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## **Windows 7 Command Prompt Commands**

A complete list of CMD commands available in Windows 7

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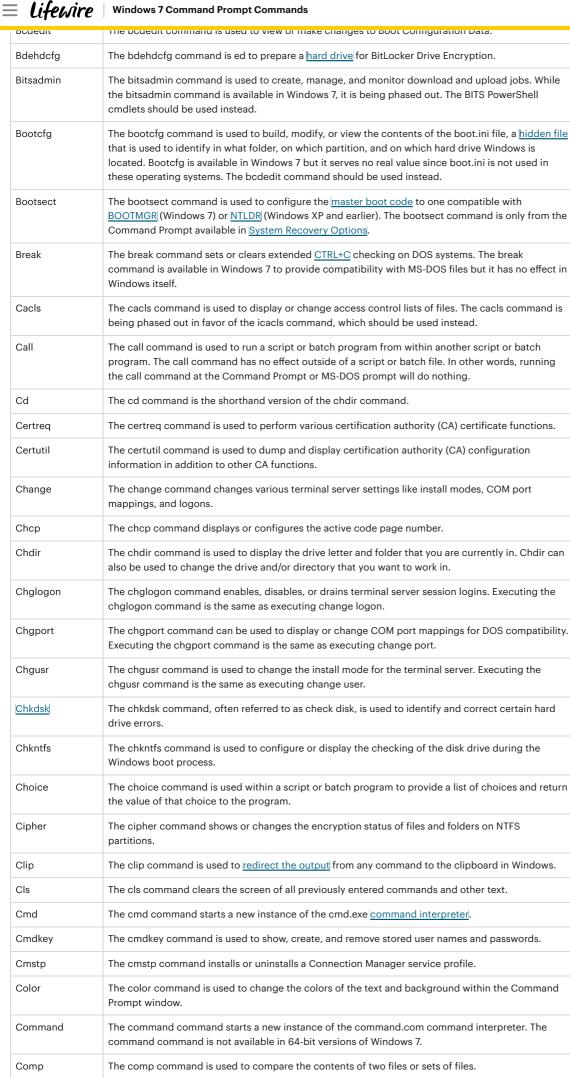
The Command Prompt in Windows 7 provides access to more than 230 commands. The commands available in Windows 7 are used to automate processes, create batch files, and perform troubleshooting and diagnostic tasks.

**Note:** Many Windows 7 Command Prompt commands are similar to classic MS-DOS commands. However, the Command Prompt is *not* MS-DOS and the commands are *not* MS-DOS commands

If you're interested in why a command was removed or when it was first available, you can see every command from MS\_DOS through Windows 8 or skip the details and see it all in our one-page table.

Below is a complete list of commands, sometimes called CMD commands, available from the Command Prompt in Windows 7:

Command Prompt Commands for Windows 7		
Command	Description	
Append	The append command can be used by programs to open files in another directory as if they were located in the current directory. The append command is not available in 64-bit versions of Windows 7.	
Arp	The arp command is used to display or change entries in the ARP cache.	
Assoc	The assoc command is used to display or change the file type associated with a particular file extension.	
At	The at command is used to schedule commands and other programs to run at a specific date and time.	
Attrib	The attrib command is used to change the attributes of a single file or a directory.	
Auditpol	The auditpol command is used to display or change audit policies.	
Bcdboot	The bcdboot command is used to copy boot files to the system partition and to create a new system BCD store.	

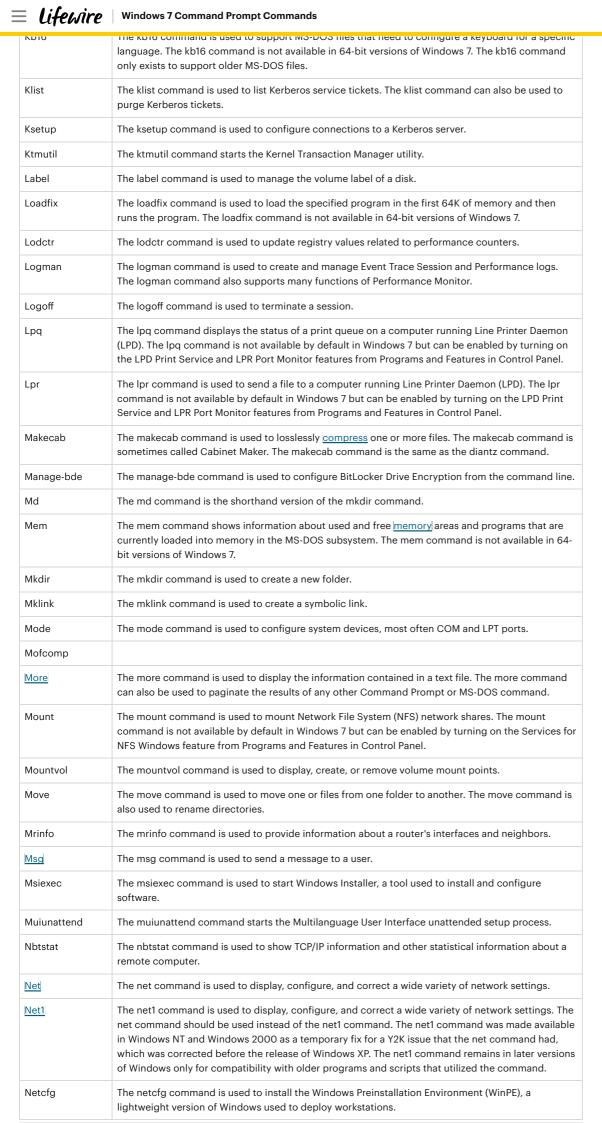


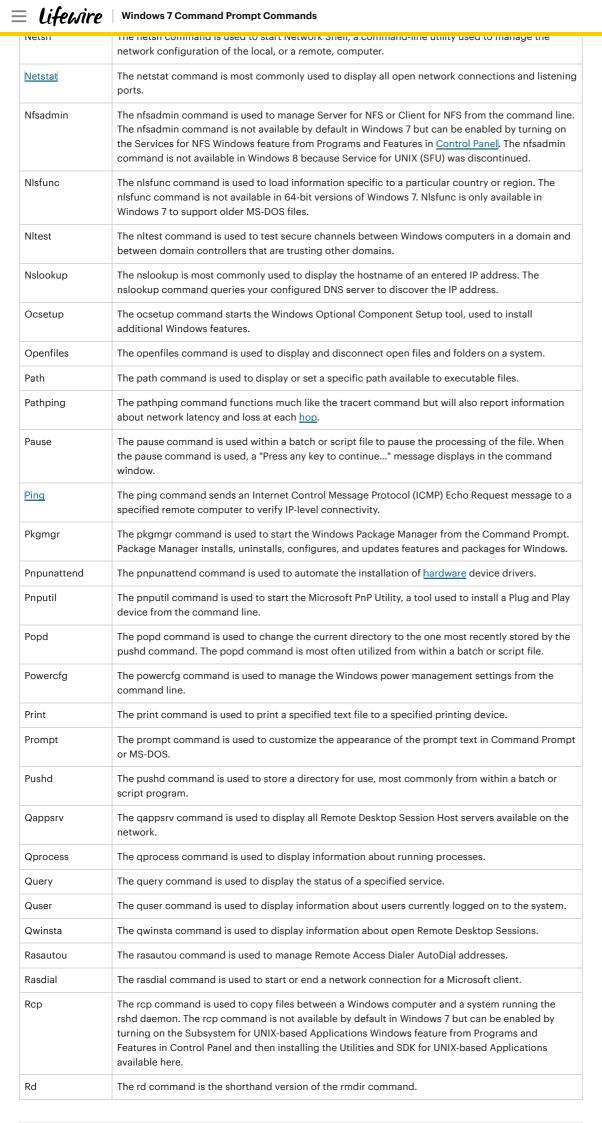


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Convert	The convert command is used to convert FAT or FAT32 formatted volumes to the NTFS format.
Copy	The copy command does simply that - it copies one or more files from one location to another. The xcopy command is considered to be a more "powerful" version of the copy command.
Cscript	The escript command is used to execute scripts via Microsoft Script Host. The escript command is most popularly used to manage printers from the command line using scripts like prncnfg.vbs, prndrvr.vbs, prnmngr.vbs, and others.
Date	The date command is used to show or change the current date.
Debug	The debug command starts Debug, a command line application used to test and edit programs. The debug command is not available in 64-bit versions of Windows 7.
Defrag	The defrag command is used to defragment a drive you specify. The defrag command is the command line version of Microsoft's Disk Defragmenter.
Del	The del command is used to delete one or more files. The del command is the same as the erase command.
Diantz	The diantz command is used to losslessly compress one or more files. The diantz command is sometimes called Cabinet Maker. The diantz command is the same as the makecab command.
Dir	The dir command is used to display a list of files and folders contained inside the folder that you a currently working in. The dir command also displays other important information like the hard drive's serial number, the total number of files listed, their combined size, the total amount of free space left on the drive, and more.
Diskcomp	The diskcomp command is used to compare the contents of two floppy disks.
Diskcopy	The diskcopy command is used to copy the entire contents of one floppy disk to another.
Diskpart	The diskpart command is used to create, manage, and delete hard drive partitions.
Diskperf	The diskperf command is used to manage disk performance counters remotely.
Diskraid	The diskraid command starts the DiskRAID tool which is used to manage and configure RAID array
Dism	The dism command starts the Deployment Image Servicing and Management tool (DISM). The DIS tool is used to manage features in Windows images.
Dispdiag	The dispdiag command is used to output a log of information about the display system.
Djoin	The djoin command is used to create a new computer account in a domain.
Doskey	The doskey command is used to edit command lines, create macros, and recall previously entered commands.
Dosx	The dosx command is used to start DOS Protected Mode Interface (DPMI), a special mode designed to give MS-DOS applications access to more than the normally allowed 640 KB. The dosx command is not available in 64-bit versions of Windows 7. The dosx command and DPMI is only available in Windows 7 to support older MS-DOS programs.
Driverquery	The driverquery command is used to show a list of all installed drivers.
Echo	The echo command is used to show messages, most commonly from within script or batch files. The echo command can also be used to turn the echoing feature on or off.
Edit	The edit command starts the MS-DOS Editor tool which is used to create and modify text files. The edit command is not available in 64-bit versions of Windows 7.
Edlin	The edlin command starts the Edlin tool which is used to create and modify text files from the command line. The edlin command is not available in 64-bit versions of Windows 7.
Endlocal	The endlocal command is used to end the localization of environment changes inside a batch or script file.
Erase	The erase command is used to delete one or more files. The erase command is the same as the decommand.
Esentutl	The esentutl command is used to manage Extensible Storage Engine databases.
Eventcreate	The eventcreate command is used to create a custom event in an event log.
Exe2bin	The exe2bin command is used to convert a file of the EXE file type (executable file) to a binary file. The exe2bin command is not available in any 64-bit version of Windows 7.
Exit	The exit command is used to end the cmd.exe (Windows) or command.com (MS-DOS) session that you're currently working in.



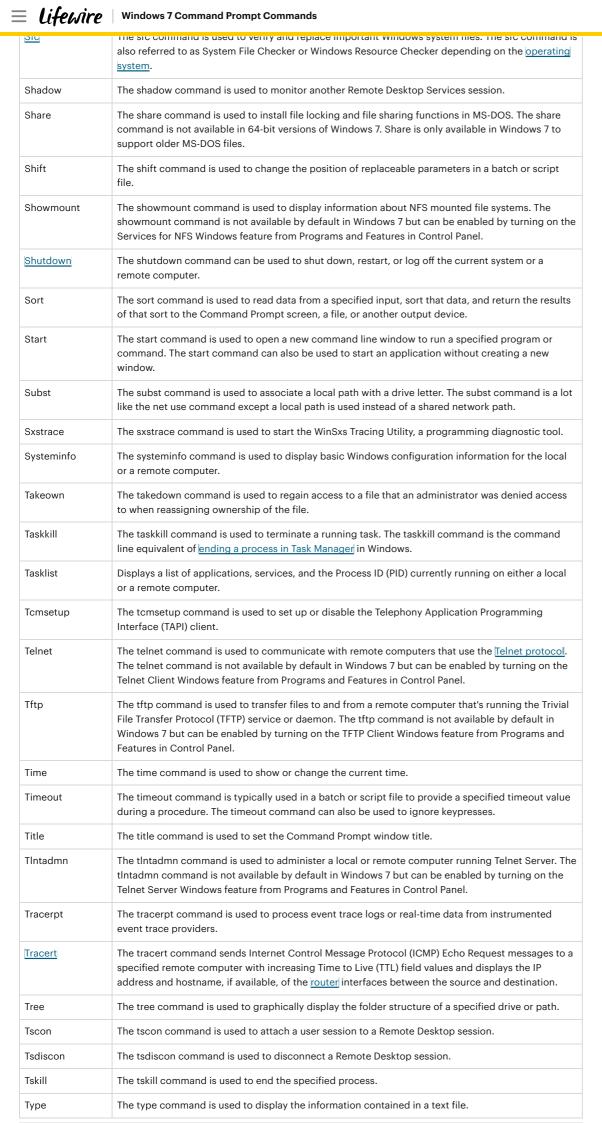
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Extrac32	The extrac32 command is used to extract the files and folders contained in Microsoft Cabinet (CAB) files. The extrac32 command is actually a CAB extraction program for use by Internet Explorer but can be used to extract any Microsoft Cabinet file. Use the expand command instead of the extrac32 command if possible.
Fastopen	The fastopen command is used to add a program's hard drive location to a special list stored in memory, potentially improving the program's launch time by removing the need for MS-DOS to locate the application on the drive. The fastopen command is not available in 64-bit versions of Windows 7. Fastopen is only available in Windows 7 to support older MS-DOS files.
Fc	The fc command is used to compare two individual or sets of files and then show the differences between them.
Find	The find command is used to search for a specified text string in one or more files.
Findstr	The findstr command is used to find text string patterns in one or more files.
Finger	The finger command is used to return information about one or more users on a remote computer that's running the Finger service.
Fltmc	The fltmc command is used to load, unload, list, and otherwise manage Filter drivers.
For	The for command is used to run a specified command for each file in a set of files. The for command is most often used within a batch or script file.
Forfiles	The forfiles command selects one or more files to execute a specified command on. The forfiles command is most often used within a batch or script file.
Format	The format command is used to format a drive in the file system that you specify. Drive formatting is also available from Disk Management.
Fsutil	The fsutil command is used to perform various <u>FAT</u> and NTFS file system tasks like managing reparse points and sparse files, dismounting a volume, and extending a volume.
Ftp	The ftp command can used to transfer files to and from another computer. The remote computer must be operating as an FTP server.
Ftype	The ftype command is used to define a default program to open a specified file type.
Getmac	The getmac command is used to display the media access control (MAC) address of all the network controllers on a system.
Goto	The goto command is used in a batch or script file to direct the command process to a labeled line in the script.
Gpresult	The gpresult command is used to display Group Policy settings.
Gpupdate	The gpupdate command is used to update Group Policy settings.
Graftabl	The graftabl command is used to enable the ability of Windows to display an extended character set in graphics mode. The graftabl command is not available in 64-bit versions of Windows 7.
Graphics	The graphics command is used to load a program that can print graphics. The graphics command is not available in 64-bit versions of Windows 7.
Help	The help command provides more detailed information on any of the other Command Prompt or MS-DOS commands.
Hostname	The hostname command displays the <u>hame of the current host</u> .
Hwrcomp	The hwrcomp command is used to compile custom dictionaries for handwriting recognition.
Hwrreg	The hwrreg command is used to install a previously compiled custom dictionary for handwriting recognition.
Icacls	The icacls command is used to display or change access control lists of files. The icacls command is an updated version of the cacls command.
If	The if command is used to perform conditional functions in a batch file.
Ipconfig	The ipconfig command is used to display detailed IP information for each network adapter utilizing TCP/IP. The ipconfig command can also be used to release and renew IP addresses on systems configured to receive them via a DHCP server.
Irftp	The irftp command is used to transmit files over an infrared link.
Iscsicli	The iscsicli command starts the Microsoft iSCSI Initiator, used to manage iSCSI.







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data to a specified log file.
The tzutil command is used to display or configure the current system's time zone. The tzutil command can also be used to enable or disable Daylight Saving Time adjustments.
The umount command is used to remove Network File System (NFS) mounted network shares. The umount command is not available by default in Windows 7 but can be enabled by turning on the Services for NFS Windows feature from Programs and Features in Control Panel.
The unlodctr command removes Explain text and Performance counter names for a service or device driver from the Windows Registry.
The vaultcmd command is used to create, remove, and show stored credentials.
The ver command is used to display the current Windows or MS-DOS version number.
The verify command is used to enable or disable the ability of Command Prompt, or MS-DOS, to verify that files are written correctly to a disk.
The vol command shows the <u>volume label</u> and the <u>serial number</u> of a specified disk, assuming this information exists.
The vssadmin command starts the Volume Shadow Copy Service administrative command line tool which displays current volume shadow copy backups and all installed shadow copy writers and providers.
The w32tm command is used to diagnose issues with Windows Time.
The waitfor command is used to send or wait for a signal on a system.
The wbadmin command is used to start and stop backup jobs, display details about a previous backup, list the items within a backup, and report on the status of a currently running backup.
The wecutil command is used to manage subscriptions to events that are forwarded from WS-Management supported computers.
The wevtutil command starts the Windows Events Command Line Utility which is used to manage event logs and publishers.
The where command is used to search for files that match a specified pattern.
The whoami command is used to retrieve user name and group information on a network.
The winrm command is used to start the command line version of Windows Remote Management, used to manage secure communications with local and remote computers using web services.
The winrs command is used to open a secure command window with a remote host.
The winsat command starts the Windows System Assessment Tool, a program that assesses various features, attributes, and capabilities of a computer running Windows.
The wmic command starts the Windows Management Instrumentation Command line (WMIC), a scripting interface that simplifies the use of Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) and systems managed via WMI.
The wsmanhttpconfig command is used to manage aspects of the Windows Remote Management (WinRM) service.
The xcopy command can copy one or more files or directory trees from one location to another. The xcopy command is generally considered a more "powerful" version of the copy command though the robocopy command trumps even xcopy. A command by the name of xcopy32 existed in Windows 95 and Windows 98. To avoid a long and confusing explanation here, just know that no matter if you executed the xcopy command or the xcopy32 command, you were always executing the most updated version of the command.
The xwizard command, short for Extensible Wizard, is used to register data in Windows, often from a preconfigured XML file.

If you're interested, we also keep operating specific lists, which you can find in these <u>Windows 8 commands</u>, <u>Windows</u> <u>Vista commands</u>, <u>Windows XP commands</u>, and <u>MS-DOS commands</u> documents.

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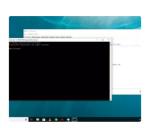
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