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## Interacting With Computers: The Command Line Interface (Cont.)

Computers didn't always come with GUIs, however. In the early days, users could only communicate with their machines via text commands in a **command line interface (CLI)**.

Although you may not have encountered it as a casual computer user, the command line still exists and will become essential as you become a more proficient programmer.

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Welcome to FreeDOS

CuteMouse v1.9.1 alpha 1 [FreeDOS]
Installed at PS/2 port
C:\>ver

FreeCom version 0.82 pl 3 XMS_Swap [Dec 10 2003 06:49:21]

C:\>dir
Volume in drive C is FREEDOS_C95
Volume Serial Number is 0E4F-19EB
Directory of C:\

FDOS                <DIR>    08-26-04   6:23p
AUTOEXEC BAT         435    08-26-04   6:24p
BOOTSECT BIN         512    08-26-04   6:23p
COMMAND COM        93,963    08-26-04   6:24p
CONFIG SYS           801    08-26-04   6:24p
FDOSBOOT BIN         512    08-26-04   6:24p
KERNEL SYS         45,815    04-17-04   9:19p
        6 file(s)          142,038 bytes
        1 dir(s)    1,064,517,632 bytes free

C:\>_
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