
Subject: How to set the default working directory?

Posted by [rainingpeace](#) on Tue, 14 Apr 2009 05:08:45 GMT

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Thanks in advance.

Sincerely,
Li, Tongmu

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Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 15 Apr 2009 16:38:47 GMT

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Check out FILE_WHICH. By default, it will check for files in !path.

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