**Basic Command Prompt Commands**

x /? = provides syntax info and complete list of all parameters for x (a command, like “cd”)  
cd = change directory  
cd .. = move to the parent directory  
cd\ = move to the root of current drive  
cd x = move to the current\x directory  
cd z: = change to the z root directory (as opposed to c:)  
copy x y = copy file x to directory y (Ex: D:\games\galaga.exe C:\programs[\awesome.exe]), [] = optional  
copy file con = display file contents in console  
copy con file.txt = create text file in the console window, end with ctrl+z (^z or F6)  
date = change the date  
del = delete/erase  
del x = deletes all files/folders fitting x  
del . = deletes all files within current directory  
del \*.\* = deletes all files within current directory  
dir = display contents of current directory (Ex: dir [c:][\programs]), [] = optional  
dir \*.txt = list all .txt files in current directory  
dir \*.? = list all files with extensions one character in length in current directory  
dir /w /p \*.\* = display all contents one screen at a time  
dir | more = display all contents one line at a time  
dir /? = provides syntax info and complete list of all dir parameters  
echo = send command line input to display (by default)  
echo sometext » somefile.txt = append line(s) of text to any file  
echo sometext > somefile.txt = overwrites file with sometext  
erase = delete/erase  
exit = exit the command prompt  
filename.txt = opens filename.txt in current directory in Notepad (or default .txt program)  
format z: = format z drive [Ex: use to format a disc or flash drive]  
mkdir x = make directory x in current directory  
move x y = more or rename x to y  
q = escapes sequential display of contents (i.e. the more parameter)  
rd x = remove/delete directory x if it’s empty  
ren x y = rename file x to y  
time = change the time  
type file = display the contents of the file ‘file’ (displays file contents in console)  
type file |more = display the contents one line at a time