

Expand command in Windows

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Applies to : Windows Server (Semi-Annual Channel), Windows Server 2016, Windows Server 2012 R2, Windows Server 2012.

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Expand command syntax

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expand [/r] expand /r [] expand /i [] expand /d .cab [/f:] expand .cab /f:
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Parameters

Parameters Description / r Rename the expanded files. source Specifies the file to expand. *Source* can include drive letters and colons, directory names, file names or combinations of these names. You can use wildcards (* or ?). destination Specifies where the file will be expanded.

If the *source* includes multiple files and you do not specify the / r parameter , the *destination* must be a directory.

Destination can include drive letter and colon, directory name, file name or combination of these names.

Destination file | Describe the path. / i Rename the expanded files but ignore the directory structure.

This parameter applies to: Windows Server 2008 R2 and Windows 7. / d Displays the list of files in the source location. Do not expand or extract files. / f: Specify the files in a cabinet file (.cab) that you want to expand. You can use wildcards (* or ?). /? Show help at the command prompt.

Note

1. Use the **expand** command at Recovery Console.
2. The **expand** command , with different parameters, is available from the Recovery Console. For more information on Recovery Console, please refer to the article: Installing and using the Recovery Console.

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