

Some commonly used DOS commands in CMD

This article summarizes some basic DOS commands in CMD. If you frequently work with or use the Windows Command Prompt, then this is definitely an article you should check out.

Before graphical user interfaces were developed, operating a Windows computer was almost entirely dependent on DOS commands. Later, as users became increasingly reliant on keyboard and mouse operations, few paid as much attention to DOS commands as they did before.

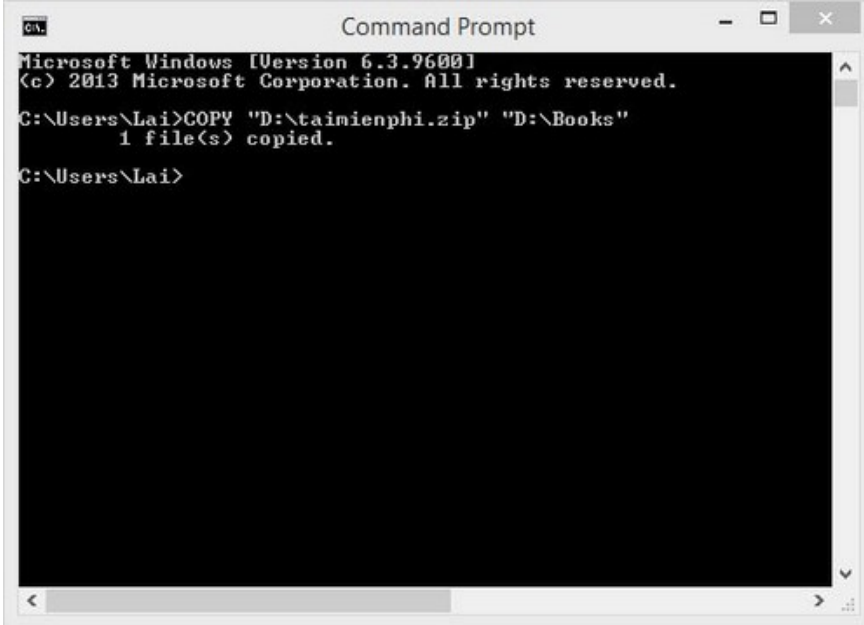
However, if you frequently work with Windows' Command Prompt, you should be familiar with some basic DOS commands in CMD that we share below.

[A compilation of some basic DOS commands in cmd.](#)

Execute the copy command.

This is one of the commands that is used quite frequently. For example, if you want to copy the file D:taimienphi.zip to D:Books, you would do the following.

```
COPY "D:taimienphi.zip" "D:Books"
```



```
Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]
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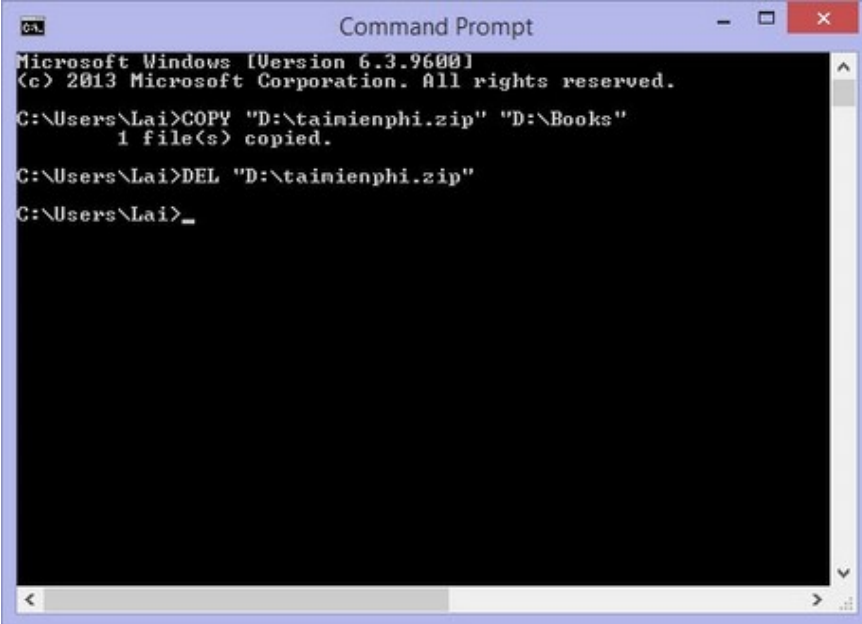
C:\Users\Lai>COPY "D:\taimienphi.zip" "D:\Books"
1 file(s) copied.

C:\Users\Lai>
```

Execute the delete command.

Suppose you want to delete the file named taimienphi.zip on drive D, you would use the following syntax.

```
DEL "D:taimienphi.zip"
```

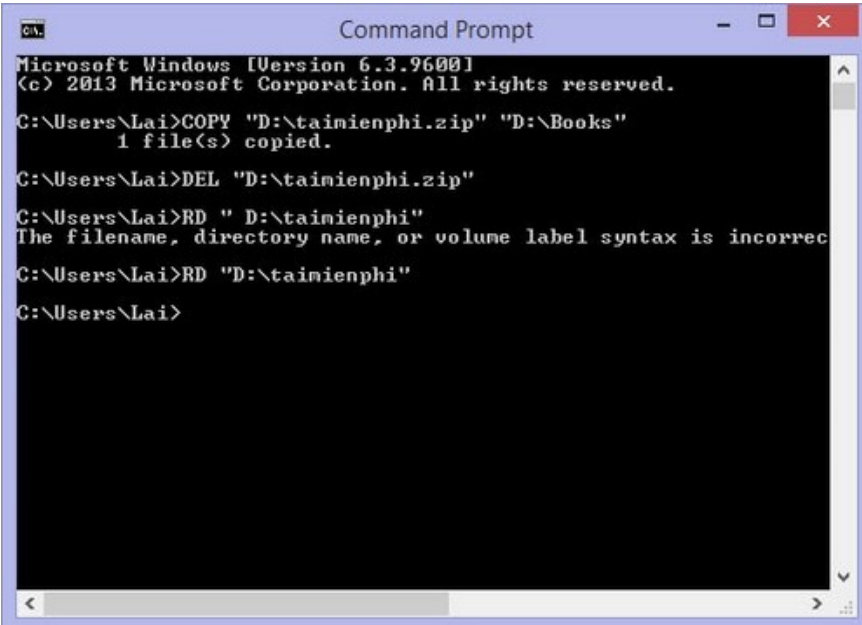


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C:\Users\Lai>COPY "D:\taimienphi.zip" "D:\Books"
1 file(s) copied.
C:\Users\Lai>DEL "D:\taimienphi.zip"
C:\Users\Lai>
```

Commands related to directories

To delete a folder, use the following syntax.

```
RD "D:taimienphi" (With the folder named taimienphi)
```



```
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C:\Users\Lai>COPY "D:\taimienphi.zip" "D:\Books"
1 file(s) copied.
C:\Users\Lai>DEL "D:\taimienphi.zip"
C:\Users\Lai>RD "D:\taimienphi"
The filename, directory name, or volume label syntax is incorrect.
C:\Users\Lai>RD "D:\taimienphi"
C:\Users\Lai>
```

To create a directory, use the following syntax.

```
MD "D:taimienphi" (This will create a folder named taimienphi in drive D)
```

```
Command Prompt
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C:\Users\Lai>COPY "D:\tainienphi.zip" "D:\Books"
1 file(s) copied.

C:\Users\Lai>DEL "D:\tainienphi.zip"

C:\Users\Lai>RD " D:\tainienphi"
The filename, directory name, or volume label syntax is incorrect

C:\Users\Lai>RD "D:\tainienphi"

C:\Users\Lai>MD "D:\tainienphi"

C:\Users\Lai>_
```

View your computer's IP address.

To view your computer's IP address, use the following syntax.

`ipconfig/all`

```
Command Prompt
C:\Users\Lai>ipconfig/all

Windows IP Configuration

Host Name . . . . . : HP-Envy-M6
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . :
Node Type . . . . . : Hybrid
IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : No
WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No
DNS Suffix Search List. . . . . : Home

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . . . . . :
Description . . . . . : Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct U
Physical Address. . . . . : 12-68-9D-8A-58-85
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . . : Yes

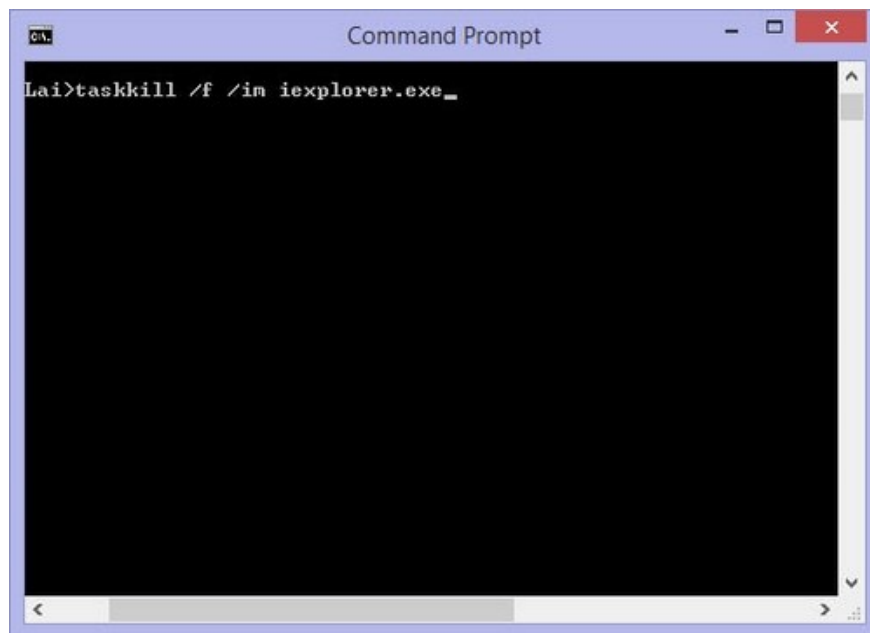
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . . . . . :
Description . . . . . : Realtek PCIe GBE Family C
Physical Address. . . . . : 6C-3B-E5-7C-A9-F7
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . . : Yes
```

Close running applications.

If the application freezes and you can't close it, use the following command.

`taskkill /f /im iexplorer.exe` (This command will close Internet Explorer)

A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window. The title bar reads "Command Prompt". The command prompt shows the text "Lai>taskkill /f /im iexplorer.exe_" with a cursor at the end. The window has a standard Windows interface with a blue title bar and a scroll bar on the right side.

So, TipsMake has introduced you to some basic DOS commands in CMD. In fact, you can perform all of these functions directly on the graphical interface. Therefore, these commands are mostly only used in special cases. Additionally, we also shared an article on **6 ways to start Command Prompt on Windows 7** ; if you are interested, please click on the link above to read it.

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