

# Ftype command in Windows

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For an example of how to use this command, please see the example below.

## Example of ftype command

```
ftype [[=[]]]
```

## Parameters

**Parameters**  
Description Specifies the file type to display or change. Specify the open command string to use when opening files of the specified file type. `/?` Show help at the command prompt.

## Note

The following table describes how the **`ftype`** command replaces the variables in an open command string:

Variable	Replace value	% 0 or % 1	Replaced with the file name that is launched via the link. % *	Get all parameters. % 2, % 3, .	Take the first parameter (% 2), the second parameter (% 3), etc. .%	~	Get all the remaining parameters starting with the Nth parameter, in where N can be any number from 2 to 9.
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## For example

To display the current file types with defined command sequences, enter:

```
ftype
```

To display the current open command string for the `txtfile` file type, enter:

```
ftype txtfile
```

This command produces the following result:

```
txtfile=%SystemRoot%system32NOTEPAD.EXE %1
```

To delete the open command string for a file type called *Example*, enter:

```
ftype example=
```

To link the .pl file name extension to the PerlScript file type and allow PerlScript file type to run PERL.EXE, enter the following commands:

```
assoc .pl=PerlScript ftype PerlScript=perl.exe %1 %*
```

To eliminate the need to type the .pl file name extension when calling a Perl script, type:

```
set PATHEXT=.pl;%PATHEXT%
```

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