
Subject: Re: Virtual machine question

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 14 Jun 2008 20:58:17 GMT

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See the on-line help for "command line switches" for details.

Cheers,

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Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Sun, 15 Jun 2008 14:39:35 GMT

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You can also use environment variables, if appropriate.
