

# What is traceroute and how do I use it?

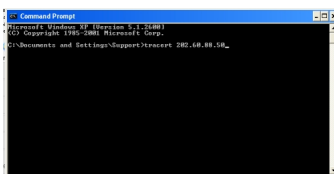
Microsoft Windows contains a built-in *tracert utility* for running trace route tests. Alternative utilities are also freely available as Web downloads.

The trace route *tracert* utility checks how many "hops" (transfers through other computers) it takes for your computer to contact another computer - either locally on your network, or on the internet.

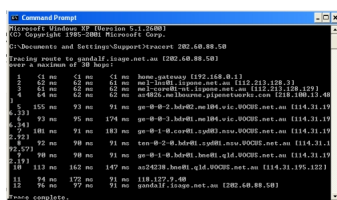
To execute a tracert test, you simply identify the Web site or other remote server or computer by its name or IP address.

### For Windows XP Users

1. Click on your **Start** button
2. Click on **Run**
3. Type **cmd** and press **OK**
4. The windows command box will appear
5. Type **tracert 202.60.88.50** at the cursor in the command box



## Trace Route HowTo



Save the contents of the new test and by a right click in the app menu to Support, then a I