

\$PROMPT escape codes

Special escape codes in the \$PROMPT environment variable interpreted by COMMAND.COM

Character sequence	Displays as	Example	Example displays as
\$\$	Dollar sign (\$)	Time is \$\$\$g	Time is \$>
\$+	Zero or more consecutive plus (+) according to PUSHd stack depth (Command Extension)		
\$_	Carriage return/line feed	\$t\$h\$h\$h\$_\$p\$g	9:30:25 C:\MYDIR>
\$a	Ampersand (&)	\$a	&
\$b	Vertical slash ()	\$p\$b	C:\MYDIR
\$c	Left parenthesis (()	\$c	(
\$d	Current system date	\$d \$n\$g	Mon 9-5-1986 C>
\$e	Escape character (for use with ANSI.SYS)	\$e[32m\$n\$g\$e[0m	C> (prompt is green)
\$f	Right parenthesis ()	\$f)
\$g	Greater than sign (>)	\$p\$g	C:\MYDIR>
\$h	Destructive backspace	\$t\$h\$h\$h \$p\$g	09:30:26 C:\MYDIR>
\$l	Less than sign (<)	\$l\$n\$g	<C>
\$m	Remote name associated with the current drive letter if network drive (Command Extension)		
\$n	Current drive letter	Drive is \$n\$g	Drive is C>
\$p	Current pathname directory	Path is \$p\$g	Path is C:\MYDIR>
\$q	Equals sign (=)	Drive \$q \$n\$g	Drive = C>
\$s	Space	\$p\$s\$g	C:\MYDIR >
\$t	Current system time	Time is \$t	Time is 09:30:25.93
\$v	DOS version number	\$v	IBM Personal Computer DOS Version 3.20
Any other	Treated as character typed	This is a prompt	This is a prompt

Sources

[*0] MS-DOS and Windows command line prompt command
URL: <https://www.computerhope.com/prompthl.htm>

[*1] The Programmer's PC Sourcebook, Thom Hogan, Microsoft Press, 1988
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