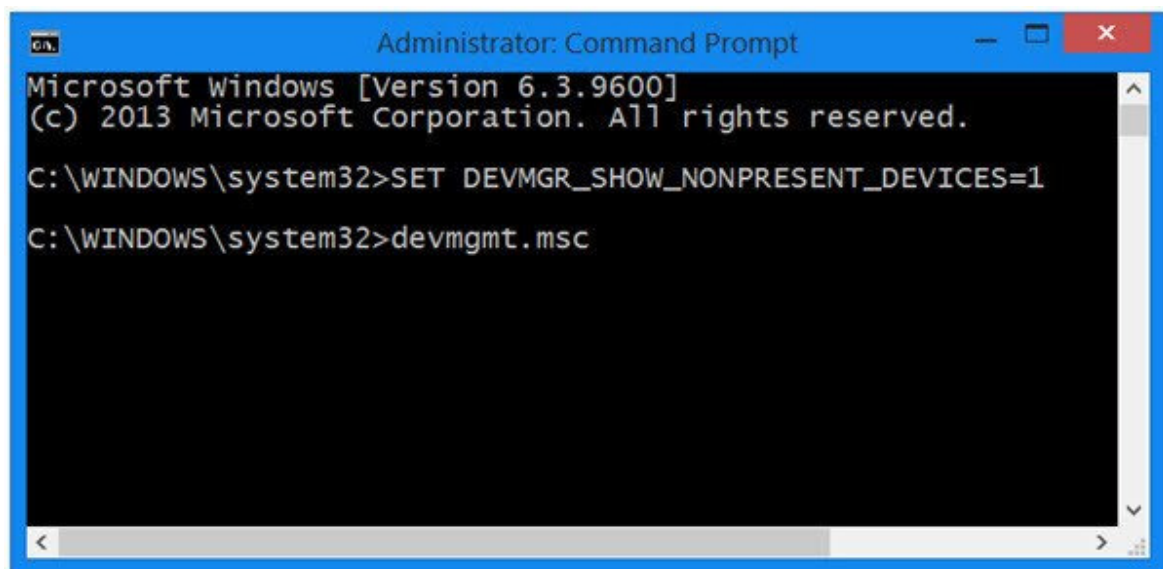


In this post, we will see how to make built-in Device Manager **show non-present devices** in Windows 10/8/7. **Non-present** devices are those old, unused, previous, hidden devices that were once installed, but are now no longer attached to the computer.

The **Windows Device Manager** helps you [uninstall](#), [disable](#), [roll back](#), [update Device Drivers](#) in Windows 10/8/7. It displays details about the currently installed and connected Plug and Play devices. To view the Non Plug and Play devices, from the View tab, you have to select *Show hidden devices*. But to show all non-present devices, you will have to do the following.

Show NonPresent devices using Device Manager

A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window titled "Administrator: Command Prompt". The window has a blue title bar and a black background with white text. The text inside the window shows the following commands and their output:

```
Microsoft windows [Version 6.3.9600]
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>SET DEVMGR_SHOW_NONPRESENT_DEVICES=1

C:\WINDOWS\system32>devmgmt.msc
```

To show non-present devices in Windows 8.1, using Device Manager, open an elevated command prompt windows, type the following and hit Enter:

```
SET DEVMGR_SHOW_NONPRESENT_DEVICES=1
```

Next, type *devmgmt.msc* and hit Enter to open the Device Manager.

Having done this, from the *View* tab, select *Show hidden devices*. You will see some additional devices get listed here.