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C:\> ommand line
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Why learn Command Line?
The command line is often the fastest way to accomplish a job, and the only way to apply a command to multiple objects, such as renaming hundreds of files at once. In some environments, the command line is the only method of taking control of the task at hand, such as troubleshooting, or advanced networking. The command line can make you a better Windows user, and these skills apply to other operating systems, as well.

DOS+Windows Command Prompt Quick Reference

Get help
C:\> HELP

close help
[Alt]+F, *then* S

Get help on a known command
Command /?

Prepare a disk (NOTE: THIS WILL ERASE A USED DISK)
C:\> FORMAT A:

Change to focus to floppy disk
C:\> A:

Search the disk for directories and files
A:\> DIR
or dir /p *or* dir /w

Make a directory
mkdir
or
md

change to a directory
cd

back up the directory tree
C:DOS\> CD ..

repeat a command
[F3]

display the directory tree
A:\> TREE

display the directory tree and files
A:\> TREE /f

create a text file
copy con filename *(8.3 file convention)*
Enter text
{Ctrl]+[z] (*will display as* ^Z)

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