

5 tips to quickly open CMD Admin on Windows

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Use Windows Search shortcut to open CMD Admin

In the search bar you type cmd, then hold Ctrl+Shift and left click on the application icon. You will see a UAC message to confirm opening an elevated Command Prompt.

Open CMD Admin from Run dialog box























Press Windows key+ R to open the Run dialog box and type cmd. Press Ctrl+ Shift+ Enter and Command Prompt will open as administrator.

Create a shortcut to open Command Prompt Admin

If you want a more customized method, creating a Command Prompt shortcut to directly open CMD Admin would be a better solution.

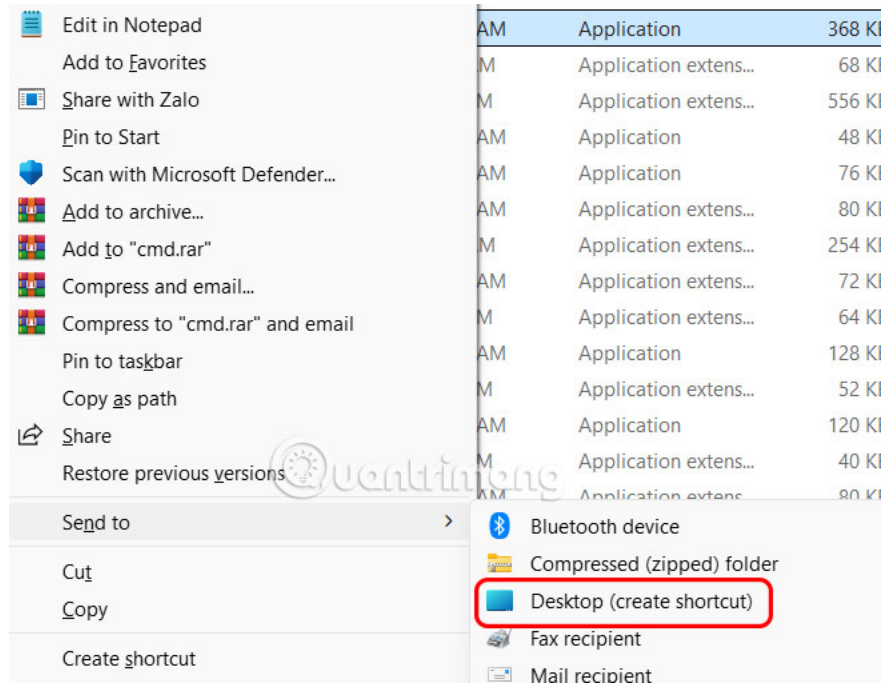
Step 1:

At the File Explorer interface, navigate to **the path C:WindowsSystem32** and find **the cmd.exe file** .

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 cmd.exe	8/13/2025 8:44
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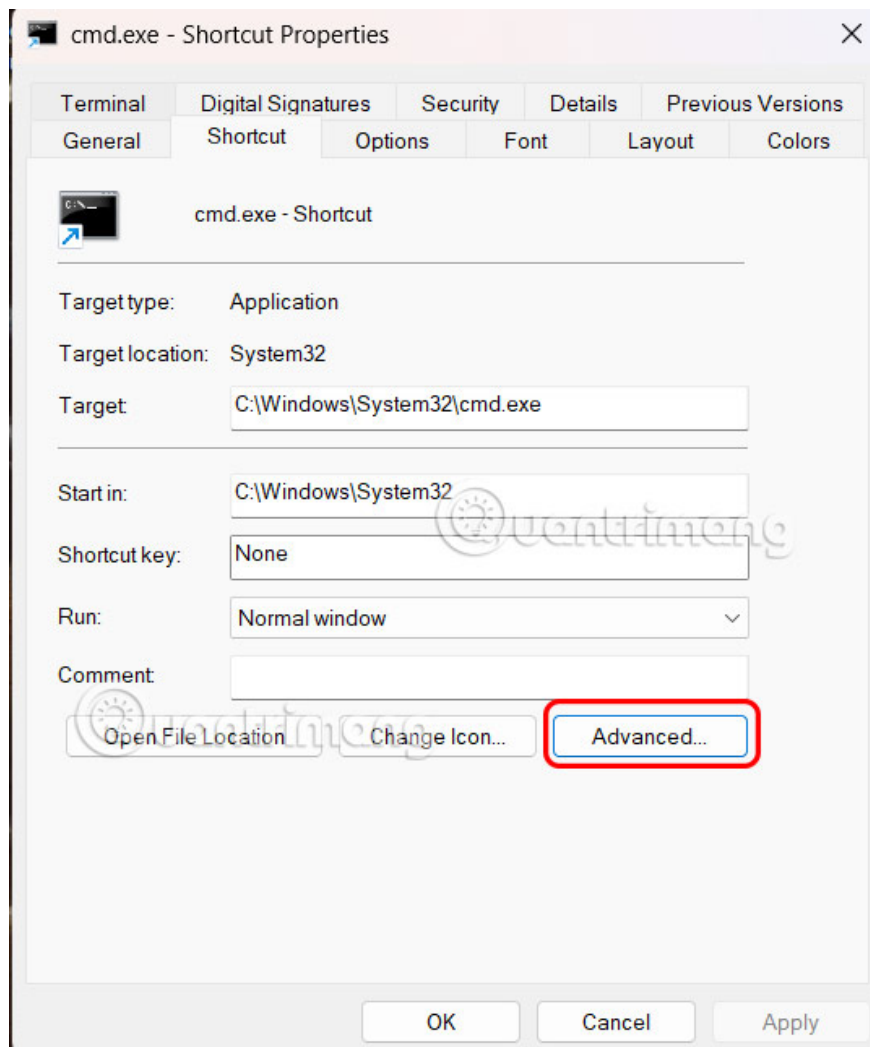
Step 2:

Hold **Shift and right-click** to open the classic context menu. Here, select Send to > Desktop (create shortcut) to create a shortcut on the desktop.

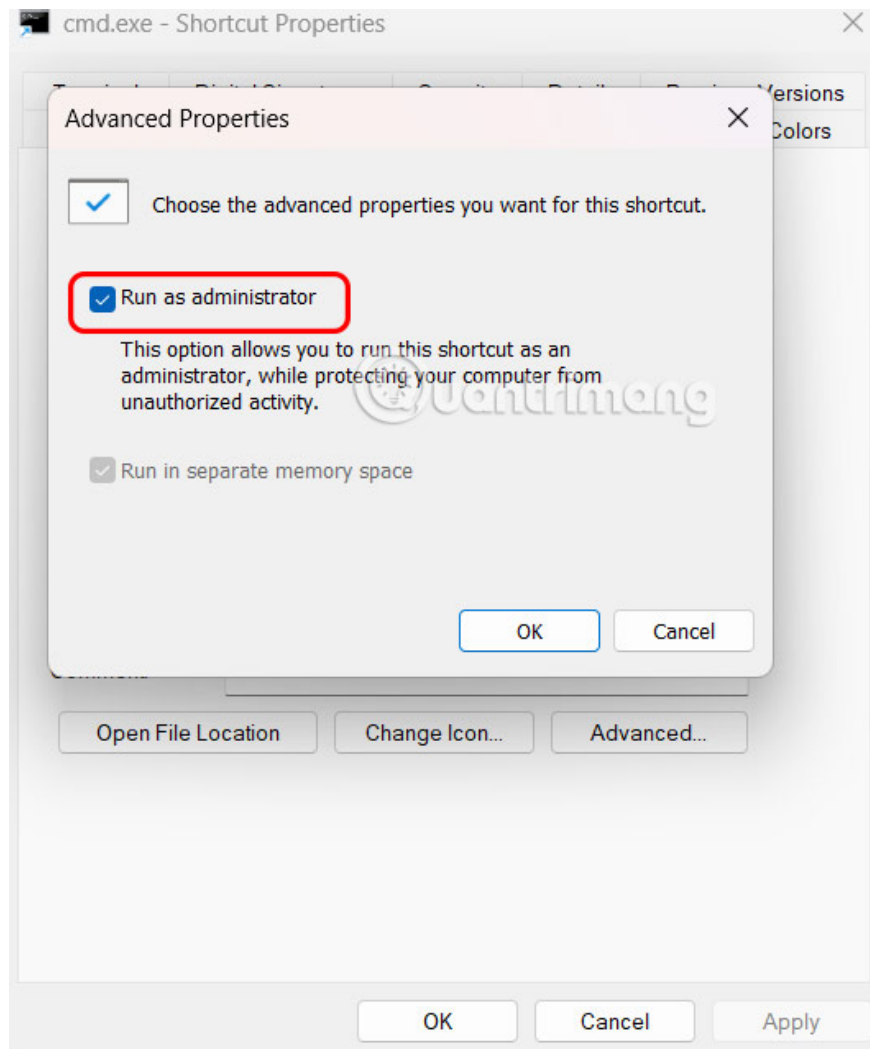


Step 3:

We **right-click** on the **cmd.exe shortcut** you created on the desktop and select **Properties** . Click the **Advanced** button in the **Shortcut** tab.

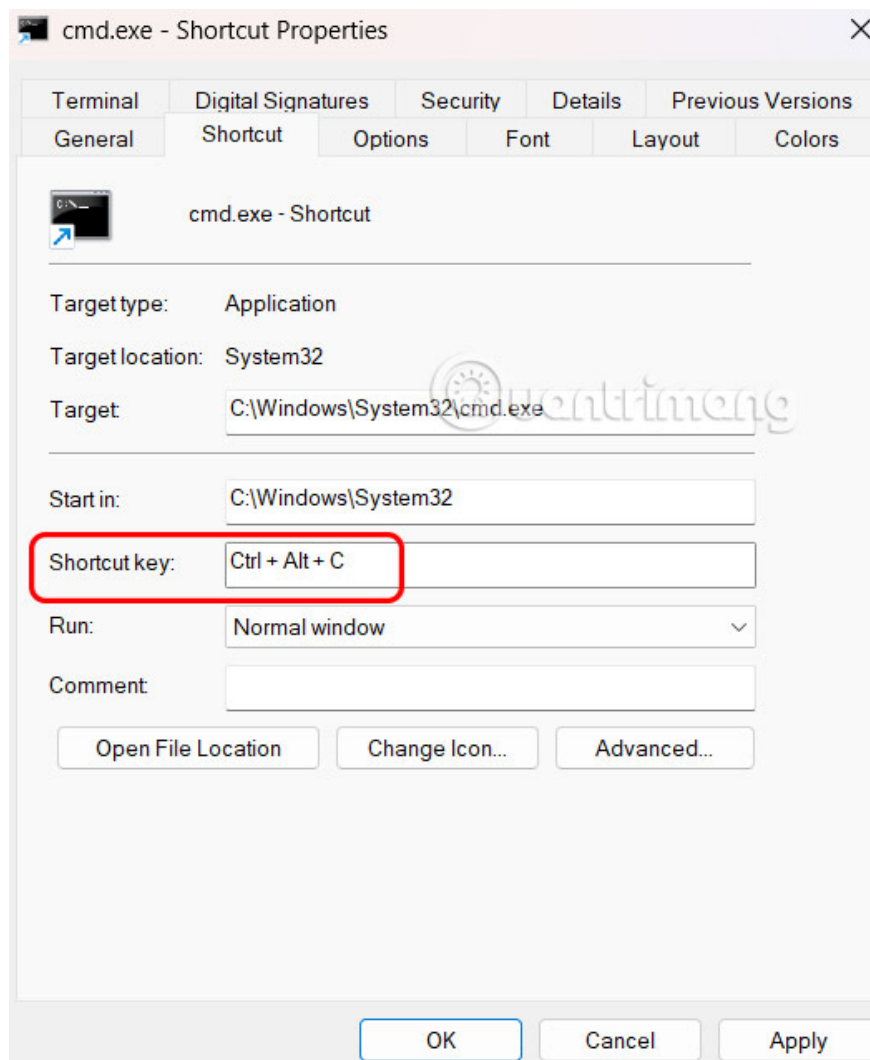


Now you just need to select Run as administrator.



Create shortcut to quickly open CMD Admin

Right-click on the cmd.exe shortcut and select Properties. Now we **enter the startup shortcut key at Shortcut key** , you can only assign shortcuts starting with Ctrl+ Alt or Ctrl+ Shift, such as Ctrl+ Shift+ C.



Now, every time you press the specified shortcut, an Admin Command Prompt window will open. While you still have to confirm the UAC prompt, you can press the left arrow key and then press Enter to quickly confirm.

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