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Windows 11 Help on 'COPY' command

C:\>HELP COPY

Copies one or more files to another location.

COPY [/D] [/V] [/N] [/Y | /-Y] [/Z] [/L] [/A | /B] source [/A | /B]

[+ source [/A | /B] [+ ...]] [destination [/A | /B]]

source Specifies the file or files to be copied.

/A Indicates an ASCII text file.

/B Indicates a binary file.

/D Allow the destination file to be created decrypted

destination Specifies the directory and/or filename for the new file(s).

- /V Verifies that new files are written correctly.
- /N Uses short filename, if available, when copying a file with a non-8dot3 name.
- /Y Suppresses prompting to confirm you want to overwrite an existing destination file.
- /-Y Causes prompting to confirm you want to overwrite an existing destination file.
- /Z Copies networked files in restartable mode.
- /L If the source is a symbolic link, copy the link to the target instead of the actual file the source link points to.

The switch /Y may be preset in the COPYCMD environment variable.

This may be overridden with /-Y on the command line. Default is

to prompt on overwrites unless COPY command is being executed from

within a batch script.

To append files, specify a single file for destination, but multiple files for source (using wildcards or file1+file2+file3 format).