

How to set the path in Windows 7.

Goal:

Setting the windows command path in Windows 7

Additional information:

Modifying the path statement will enable an MS-DOS window opened in Microsoft Windows as well as older programs to locate files that may be required to run the program.

In the old MS-DOS environment we used the PATH= command, located in the autoexec.bat file. Additional information about the MS-DOS path command that is still usable in Windows 2000 and Windows XP can be found on our [path command page](#), additional information about the MS-DOS command can be found on our [set command page](#).

See our [dictionary path definition](#) for additional information about this term and related definitions.

Answer:

The path is now managed by Windows 7 and not the autoexec.bat or autoexec.nt files. To change the system environment variables, follow the below steps.

1. From the [desktop](#), right-click **My Computer** and click **Properties**.
2. In the System Properties [window](#), click on the **Advanced tab**.
3. In the Advanced section, click the **Environment Variables button**.
4. Finally, in the Environment Variables window (as shown below), highlight the **Path** variable in the Systems Variable section and click the **Edit** button. Add or modify the path lines with the paths you wish the computer to access. Each different directory is separated with a semicolon as shown below.
5. C:\Program Files;C:\Winnt;C:\Winnt\System32

