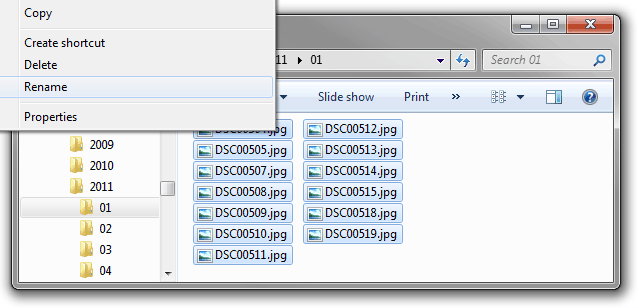
Day – 15.1

**File Renaming**

Fun project for doing tedious boring – file renaming stuff!!!

**15.1.1 Select the batch file and give them a pattern**

1. Open the folder containing the files you want to rename. In the example below, the folder contains 13 photo files with the names they were given by the camera they were taken on.
2. Select all the files you wish to rename (use **Shift** or **Ctrl** to select multiple files). In this case we'll select all the files.
3. Right-Click Context Menu: Right-click on the first file in the list and select Rename from the context menu.



1. Rename the first file: Type a new name for the file, followed by the number 1 in parentheses, then hit Enter. In our case we'll call the file Pool (1).jpg.
2. The other files will automatically be given the same name with incremental numbers.
3. All files have been renamed

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| --- | --- |
| D:\100_days_comer_soln\win7-4.gif | D:\100_days_comer_soln\win7-5.gif |

**15.1.2 Use python for the patterned files to RENAME**

**To any specific batch-name without "()"**

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| --- | --- |
| **import** os  #*select the files*  #*rename the files in a pattern from windows selecting batch*  #*rename\_files\_1 (1).py*  **for** i **in** **range**(0, 17):      old\_file\_name = "\"rename\_files\_1 ("+**str**(i+1)+").py\""      new\_file\_name = " test\_by\_pythn\_day\_15\_"+**str**(i+1)+".py\""      command = "ren "+ old\_file\_name + new\_file\_name  **print**(command)      os**.system**(command)  #*python rename\_files.py* | **import** os  #*select the files*  #*rename the files in a pattern from windows selecting batch*  #*rename py\_tut (1).docx files*  #*to*  #*py\_ang\_100dy\_day16 file series*  #*29 files will be canged from py\_ang\_100dy\_day16 to py\_ang\_100dy\_day44*  **for** i **in** **range**(0, 29):      old\_file\_name = "\"py\_tut ("+**str**(i+1)+").docx\""      new\_file\_name = " py\_ang\_100dy\_day"+**str**(i+16)+".docx\""      command = "ren "+ old\_file\_name + new\_file\_name  **print**(command)      #*os.system(command)*  #*python rename\_files.py* |

* ***rename\_files.py*** file must be executed from the folder where files are (or paths must be included in ***old\_file\_name*** , ***new\_file\_name***) using "***cmd***" or "***powershell***" using " ***python rename\_files.py***" command.
* Before renaming, run the ***.py*** file without "***os.system(command)***" by commenting it. Only prints the renamed files would be.

Rename file from command line [CMD]

We can use the command rename to rename files from windows command prompt(CMD). Find below syntax of the command with examples.

Syntax of rename command:

rename  file\_path  new\_name

Example:

rename  d:\data\file1.doc file2.doc

After executing the above command we’ll have file2.doc in the folder d:\data

Ren is alias for rename, so both refer to the same command.

Errors:

1. If the files is being used by a program, then rename command fails with below error.
2. C:\>rename data.xlsx newdata.xlsx
3. The process cannot access the file because it is being used by
4. another process.

C:\>

1. You also need to have sufficient privileges to rename the file.
2. c:\>rename c:\windows\csc test
3. Access is denied.

c:\>

1. Rename changes just the file name, it does not convert a file from one type to another. For example, if you rename a file from mp4 to mp3 extension, it does not change the file format. Renaming a doc file 'mydocument.docx' to 'mydocument.pdf' does not make the file readable in Acrobat Reader.

More Reading

# Rename file extensions in bulk from command line [CMD]

This post talks about how to batch rename file extensions from command line. No 3rd party tools are required. At the end of the post, you can find a download link for the batch file script.

## Batch rename file extensions in bulk from CMD

We can change the extension of files in batch using rename command. For example, let’s say you have set of files with extension .log and you want to rename them to .txt.  You can do this with the below command

rename  \*.log   \*.txt

The drawback with this command is, we can’t use it to rename file extensions recursively in the sub folders. Next, we’ll look at a solution which allows us to do so.

### Recursively batch rename file extensions

If you want to rename files from one extension to another, recursively in all sub folders, then you can use the below command.

forfiles /S /M \*.ext1 /C "cmd /c rename @file @fname.ext2"

For example, if you want to rename all xml files to txt files, the command would be as below

forfiles /S /M \*.xml /C "cmd /c rename @file @fname.txt"

### Remove file extensions in batch

The below command would remove extension for the specified file types.

forfiles /S /M \*.ext /C "cmd /c rename @file @fname"

If you want a batch file script, it can be downloaded from the below link:  
[Batch file script for renaming file extensions in bulk](https://www.windows-commandline.com/downloads/batchFileRename.bat)

### Add prefix to file names in batch

If you want to add any prefix to file names, it can be done as in the below example. Here we try to add ‘photo’ to every jpg file in the current folder and subfolders.

forfiles /S /M \*.jpg /C "cmd /c rename @file photo@file"

Similarly, we can add a number to a file name.

forfiles /S /M \*.jpg /C "cmd /c rename @file 99@file"

### Handling names with white spaces

If the new name you want to assign to the files has white space within it, it can be done by adding double quotes around the file name. So that forfiles does not misinterpret this doublequotes, you need to escape them with ‘\’  
For example to add ” – pic.jpg” to each of the jpg files, the command would be as below.

forfiles /M \*.jpg /C "cmd /c rename @file \"@fname - pic.jpg\""

62 comments… [add one](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#commentform)

* **devilJake**

I want only the extensions of files starting with certain type of names to be renamed, within the folder as well as subfolders.  
How can I do it?  
For example:  
rename all files starting with the name “\*-common.xml” to “\*-common.xml.txt”

The other .xml files have to be left intact.

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24089#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24089)

* + **admin**

This should do

ren \*-common.xml \*-common.xml.txt

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24287)

* **devilJake**

Figured it by out myself.

forfiles /S /M \*-common.xml /C “cmd ren \*-common.xml \*-common.xml.txt”

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24090#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24090)

* + **admin**

If you are using forfiles, you donot need to use \* again in the cmd part.

forfiles /S /M \*-common.xml /C "cmd ren @file @file.txt"

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24288)

* **Cathryne**

Thanks for these hints :-) Is it also possible to include a space in the prefix? I tried the following:

forfiles /S /M \*.jpg /C "cmd /c rename @file "photo location - "@file"

=> The syntax of the command is incorrect

forfiles /S /M \*.jpg /C "cmd /c rename @file 'photo location - '@file"

=> ERROR: Invalid argument/option…

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24107#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24107)

* + **admin**

The file name need to be surrounded with double quotes if it has white spaces. Added example command to the post.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24271)

* **Volker**

I have here some files with ending like this  
(1).txt  
e.g. file\_a(1).txt  
I tried this  
forfiles /S /M \*.ext1 /C "cmd /c rename @file @fname.ext2" for renaming them to .txt  
e.g. file\_a.txt

Can you help me?

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24179#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24179)

* **Will**

The “Add prefix to file names” code is faulty. When I ran it, it keeps adding the prefix to all of the files in the folder over and over again until I kill it.

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24205#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24205)

* + **admin**

It worked fine for me. Can you tell me how many files you have in the folder that you were intending to add the prefix?

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24207)

* + **David**

Same issue here. I believe it happens when there are special characters in the file name (i have brakets “[]” and commas “,”.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-25311)

* **Masim**

I just tried to rename midi karaoke files to midi files,

forfiles /S /M \*.kar /C "cmd /c rename @file @fname.mid"

This doesn’t work if the file name has spaces in it, (OS Win XP Sp3).  
But I found other solution that works flawlessly

FOR /R %f IN (\*.kar) DO REN "%f" \*.mid

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24211#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24211)

* + **Abdulqader Zeniddeen**

Thanx a million times man! you saved me

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24916)

* **Ap.Muthu**

None of the websites including this has alluded to the renaming of files by removal a second extension.

If a folder contains several files like \*.mo.po and \*.mo as file extensions, how do we selectively rename the \*.mo.po to \*.po whilst not touching the \*.mo that were already there?

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24266#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24266)

* + **admin**

Try this command

forfiles /M \*.mo.po /C "cmd /c rename @file @fname"

It works only if you don’t have files with the same name and two different extensions.  
ex: 1.mo.po and 1.mo. You would get error in renaming as a file already exists with the name.

Let us know if it works for your usecase.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24270)

* **steve szajko**

A virus added .zwrkocj to all file types, how would I remove that?

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24285#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24285)

* + **admin**

If it has converted files like file.ext to file.ext.zwrkocj then I think you can run the below to get back to original state.

ren \*.zwrkocj \*.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24286)

* **cta**

How to append the name of the parent folder onto the prefix of the file name?

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24300#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24300)

* **garegin**

forfiles /S /M \*.ext /C “cmd /c rename @file @fname”

changed files in all of C drive, right?  
how can you specify a specific folder and its subfolders?  
how can you turn off recursion?

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24386#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24386)

* + **admin**

We can’t restrict the recursion to one level. You might need to write a custom batch script to do that.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24393)

* + **JGiKi**

You have to run the command in the folder you wish to treat as the root. If you run the command from C:\, then yes, it will rename all files matching the filename criteria you specify.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-29956)

* **Ankur**

Hi

I have one question.  
I created a bat file for renaming all the files to one extension

forfiles /S /M \*.\* /C "cmd /c rename @file @fname.jpeg"

but this also changes the extension of my bat file.  
Can I exclude bat file in any way.  
Thanks for your help on this.

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24478#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24478)

* + **admin**

Why not place this bat file in some other folder, outside the current directory tree?

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24484)

* **Michael**

Great stuff guys. This probably saved me about an hours worth of work.

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24519#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24519)

* **Austin**

I can’t seem to get the white spaces code to work.  
forfiles /s /m \*.\* /C “cmd /c rename @file \”(PA) @file\””

Your Example:

forfiles /M \*.jpg /C "cmd /c rename @file \"@fname - pic.jpg\""

Is there anything that is wrong with the above code. This is the following error “Unrecognized token in source text.”

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24589#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24589)

* + **admin**

It worked for me.

c:\tmp>dir /s /b

c:\tmp\testfile.txt

c:\tmp>forfiles /S /M \*.txt /C "cmd /c rename @file \"(PA) @file\""

c:\tmp>dir /s /b

c:\tmp\(PA) testfile.txt

I guess something could be wrong if you had copy pasted the command. Especially the double quotes usually get wrong. I would suggest to type the command(rather than copy/paste), it should work.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24590)

* + **Austin**

Would the error be caused by running the commands simply from a PS1 Script? That’s the only reason I can think of.

Well I ended up Scripting a simply tool in Access VBA.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24599)

* **Vishwa**

‘forfiles’ command seems to have come very close to serving my need but is there a way to remove a prefix from a set of files recursively?

Example:  
TT-\*.\* to \*.\*  
I want to remove ‘TT-‘ from all the files

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24651#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24651)

* **Jeff**

Hello,

Any idea’s on how to rename hidden files?  
When I run the command it can’t find the files because they have the hidden attribute.  
I don’t see a /H or similar switch in the command help.

Any help would be appreciated.  
Thank you.

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24718#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24718)

* + **admin**

You can remove the hidden attribute first with ‘attrib -h’ and then rename the file.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24720)

* **Niyaz**

Hi,

i want to add one set of numbers to file names and have multiple folders containing few files in every forlder  
like folder 1003 has 3 files with names like : 1003\_blue\_M , 1003\_Black\_M, 1003\_Red\_S, etc… now i want to change the file name to 1003\_blue\_M\_12345, 1003\_Black\_M\_12345, like wise…. every folder will have new number to be added..kindly suggest how i can replace the entire bulk of files ->in folders  
Thanks  
Niyaz

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24726#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24726)

* **R D Naik**

I do not understand the example for changing file extension of particular file and where to apply this command. pl. clarify

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24753#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24753)

* **Chriss**

as Will said:  
“The “Add prefix to file names” code is faulty. When I ran it, it keeps adding the prefix to all of the files in the folder over and over again until I kill it.”

It keeps adding the prefix till you kill it.  
is there a stop or pause code ?

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24771#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24771)

* + **admin**

I am not able to replicate this. It is stopping after renaming all the files.  
May be you guys have a different setup in your cases.

[LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24772)

* **Ghetto28**

Hi,

How to remove double quotation using forfiles to save as text file. Please see below my code.

forfiles /D +0 /P C:\KHAS\BackUp\_and\_Recovery\db\_BackUp\Full\FO\ /M \*.BAK /C "CMD /C ECHO @FNAME, @FDATE, @ftime, 20001>C:\KHAS\BackUp\_and\_Recovery\Backup\_Files\@FNAME"

the result was this : “FO\_FullDBBackup\_201509211126”, 9/21/2015, 11:26:50 AM, 20001

i want to look like this : FO\_FullDBBackup\_201509211126, 9/21/2015, 11:26:50 AM, 20001

than you,

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24786#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24786)

* **john**

hi, I wanted to know how to rename files so that if it detects the same name it will change the name to add a number to it for example:

ren \*.\* \*.jpg  
so if it has 1.thm 1.thumb it will rename the first file 1.thm and then when it tries to rename 1.thumb to jpg it says that its duplicate. so I need it to rename something like 1-1.jpg or 1a.jpg, 1b.jpg, etc.

thanks in advance.

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24818#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24818)

* **erslog**

Hi I tried to append the prefix XTO\_12345678W500\_ to about 200 pictures

the command will repeat the addition (XTO\_12345678W500\_) until the file name is 256 almost characters! Then crashes.  
I tried to add only 12345678W500\_ and it works fine.  
To this tried to add the remaining XTO\_ and it did it again: fill the name to about 256 (did not count!) characters!!!! and then crashes!

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24837#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24837)

* **Ben**

Hello

I want to change an extension from .exe to .pdf or .jpg without changing the proprietes of .exe  
Can somebody help me with this?

Thank you

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24905#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24905)

* **ritz**

forfiles /s /M \*.txt /C “cmd /c rename @file filename\_@file”

when i am using the above command for more then 40 files in the folder it gives an error with the repetition of filename with .ext ?  
any solution guys with some minor changes in the above code so i can rename the 100s of filename without repeating it.

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24931#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24931)

* **dips**

Hi

I want to remove prefixes from file names. I have successfully used the following to rename files in a directory, but it does not work for subdirectories  
rename “01 – \*.mp3” “/////\*.mp3”

I tried  
forfiles /S /M 0\*.mp3 /C “cmd /c rename @file \”//@fname.mp3\””

however it gives me an error that  
ERROR: Files of type “0\*.mp3” not found.

however dir 0\*.mp3 /s works fine, so there are files matching the criteria

Variations to enclose the search in “” also give the same error. I tried  
forfiles /S /M “0\*.mp3” /C “cmd /c rename @file \”//@fname.mp3\””

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24968#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24968)

* **Aaron**

I have a script that renames files and adds a time stamp for the current time. the script works great however it will only execute on one file in a folder each time it runs. I need it to run on all file in a folder each time. What am i Missing?  
@echo off  
for %%f in (\*.\*) do echo %%f  
for /f “delims=” %%a in (‘wmic OS Get localdatetime ^| find “.”‘) do set dt=%%a  
set YYYY=%dt:~0,4%  
set MM=%dt:~4,2%  
set DD=%dt:~6,2%  
set HH=%dt:~8,2%  
set Min=%dt:~10,2%  
set Sec=%dt:~12,2%  
set stamp=D%YYYY%%MM%%DD%T%HH%%Min%%Sec%

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=24994#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-24994)

* **SM**

Hi,  
I want to use the rename command for changing the extension of files in a folder to “\*.gz.par”.  
For eg the files in the folder are:  
abc.par  
xyz.gz.par  
I need to rename the abc.par to abc.gz.par and xyz.gz.par should stay the same.  
Now when I run the command: rename \*.par \*.gz.par  
it changes the abc.par correctly to abc.gz.par  
but it also changes xyz.gz.par to xyz.gz.gz.par  
Please help…

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=25004#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-25004)

* **nabil**

Hi,  
every morning at work i start my day by serching a file received the night before on folder1 and having name like RetxxxxxxxDDYY (the DDYY is the date of the last working day when the file has been created).

Is there a way to copy the last file received from the folder1 to folder2 using a script knowing that the files created avery day still on this folder.  
Many thanx in advence

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=25009#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-25009)

* **Masza**

How do I change files’ type in D drive?

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=25016#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-25016)

* **spinnaker**

Kryptik virus or trojan changed the file names from original file names to include .crypted – I used the remove file extensions in batch command copied the original line into notepad modified it to be  
forfiles /S /M \*.crypted /C “cmd /c rename @file @fname”  
then pasted it from notepad into the cmd window  
And voila all the files that had been changed got changed back to the original filenames. Thank you for this resource.  
Thank you thank you.

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=25053#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-25053)

* **deekay**

A virus added .crypted to all file types, how would I remove that? like .doc.crypted , .ppt.crypted, jprg.cypted

i have done ren\*.\* \*. but i was for one directory, i want forfolder and sub folder or hole directory in one batch file

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=25101#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-25101)

* **frank lu**

Thank you Masim!

Your command line really works, helped me remove all “.cryped”

[REPLY](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/?replytocom=25147#commentform) [LINK](https://www.windows-commandline.com/rename-file-extensions-bulk/#comment-25147)

* **Tony**

I have a list of files in a single directory and want to bulk change the names of all the files so that the files retain their original filename + unique datetimestamp for example all of the current files have a yymmdd.cfx name and 2 have a yymmdd.cfx\_2 extension I need to change all of these or at least the .cfx files to have current file name + yyyymmddhhmmss getting current timestamp that’s unique.. I can’t get your example to work and it’s driving me crazy.. thanks

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* **Wes Cook**

I have a client that received an email from “FedEx” about a delay in shipment. We had just ordered memory the day before so they opened it. It popped up a ransomware msg and encrypted several .docx files and changed their extensions to .docx.crypted. I opened one of the files and it is encrypted. They have TrendMicro loaded and it totally ignored the problem. I scanned with Windows Security Essentials and it found “Ransom:HTML/tescrypt.D”. Only two PC’s received this email and encrypted files. Subsequent scans on server and 11 other PC’s found no problems. Will try some of the “unencrypting” ideas above. Luckily, their aren’t two many files. Appears to be only on files on desktop. Thanks for all the ideas and beware of the FedEx emails.

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* **Ali**

I want remove to 6 random chrachter extension.  
Forexample  
We have 2 f’iles  
as  
1.jpg and 1.jpg.hgkbgt

I want to delete secondary file at the same folder.  
1.jpg file will be stay in same folder

How I could that

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* **Mr G**

Some how The dot between the body and the extension of all the songs has been removed. Is there a way to put the dot back other than one at a time? This happen to one complete music folder.  
Below is an example  
Judith Durham, Danny Boymp3 (NOTE NO PERIOD AFTER BOY)

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* **Ganesh Kumar S**

I want to rename files in sub-folders as name which is in that sub-folder name via batch file. Can u help me?

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* **Mohammad Sami Usmani**

Thankyou very much, this worked for me!

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* **Jayasri**

Hi,

I want change the extension of files in subfolders.most important is I don’t know the file name and folder name.both are dynamic..How should I do?? Can you help me?

Thanks in advance.

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* **Coop**

I need to batch or mass rename 76k+ file names in multiple folders and subfolders in a directory. I need the new name to be a specific unique name.

I cannot use a third party application; I can only use command prompt or powershell or whatever comes with Windows 2010. I also can use the standard version of the app Beyond Compare.

For example, I need to change:

C:\Users\joe\Desktop\Parentfolder\child folder\grandchildfolder##NA##1329001.00##1329001.00\file1.pdf

to:

C:\Users\joe\Desktop\Parentfolder\child folder\grandchildfolder##NA##1329001.00##1329001.00\company xyz.pdf

Parent folder is the lowest common folder in the shared hierarchy of all files i need to change

I have the full path containing the old name in an excel column matched to the full path containing the new name in the adjacent excel column. The new name in cell AB must be the name that replaces the old name in cell A2. There is not a pattern to the names and they do contain spaces and non alpha-numeric characters.

I have tried using “ren” by and adding ren “old path with old name” “new path with old name” but cannot get it to work. The closest I have come is renaming files in folders from command prompt at the lowest folder location & can only rename the files in that folder only

I did this by pasting the ren command with the old and new name from spreadsheet to wordpad & then saving it as a .bat