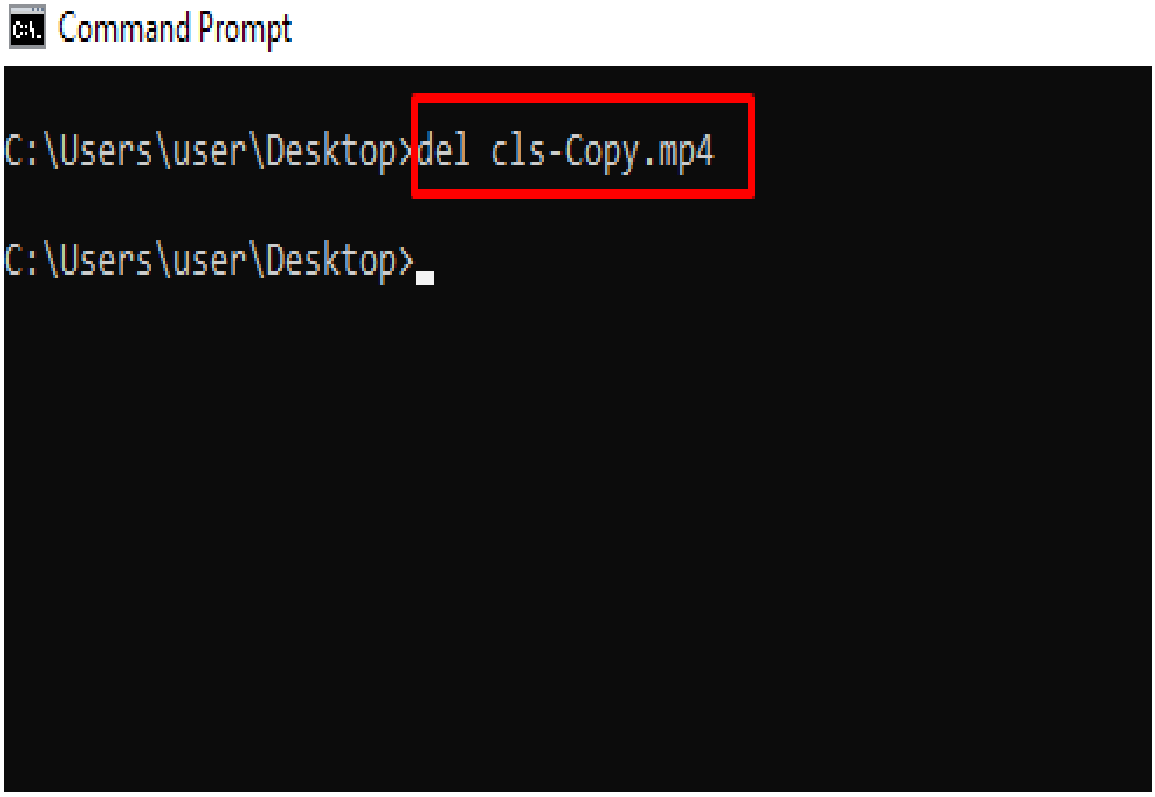


The powercfg /energy command will generate an HTML file containing the report. You can find the HTML file in C:\Windows\system32\energy-report.html.

dir – Lists Items in a Directory



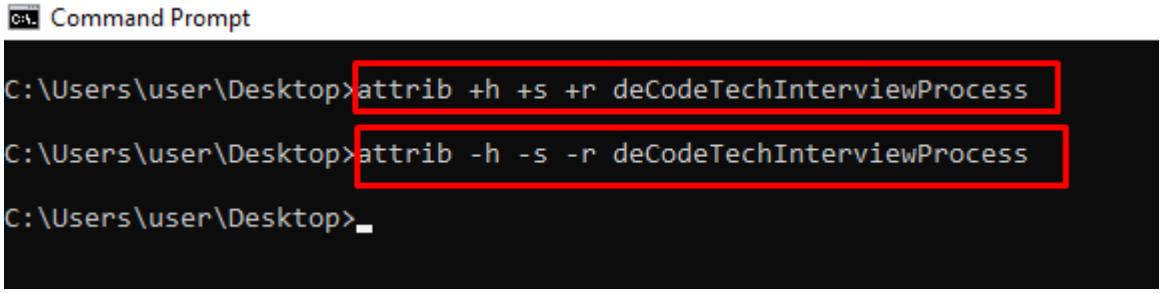
del – Deletes a File



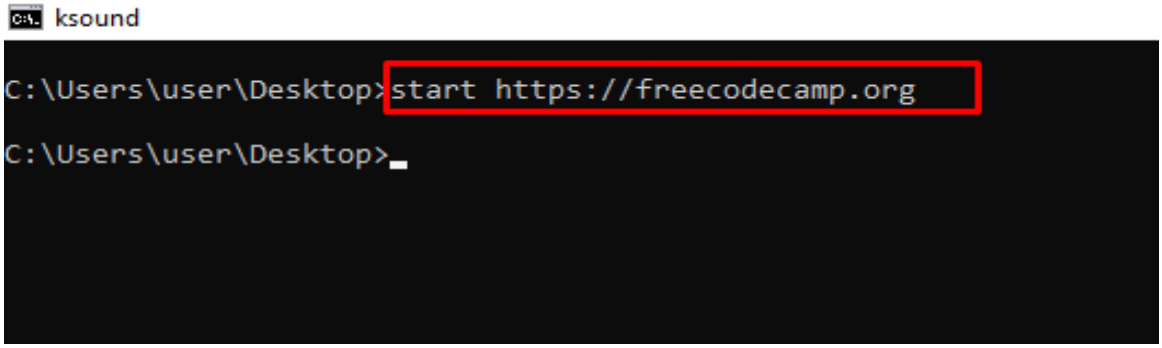
attrib +h +s +r folder_name – Hides a Folder

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

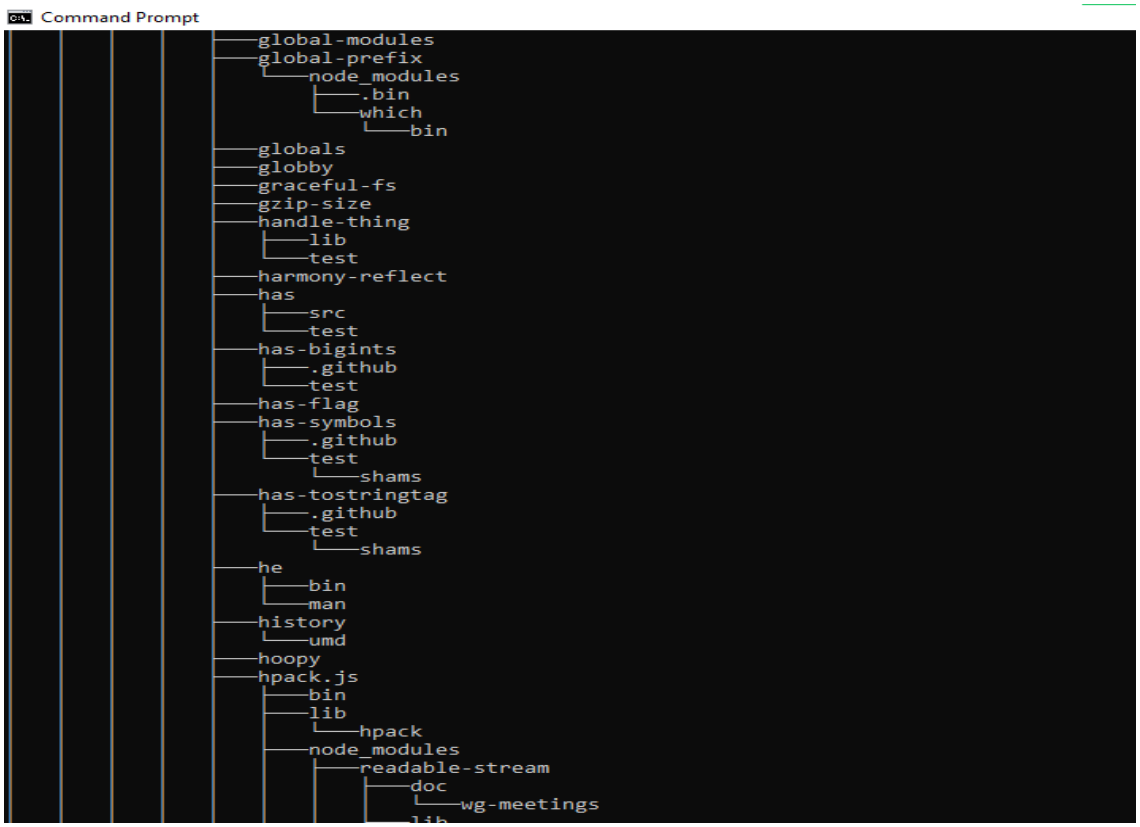
To show the folder again, execute the command – attrib -h -s -r folder_name.



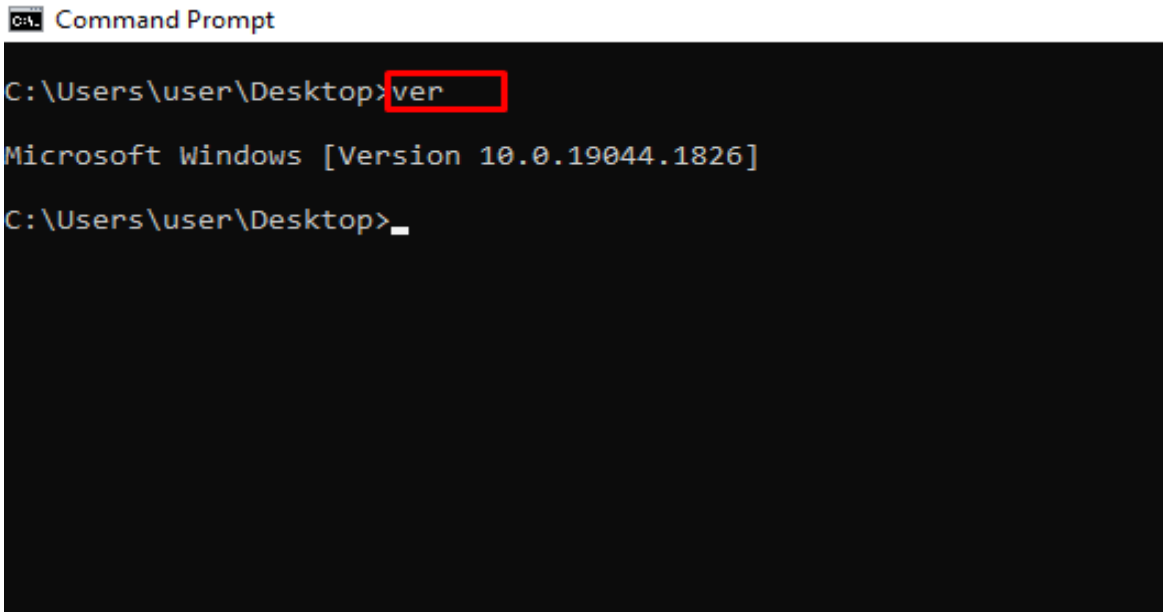
start website-address – Logs on to a Website from the Command Line



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



ver – Shows the Version of the OS



tasklist – Shows Open Programs

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

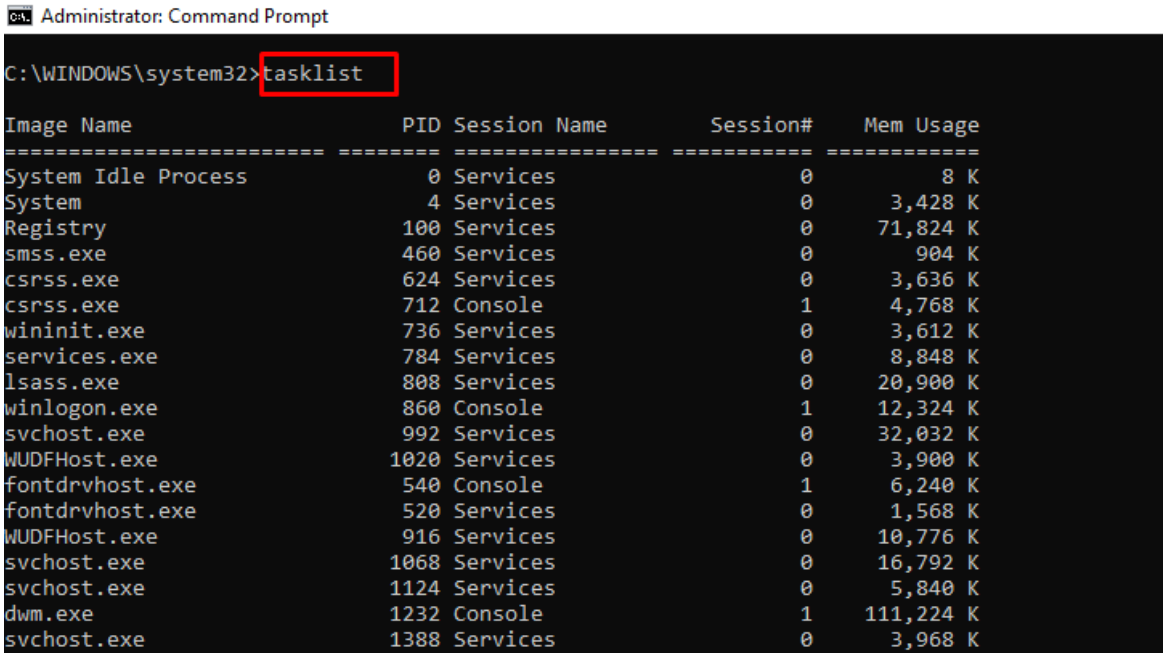
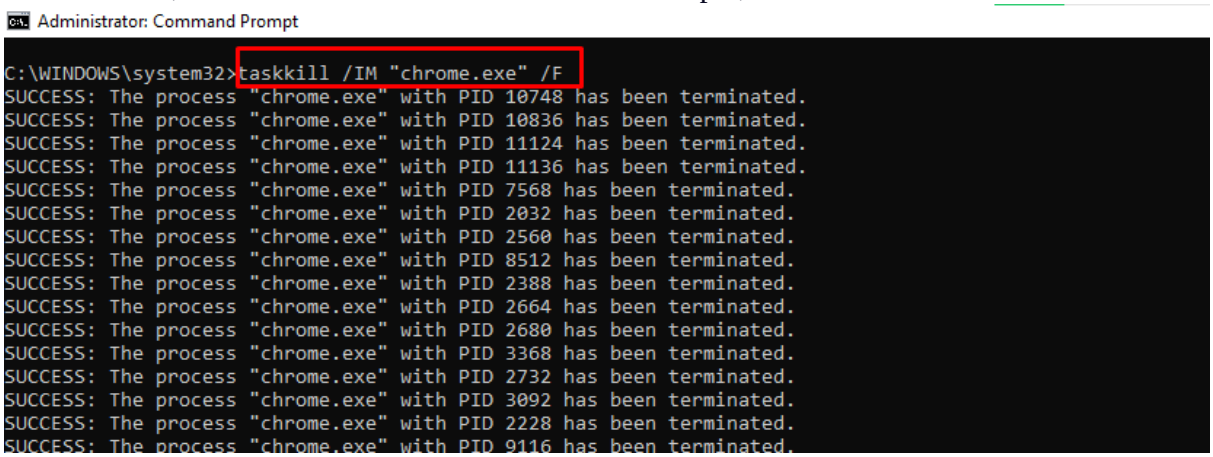


Image Name	PID	Session Name	Session#	Mem Usage
System Idle Process	0	Services	0	8 K
System	4	Services	0	3,428 K
Registry	100	Services	0	71,824 K
smss.exe	460	Services	0	904 K
csrss.exe	624	Services	0	3,636 K
csrss.exe	712	Console	1	4,768 K
wininit.exe	736	Services	0	3,612 K
services.exe	784	Services	0	8,848 K
lsass.exe	808	Services	0	20,900 K
winlogon.exe	860	Console	1	12,324 K
svchost.exe	992	Services	0	32,032 K
WUDFHost.exe	1020	Services	0	3,900 K
fontdrvhost.exe	540	Console	1	6,240 K
fontdrvhost.exe	520	Services	0	1,568 K
WUDFHost.exe	916	Services	0	10,776 K
svchost.exe	1068	Services	0	16,792 K
svchost.exe	1124	Services	0	5,840 K
dwm.exe	1232	Console	1	111,224 K
svchost.exe	1388	Services	0	3,968 K

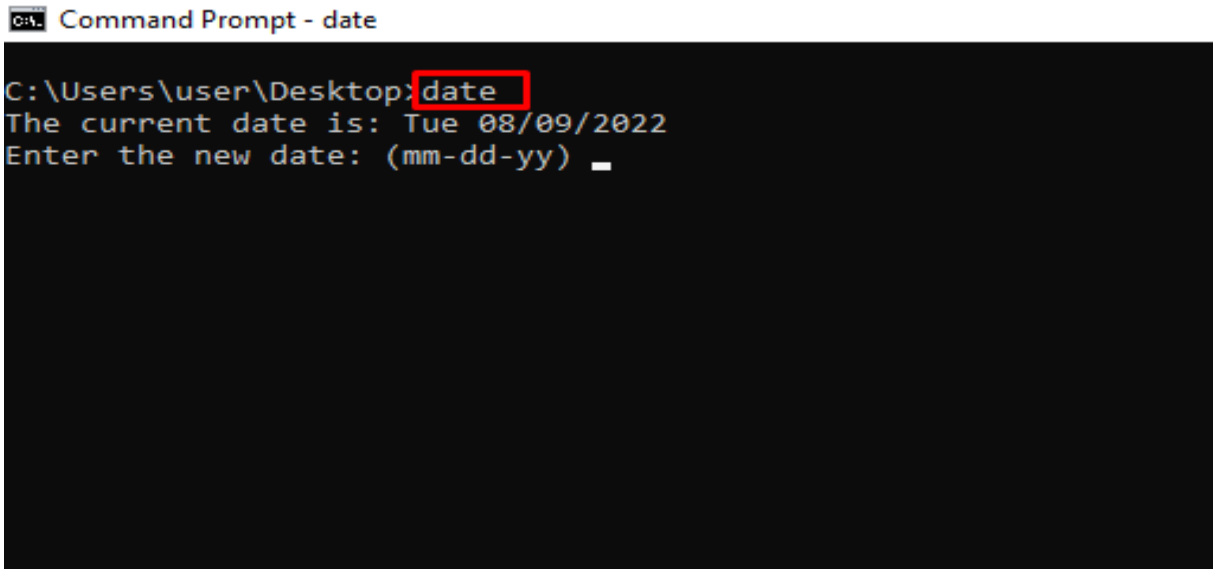
The next command shows you how to close an open task.

taskkill – Terminates a Running Task

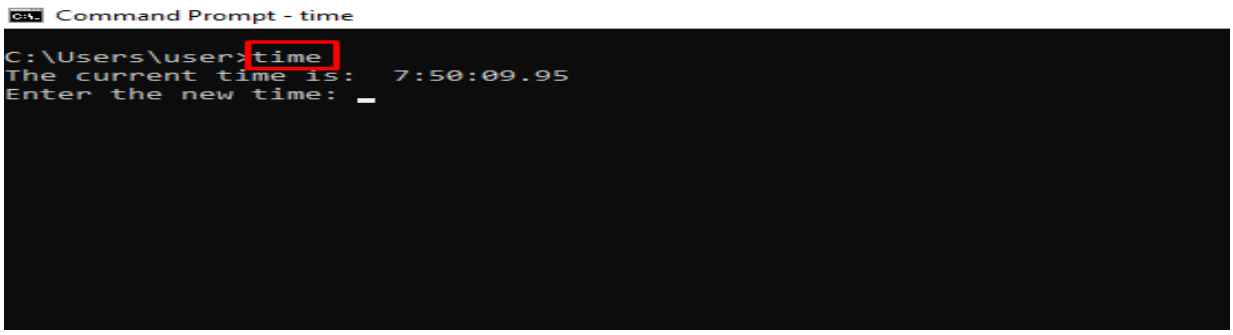
To kill a task, run taskkill /IM "task.exe" /F. For example, taskkill /IM "chrome.exe" /F:



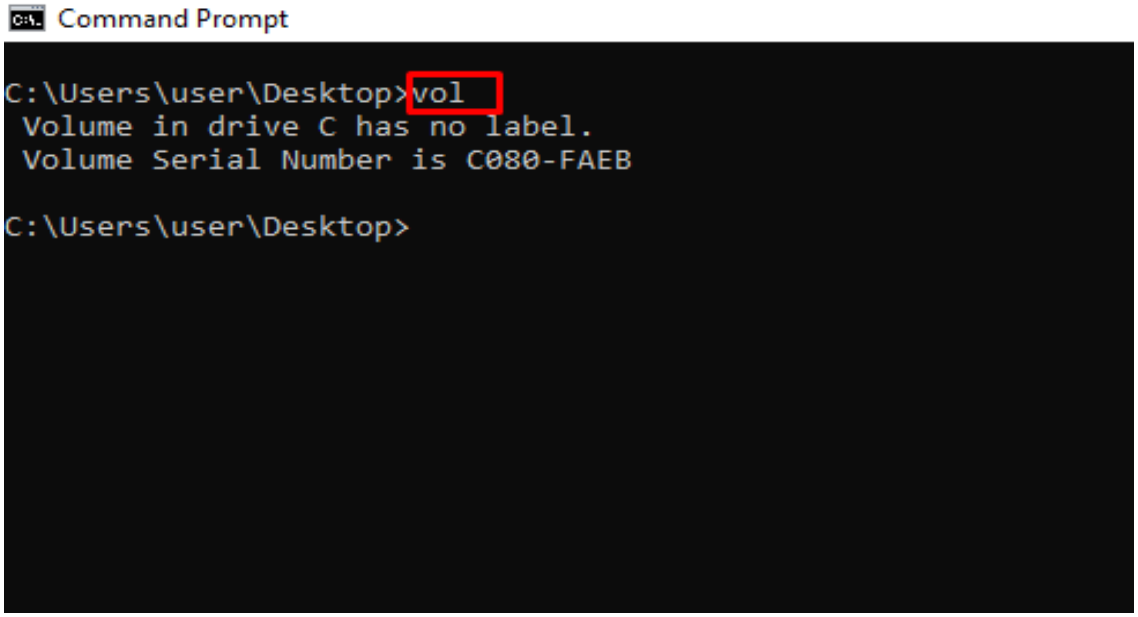
date – Shows and Changes the Current Date



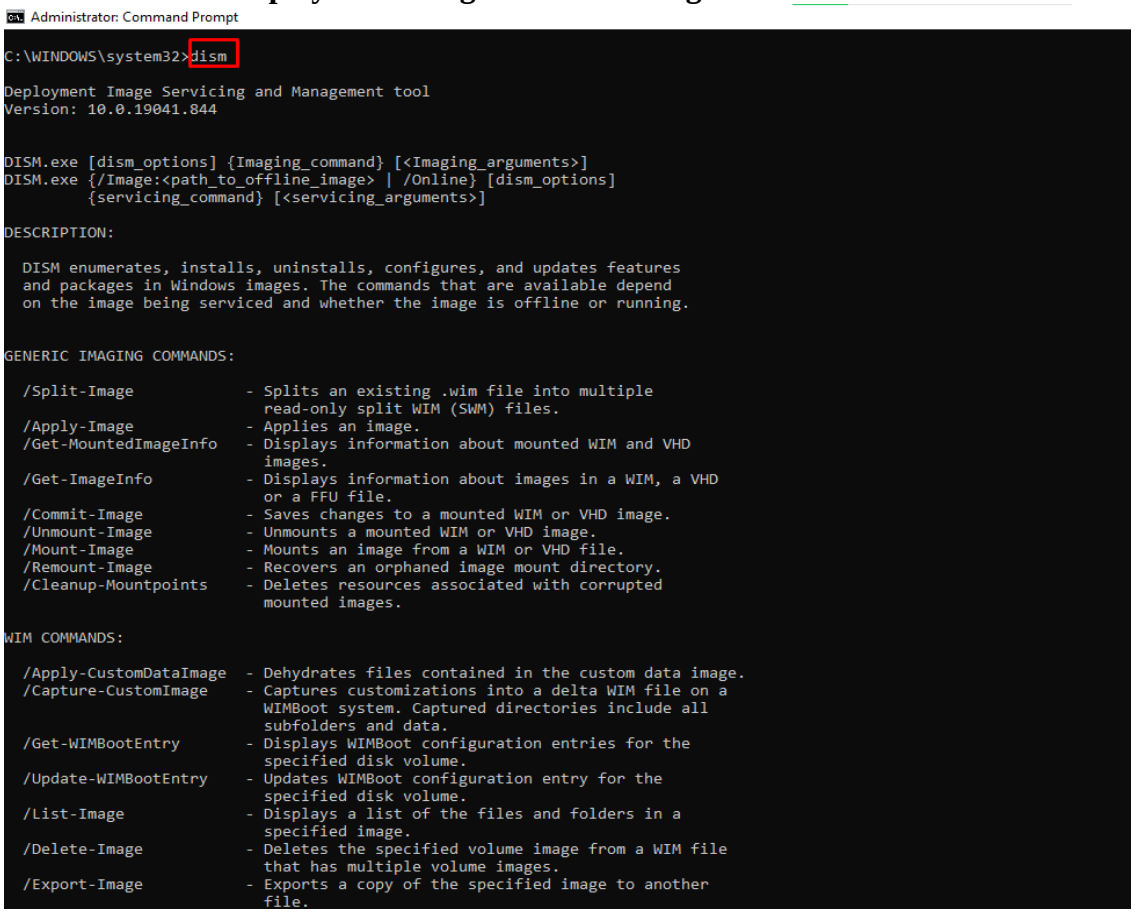
time – Shows and Changes the Current Time



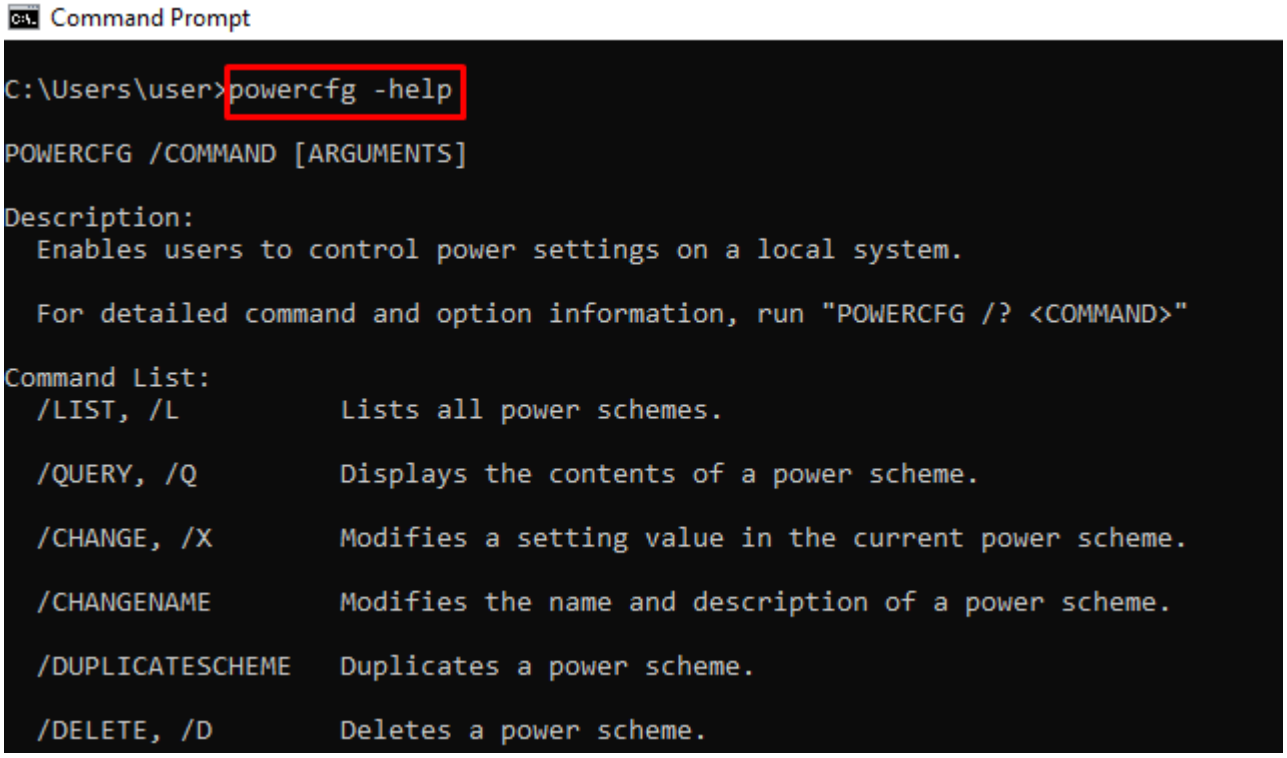
vol – Shows the Serial Number and Label Info of the Current Drive



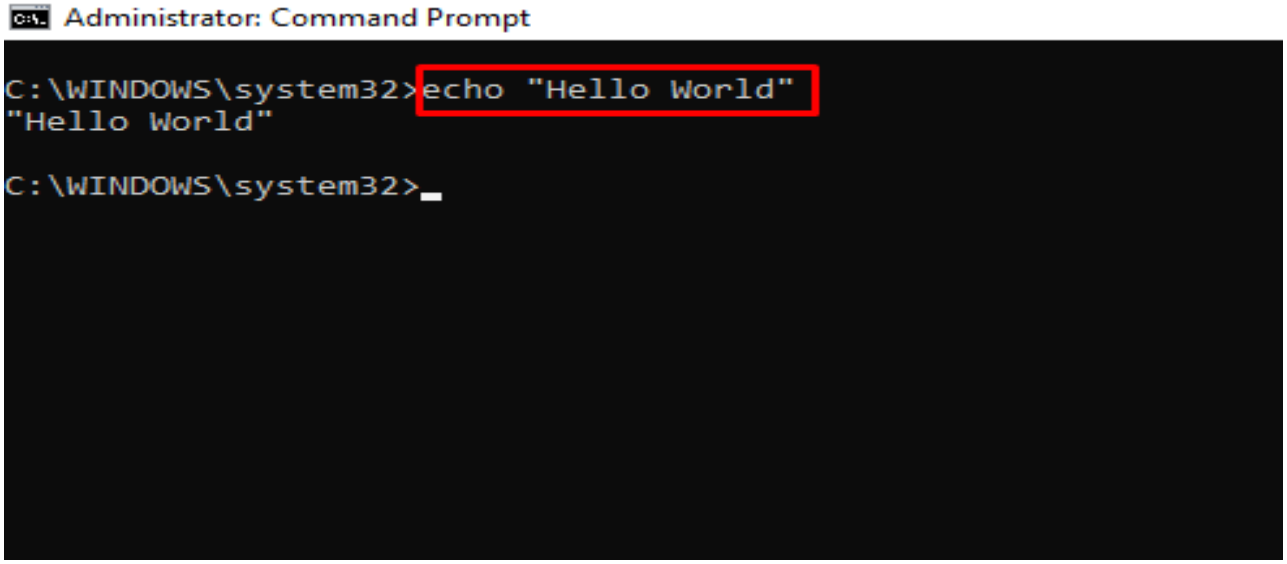
dism – Runs the Deployment Image Service Management Tool



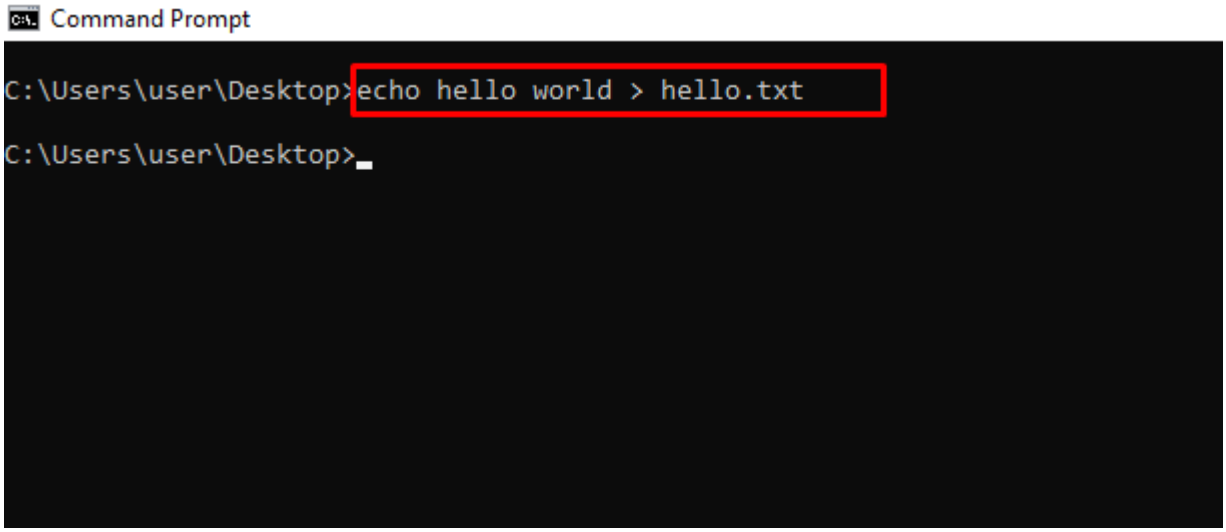
CTRL + C – Stops the Execution of a Command
-help – Provides a Guide to other Commands
For example, powercfg -help shows how to use the powercfg command



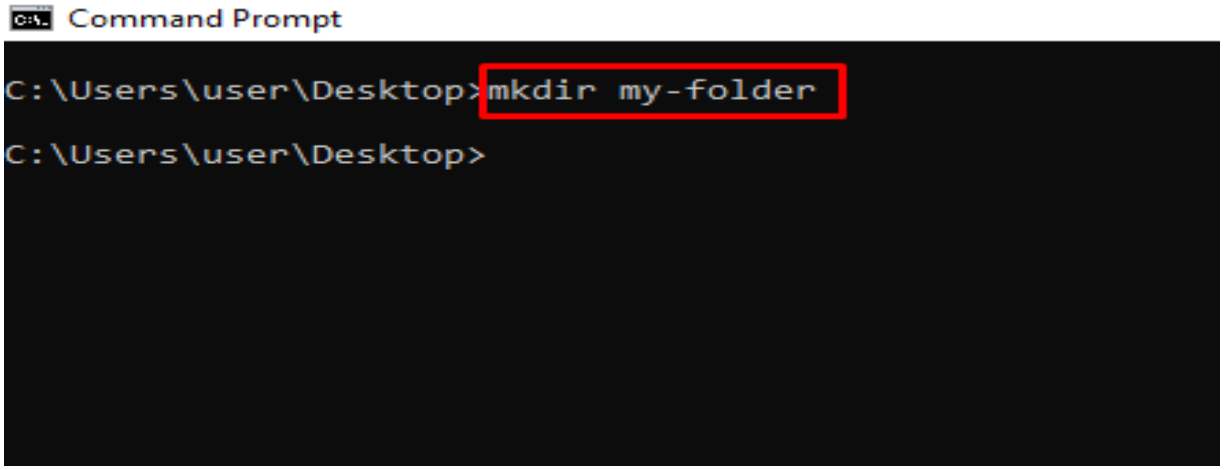
echo – Shows Custom Messages or Messages from a Script or File



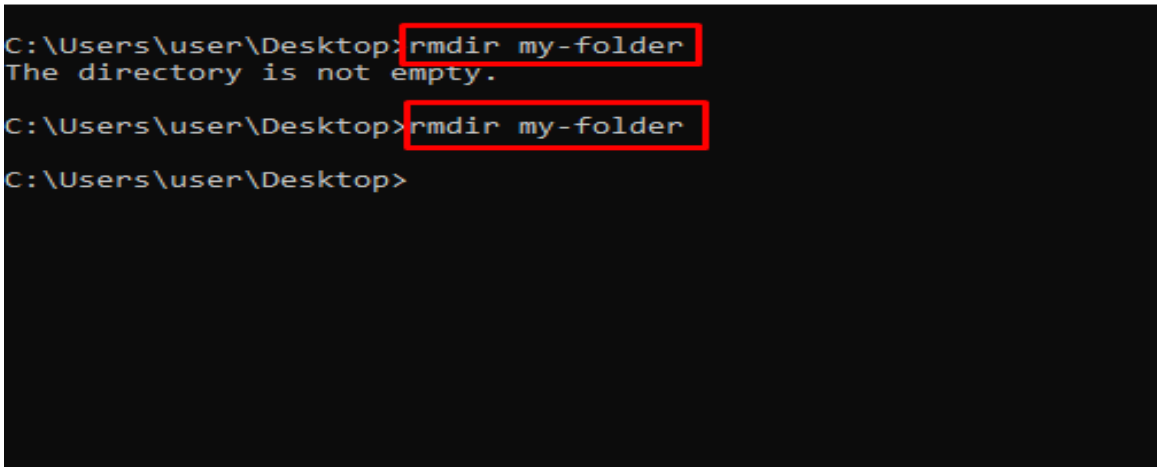
You can also use the echo command to create a file with this syntax echo file-content > filename.extension.



mkdir – Creates a Folder

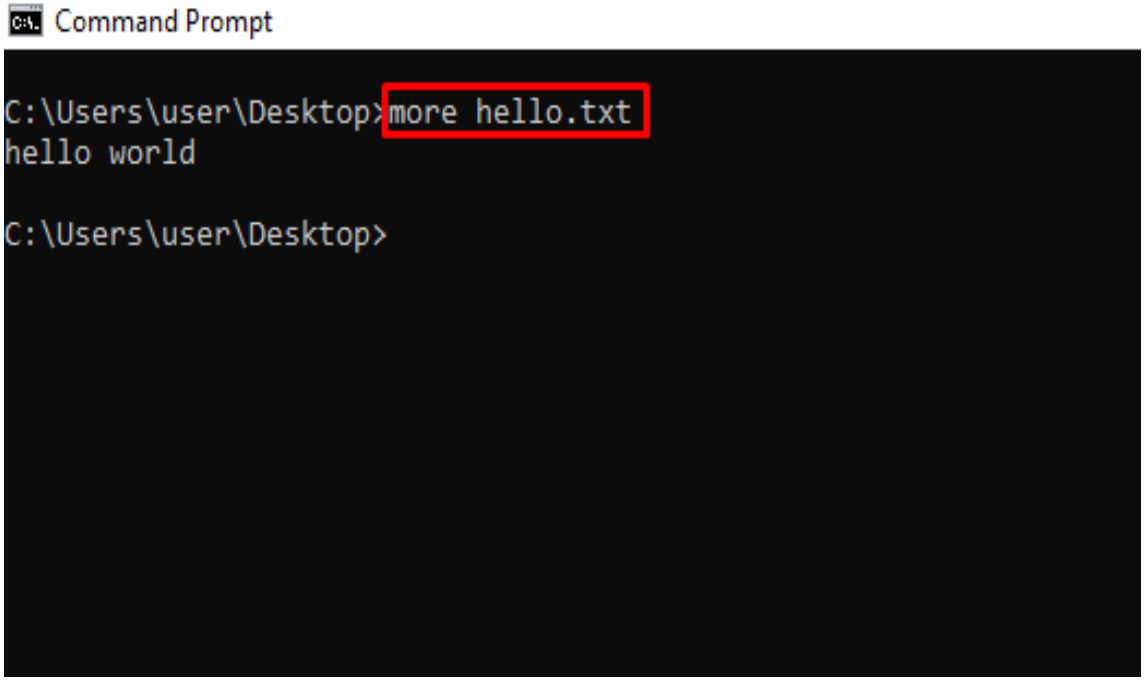


rmdir – Deletes a Folder

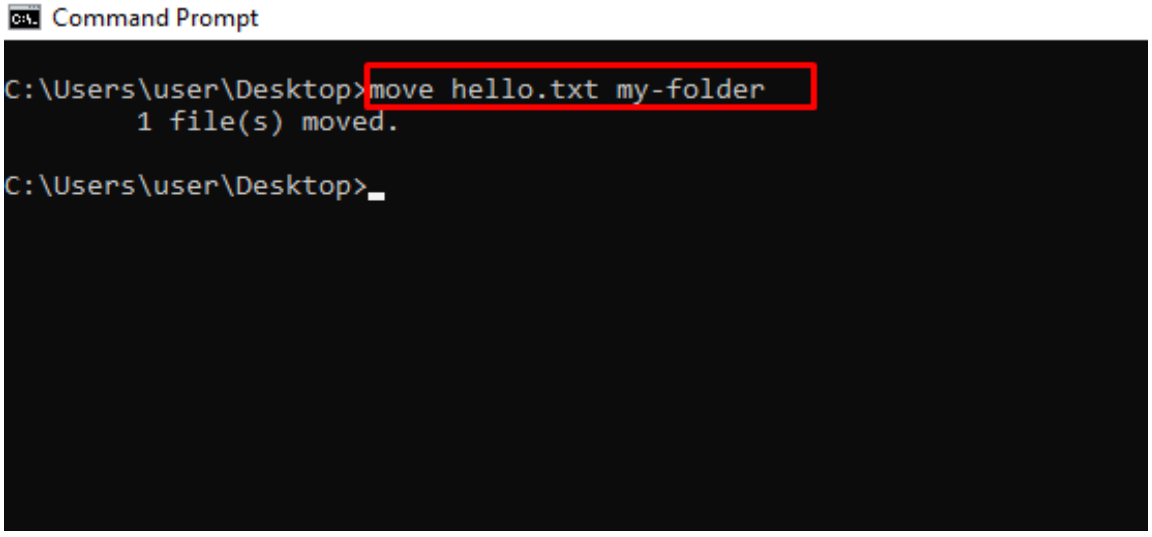


N.B.: The folder must be empty for this command to work.

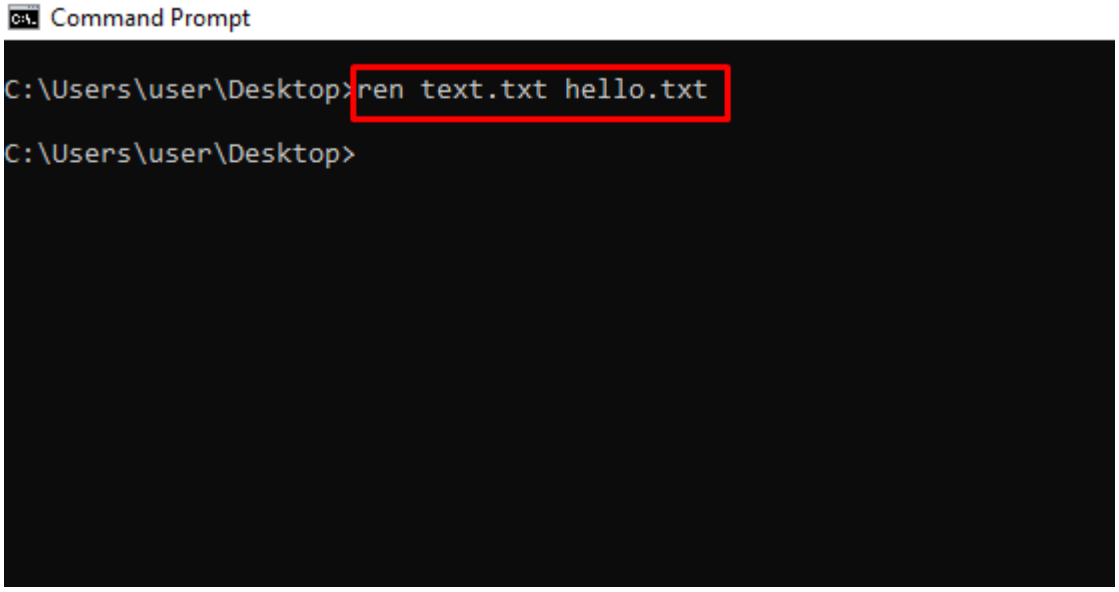
more – Shows More Information or the Content of a File



move – Moves a File or Folder to a Specified Folder

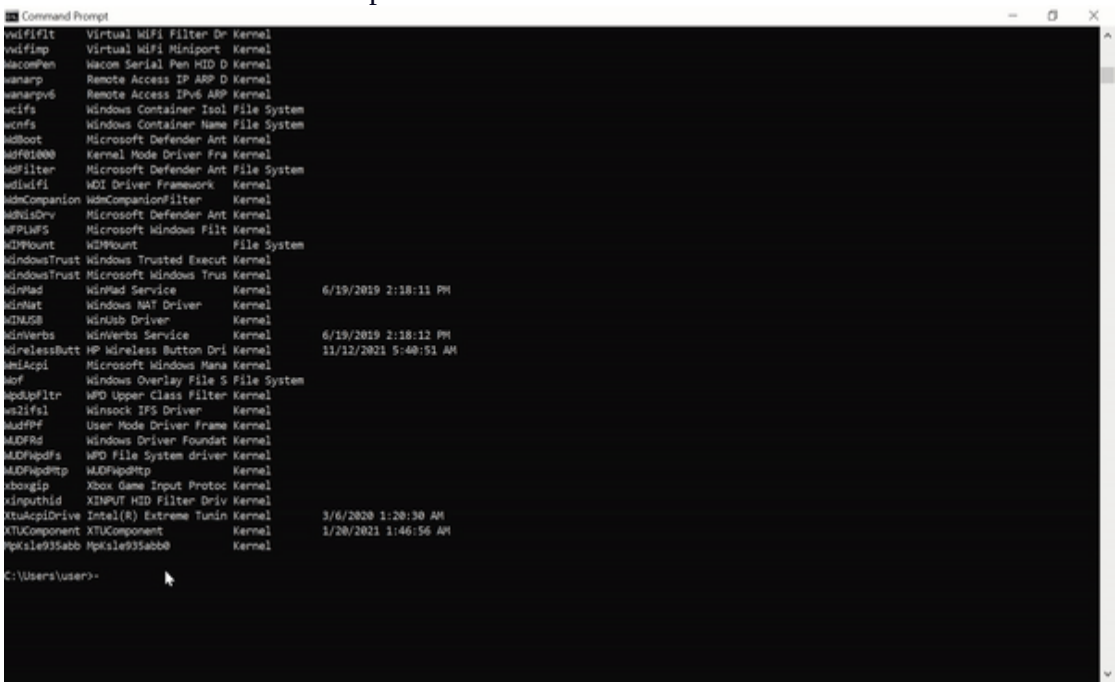


ren – Renames a File with the Syntax ren filename.extension new-name.extension



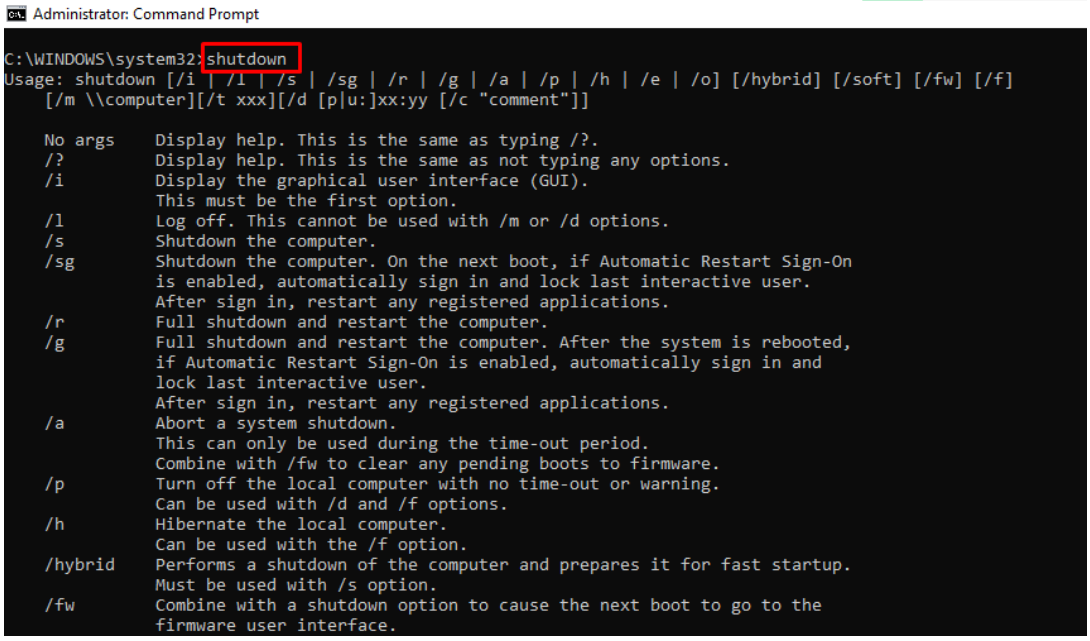
cls – Clears the Command Line

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)

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!).