

# Windows 10 Help on Commands

## C:\>HELP FINDSTR

Searches for strings in files.

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FINDSTR [/B] [/E] [/L] [/R] [/S] [/I] [/X] [/V] [/N] [/M] [/O] [/P] [/F:file]
        [/C:string] [/G:file] [/D:dir list] [/A:color attributes] [/OFF[LINE]]
strings [[drive:]][path]filename[ ...]]
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- /B Matches pattern if at the beginning of a line.
- /E Matches pattern if at the end of a line.
- /L Uses search strings literally.
- /R Uses search strings as regular expressions.
- /S Searches for matching files in the current directory and all subdirectories.
- /I Specifies that the search is not to be case-sensitive.
- /X Prints lines that match exactly.
- /V Prints only lines that do not contain a match.
- /N Prints the line number before each line that matches.
- /M Prints only the filename if a file contains a match.
- /O Prints character offset before each matching line.
- /P Skip files with non-printable characters.
- /OFF[LINE] Do not skip files with offline attribute set.
- /A:attr Specifies color attribute with two hex digits. See "color /?"
- /F:file Reads file list from the specified file(/ stands for console).
- /C:string Uses specified string as a literal search string.
- /G:file Gets search strings from the specified file(/ stands for console).
- /D:dir Search a semicolon delimited list of directories
- strings Text to be searched for.
- [drive:][path]filename  
Specifies a file or files to search.

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"hello there" in file x.y.

Regular expression quick reference:

- . Wildcard: any character
- \* Repeat: zero or more occurrences of previous character or class
- ^ Line position: beginning of line
- \$ Line position: end of line
- [class] Character class: any one character in set
- [^class] Inverse class: any one character not in set
- [x-y] Range: any characters within the specified range
- \x Escape: literal use of metacharacter x
- \<xyz Word position: beginning of word
- xyz\> Word position: end of word

For full information on FINDSTR regular expressions refer to the online [Command Reference](#).