

## 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 says 'C:\> 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:\>\_'.

```
C:\>set | findstr /i perl
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\
c:\>_
```

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

```
set | findstr /i temp
```

A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window. The title bar says 'C:\> 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:\>\_'.

```
C:\>set | findstr /i temp
TEMP=C:\Users\JREYNO~1\AppData\Local\Temp
TMP=C:\Users\JREYNO~1\AppData\Local\Temp
c:\>_
```