

Robocopy By Example Cheat Sheet

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Reference

http://ss64.com/nt/robocopy.html

Options Summary	
Source options	
/E	copy subfolders including empty subfolders
/COPYALL	copy ALL file info (DATSOU)
Copy options	
/L	list only - don't actually copy
/R:n	number of retries, default is 1 million
/W:n	wait time, default is 30 seconds
Destination options	
/MIR	mirror - tend to avoid using
Logging options	
/NP	no progress displayed, i.e. no %age copied
/LOG:file	overwrite log file
/LOG+: /file	append to log file
/FP	include full path of files in output
/NFL	no file list in log
/NDL	no directory list is log
/TEE	output to console and log file
Advanced options	
/XF file [file]	exclude files listed
/XD dir [dir]	exclude directories listed
/V	verbose output, shows skipped files
/MT[:n]	Multithreaded, default is 8 - don't normally use

Requirements and Recommendations

The scripts, options, filenames are merely personal choices.

Source and Destination folders can be either local filesystem references (e.g.D:\path\to\directory) or

UNC path (e.g. \\Server\share\path\to\directory).

Log file suffix either Date stamp, Date and Time stamp or Job Id.

The log file path (e.g. C:\support\logs\) should exist. Robocopy makes a log file if it doesn't exist but does not create a log directory.

Should always use the log only (/L) option until ready to perform the copy at which point remove /L from the command options.

Base Command

 $\label{log:copy} $$ \ensure > \ensuremath{$<$} \ensuremath{$<$$} \ensuremath{$<$} \ensuremath{$<$} \ensuremath{$<$} \ensuremath{$<$$} \ensuremath{$<$} \ensuremath{$<$$} \ensuremath{$<$} \ensuremath{$<$$} \ensuremath{$<$} \ensuremath{$<$$} \ensu$



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Simple Batch Version

```
@echo off
SET SDIR=<type or paste Absolute directory path or Full UNC path>
SET DDIR=<type or paste Absolute directory path or Full UNC path>
:: File suffix either datestamp, dateti mestamp or job id - uncomment as required
SET FILESU FFI X=% date; 4%% date?, 2%%date: -4,2%
::SET FILESU FFI X=% date; 4%% date?, 2%%date: 4,2%-% time0,2%%time: 3,2%%time: 6,2%
::SET FILESU FFIX=jobid
SET LOGFIL E=C :\s upp ort \lo gs \rob oco py- %FI LES UFF IX%.log
:: Common parame ters: /L,/V, /B, /MIR, /MT:# - add/remove as required
:: Remove /L to perform copy
SET MAIN_O PTI ONS =/C OPYALL /L /E /R:1 /W:1 /FP /V /NP
SET FILE_O PTI ONS=/XD " REC YCL ER" " System Volume Inform ati on" /
:: Default is to append to log file " +"
:: /TEE is not require if running as scheduled task
SET LOG_OP TIO NS=/TEE /LOG+: " %LO GFI LE% "
roboco py.exe " %SD IR% " " %DD IR% " %MAIN_ OPT IONS% %FILE_ OPT IONS% %LOG_O PTIONS%
```

Expanded Batch Version

```
@echo off
:: After completing job, uncomment the following 2 lines so the script cannot be run accide ntally
:: echo Script has been actioned, remove /co mment 'exit command' if you really want to run
:: exit /b
:: Data migration - <JO BID>
:: Source
:: * S:\Sou rce \pa th \to \dir ectory
:: * \\SOUR CES ERV ER> \Us ers $\u sername
:: * \\SOUR CES ERV ER> \sh are \pa th \to \loc ation
:: Destin ation
:: * D:\Des tin ati on \pat h\t o\d ire ctory
:: * \\DEST INA TIO NSE RVE R\U ser s$ \use rname
:: * \\DEST INA TIO NSE RVE R\s har e\p ath \to \lo cation
:: change from " lis ton ly" to run robocopy command
SET TYPE=1 istonly
::SET TYPE=run
:: Either host could be %compu ter name% for more flexib ility
SET SHOST= SER VERNAME
SET DHOST= SER VERNAME
:: SET ISOFOR MAT =time || SET ISOFOR MAT =date
```



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Expanded Batch Version (cont)

```
> SET ISOFORMAT=date
if %ISOFORMAT%==date (
  SET FILESTAMP=%date:<sub>10.4%</sub>%date:~4,2%
else (
  SET\ FILESTAMP = \% date:_{10,4}\%\% date:_{4,2}\%-\% time:_{0,2}\%\% time:_{3,2}\%\% time:_{6,2}\% date:_{4,2}\%-\% time:_{0,2}\%\% time:_{3,2}\%\% time:_{
:: If migrating user home folder set USER and then generate directories.
:: Otherwise can simply use static UNC or absolute paths
SET USER=FirstName.LastName
SET SDIR=\\%SHOST%\Users$\%USER%\<SRC FOLDER>
SET DDIR=\\%DHOST%\Users$\%USER%\<DST FOLDER>
:: Change drive letter as required
::SET SDIR=\\%SHOST%\d$\<SRC FOLDER>
::SET DDIR=\\%DHOST%\d$\<DST FOLDER>
:: Note: /L is used for testing, and log filename will be appended with "-test"
:: LOGDIR must exist, change as appropriate
SET LOGDIR=C:\support\logs
if %TYPE%==listonly (
  SET LOGFILE=%JOB%-%FILESTAMP%-test.log
  SET LOGONLY=/L
) ELSE (
  SET LOGFILE=%JOB%-%FILESTAMP%.log
  SET LOGONLY=
:: Robocopy options - for a single folder
:: Common parameters: /L,/V,/B,/MIR, /MT:# - add/remove as required
SET MAIN_OPTIONS=/COPYALL %LOGONLY% /E /R:1 /W:1 /FP /V /NP
SET FILE_OPTIONS=/XD "RECYCLER" "System Volume Information" /XF ~.* thumbs.db desktop.ini
:: Default is to append to log file "+"
:: /TEE is not require if running as scheduled task
SET LOG_OPTIONS=/TEE /LOG+:"%LOGDIR%\%LOGFILE%"
robocopy.exe "%SDIR%" "%DDIR%" %MAIN_OPTIONS% %FILE_OPTIONS% %LOG_OPTIONS%
```



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