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Displays or modifies file name extension associations. If used without parameters, **assoc** displays a list of all the current file name extension associations.

Note

This command is only supported within cmd.exe and is not available from PowerShell. Though you can use `cmd /c assoc` as a workaround.

Syntax

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assoc [<.[ext]>[=<filetype>]]
```

Parameters

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Parameter	Description
<.[ext]>	Specifies the file name extension.
<filetype>	Specifies the file type to associate with the specified file name extension.
/?	Displays help at the command prompt.


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Remarks

- To make changes in associations, you need administrator privileges.
- To remove the file type association for a file name extension, add a white space after the equal sign by pressing the SPACEBAR.
- To associate files without extension to a file type, use just a dot (see the examples).
- To view current file types that have open command strings defined, use the **f**type command.
- To redirect the output of **assoc** to a text file, use the `>` redirection operator.


Examples

To view the current file type association for the file name extension .txt, type:

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assoc .txt
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To remove the file type association for the file name extension .bak, type:


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assoc .bak=
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Note


Make sure you add a space after the equal sign.

To view the output of **assoc** one screen at a time, type:

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assoc | more
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To send the output of **assoc** to the file assoc.txt, type:

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assoc>assoc.txt
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Associate .log to text files:

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assoc .log=txtfile
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Associate files with no extension to text files:

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assoc .=txtfile
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


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