

# Windows cmd.exe shell tips for productivity

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## doskey

Command	Description
Up Arrow	Recall previous command.
Down Arrow	Recall next command
Page Up	Recall the 1st/oldest command in the current session.
Page Down	Recall the most recent command in this session.
Ctrl + Left Arrow	Move cursor back one word.
Ctrl + Right Arrow	Move cursor right one word.
Home	Move cursor to the beginning of the line.
End	Move cursor to the end of the line.
Esc	Clear the command from the display.
Right Click on title → Properties → Options → Buffer size	Increase/decrease the commands history buffer size. Note: <code>doskey /listsize=&lt;n&gt;</code> stopped working on Windows 10 somewhere in 2021.
<b>doskey /history</b>	Show all commands in the buffer.
<b>doskey <i>macroName</i> = <i>command to run</i></b>	Record a macro for this session. E.g. to save some typing: <code>doskey ro = route print</code> , now we can use <code>ro</code> to run <code>route print</code> . The macros are not saved, and disappear after closing the cmd.exe, unless saved in a batch file.
<b>doskey /macros</b>	Show all macros defined for this session.

## References

- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/administration/windows-commands/doskey>