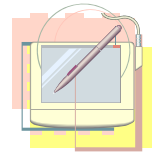


# How to Capture Screen Output to a Text File



Isn't it annoying when you enter a command in, and the text goes flying past the screen and is lost forever? With this handy tip, you can send that output to a text file and view it in Notepad or another text editor.

## Here's How:

1. At the Command Prompt (Run – CMD) type in the command that you want to use, as normal, but don't press "Return." For instance, type "dir /s" which will list all of the files in all of the subdirectories
2. Type a space after the command
3. Type a Greater Than symbol ">"
4. Type another space
5. Type a filename. For instance c:\output.txt. Using our example above, you would now have "dir /s > c:\output.txt" without the quotes, of course
6. Press "Return" or "Enter"
7. Open any text editor, such as Notepad. For instance, to open Notepad, click Start, Run, and type "notepad.exe" without the quotes, then click OK
8. Open the file c:\output.txt. For example, in notepad click "file" then "open" then type in the filename
9. There is your output! You can now view it, print it, or do whatever your want with it!

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Volume in drive C has no label
Volume Serial Number is 1667-1805
Directory of C:\

COMMAND.COM      93,976  03-23-98 12:12p  COMMAND.COM
CONDIR            <DIR>    08-28-98 5:07p  CONDIR
AUTOEXEC.DOS     58      08-28-98 5:10p  AUTOEXEC.DOS
CONFIG.DOS       82      08-28-98 5:10p  CONFIG.DOS
AUTOEXEC.BAT    153     08-10-99 12:55p  AUTOEXEC.BAT
CONFIG.SYS      71      05-16-88 9:08a  CONFIG.SYS
SCANDISK.LOG    444     05-30-88 8:54a  SCANDISK.LOG
LOGFILE        <DIR>    08-11-99 7:08p  LOGFILE
MAILLOG.TXT     551     08-11-99 1:29p  MAILLOG.TXT
WINDOWS        <DIR>    08-11-99 1:29p  WINDOWS
PROGRAM*1      <DIR>    08-11-99 1:40p  Program Files
WINDOWS*1      <DIR>    08-11-99 11:27p  My Documents
COREL          <DIR>    08-10-99 10:29a  Corel
MY FILES       <DIR>    08-10-99 10:29a  My Files
L.FREE'S JS    151     08-24-88 10:28a  L.FREE'S JS
WINDOWS*2      <DIR>    08-24-88 10:28a  Win 95 Data
PROGRAMS.NET   10,000  05-05-88 11:58a  PROGRAMS.NET
HOLD.TXT       0       05-31-88 2:07p  hold.txt
10 files(s)    100,500 bytes
0 dir(s)       5,527.6k free
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## Tips:

1. You can use this method in batch files for capturing output, too. That way, if you run a batch file overnight, the output is still there the next morning.
2. This is a great method for saving historical data. If there is a command that you run on a schedule, you can save the output each time, and examine the results for trends, etc.