

Introduction

Even if a lot of operations can be done directly from the Windows Explorer, it is still necessary, sometimes, to open a [DOS](#) prompt to perform a particular task. Typing the full path of a directory can be really annoying. Recently, I've learned a way of starting a DOS prompt with its current directory set to a particular folder. The following steps will show you how to add an entry in the pop-up menu that appears when you right-click on a folder from the Windows Explorer. **Selecting this entry will open a DOS prompt with its current directory set to the folder you just right-clicked.**

1. Open your registry (regedit)
2. Go to the following key: **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Folder\shell**
3. Add this key: **CmdPrompt** and set its default value to: "[Command Prompt](#)"
4. Under this new key, add the following key: **Command** and set its default value to: "**c:\winnt\system32\cmd.exe**"

You should now have this tree in your registry:



That's it. Now, whenever you will right-click on a folder, the [pop-up](#) menu will contain an entry called "Command Prompt".