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The DOS 2.0 documentation for the SET command mentions that the COMSPEC environment parameter indicates where DOS can find the file COMMAND.COM when it has to be reloaded. (The command line interpreter portion of COMMAND.COM resides in high memory and a number of programs wipe this out - DOS automatically tries to reload COMMAND.COM after these programs return control to DOS.)

My problem is this: If I change the COMSPEC by issuing the

```
SET COMSPEC=B:\COMMAND.COM
```

command, my PC will still look on the A: disk for the COMMAND.COM file when it needs to reload it. This is particularly strange since when I type SET (after I issue the above command), DOS indicates that the COMSPEC should be B:\COMMAND.COM.

Any help on the above is appreciated.

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After setting COMSPEC to B:\COMMAND.COM, try issueing COMMAND. This will reinvoke COMMAND.COM, but this time it will read the re-defined COMSPEC and will reload itself from the desired drive/subdirectory. Of course, you will lose a little memory by having multiple COMMAND.COMs loaded into memory. Another alternative that I chose, is to write a program to find the COMSPEC string in memory (buried within IBMBIO or IBMDOS) and patch it. This will cause COMMAND.COM to be reloaded from your desired location.

If you want the program, send me some mail with your path from ihnp4, and I will mail it. If enough interest, I will post the source.

Have fun.

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How about this: with a disk that has command.com in drive b:, type
"b:command b:". This should work, at least it did for me.

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