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Redirects the command output from the command line to the Windows clipboard. You can use this command to copy data directly into any application that can receive text from the Clipboard. You can also paste this text output into other programs.

Syntax

```
<command> | clip
clip < <filename>
```

Parameters

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Parameter	Description
`<command>`	Specifies a command whose output you want to send to the Windows clipboard.
`<filename>`	Specifies a file whose contents you want to send to the Windows clipboard.
/?	Displays help at the command prompt.

Examples

To copy the current directory listing to the Windows clipboard, type:

```
dir | clip
```

To copy the output of a program called *generic.awk* to the Windows clipboard, type:

```
awk -f generic.awk input.txt | clip
```

To copy the contents of a file called *readme.txt* to the Windows clipboard, type:

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clip < readme.txt
```

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