

Quickly Inspect Your DOS Path

Goal: Find if a program or is in your %PATH%

Use this technique to inspect your DOS environment variables for specific strings using `findstr`.



1. Follow this example to see if perl is installed and your %PATH% environment variables is updated. First, open up a DOS window: `Windows` + `R` `cmd` `Enter`
2. Type in the DOS Window: `echo %PATH% | findstr /i perl` `Enter`
3. If perl is installed correctly, you should have it in your path.

A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window. The title bar reads 'Command Prompt'. The command prompt shows the command `c:\>set | findstr /i perl` and its output: `Path=C:\ProgramData\Oracle\Java\javapath;C:\Perl64\site\bin;C:\Perl64\bin;C:\Windows\system32;C:\Windows;C:\Windows\System32\Wbem;C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0;C:\Program Files (x86)\Git\cmd;C:\Program Files (x86)\Git\bin;C:\Program Files\TortoiseGit\bin;C:\Program Files (x86)\IDM Computer Solutions\UltraEdit\`. The prompt is now `c:\>_`.

4. You can also use this technique to find any environment variable. E.G., find if you have a temporary directory set:

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set | findstr /i temp
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A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window. The title bar reads 'Command Prompt'. The command prompt shows the command `c:\>set | findstr /i temp` and its output: `TEMP=C:\Users\JREYNO-1\AppData\Local\Temp` and `TMP=C:\Users\JREYNO-1\AppData\Local\Temp`. The prompt is now `c:\>_`.