

## Windows batch read variable - equivalent of Linux read line command

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If you need to do some basic batch scripting sooner or later you will have to insert input from command line to a variable. In Linux this is done with **read** command, i.e.:

```
$ echo -n "Type a password for admin:";  
$ read line;  
$ echo $line;
```

So here is how to do the same if you need it for a Windows Batch (.BAT) file

```
C:\Users\> Set /p string='What do you want to ask?:'  
'What do you want to ask?:'
```

This will define the **string** variable, to later print out the variable use:

```
> echo %string%  
variable input output
```