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SCENARIO

I need to reproduce good old **touch hello.c** using nothing else but standard **Windows** commands. How can I change the date of a file, but not its content, using nothing else but what is provided in a standard **Windows XP Pro** installation (CMD, FIND, SORT, etc.)?

SOLUTION

Open **CMD** (**Run As Administrator**). This command will change a file's date and timestamp to current.

```
copy <<filename.extn>> /B+ ,,/Y
```

If you want to do a bulk change in a directory, for say, all **.gif** files, then:

```
for %i in ('dir *.gif') do copy %i /B+ ,,/Y
```