# Use the PushD command to create a quick temporary drive map in Windows XP

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You can use the PushD command to quickly create a temporary drive map while remaining in the Command Prompt, saving time and unnecessary keystrokes. Greg Shultz reveals how it works.

Have you ever been working from a Command Prompt and needed to temporarily map a drive letter to a network location for a quick file operation? Of course, you can switch over to Windows Explorer (https://www.techrepublic.com/search/index.php?t=1&s=0&o=0&q=windows+explorer) and use the Map Network Drive command on the Tools menu.

While this is a viable solution, it requires multiple steps to create and then you have to perform several more steps to disconnect the network drive. This can be a pain -- especially if you just want to work from a Command Prompt (https://www.techrepublic.com/search /index.php?t=1&s=0&o=0&q=command+prompt+windows+xp).

However, there is another way. You can use the PushD command to quickly create a temporary drive map while remaining in the Command Prompt. You can then use PopD to quickly disconnect the network drive. Here's how:
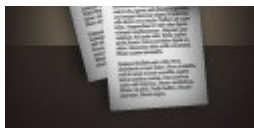
1. Open a Command Prompt window.
2. Type the following command line:

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   PUSHD ServerSharepath
   ```

   where \\Server\Share\path is the network resource to which you want to map a drive letter.

As soon as you do, the PUSHD [...] e letter to the network resource and then change [...] mpt window. When you're done, just type POPD and t [...] ected and you'll return to your original drive.

Keep in mind that, the PUSHD [...] om Z: on down and will use the first unused drive letter that it finds.

**Note:** *This tip applies to both Windows XP Home and Windows XP Professional.*

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