

The flattemp 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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Syntax of flattemp command

```
flattemp {/query | /enable | /disable}
```

Parameters

ParameterDescription / query Current installation query. / enable Enable temporary flat folders. Users will share the same temporary directory, unless the temporary directory is in the home directory of a particular user. / disable Disable temporary folders. Each user's temporary directory will be in a separate directory (identified by that user's session ID). /? Show help at the command prompt.

Note

1. The flattemp command is only available when you have installed the **Terminal Server role service** on a computer that is running Windows Server 2008 or **rd Session Host role service** on a computer that is running Windows Server 2008 R2.
2. You must have admin rights to run the **flattemp** command .
3. After each user has a temporary directory, use the **flattemp / enable** command to enable temporary flat directories.
4. The default method for creating temporary folders for many users (usually specified by **TEMP** and **TMP** environment variables) is to create subdirectories in the **Temp** directory , using the **logonID** as a subdirectory name. For example, if the TEMP environment variable points to **C: Temp**, the temporary directory is assigned to the user **logonID 4** as **C: Temp4**. Using the **flattemp** command , you can point directly to the **Temp** directory and prevent the creation of subdirectories. This is useful when you want the user's temporary folders to be contained in the main directories, whether on local drive rd Session Host server or on a shared network drive. You should only use the **flattemp / enable** command when each user has a separate temporary directory.

5. You may experience an application error if a user's temporary folder is on a network drive. This happens when shared network drives are inaccessible for a while on the network. Because the application's temporary files are inaccessible or out of sync, it responds as if the drive has stopped working. Do not transfer temporary folders to network drives. The default is to keep temporary folders on the local hard drive. If you encounter something different or drive-related errors with certain applications, stabilize your network connection or move temporary folders back to the local hard drive.
6. If you disable using separate temporary folders for each session, **flattemp** settings will be ignored. This option is placed in the Remote Desktop Services Configuration tool.

For example

To display the current settings for temporary flat folders, enter:

```
flattemp / query
```

To enable temporary flat folders, enter:

```
flattemp / enable
```

To turn off temporary flat folders, enter:

```
flattemp / disable
```

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