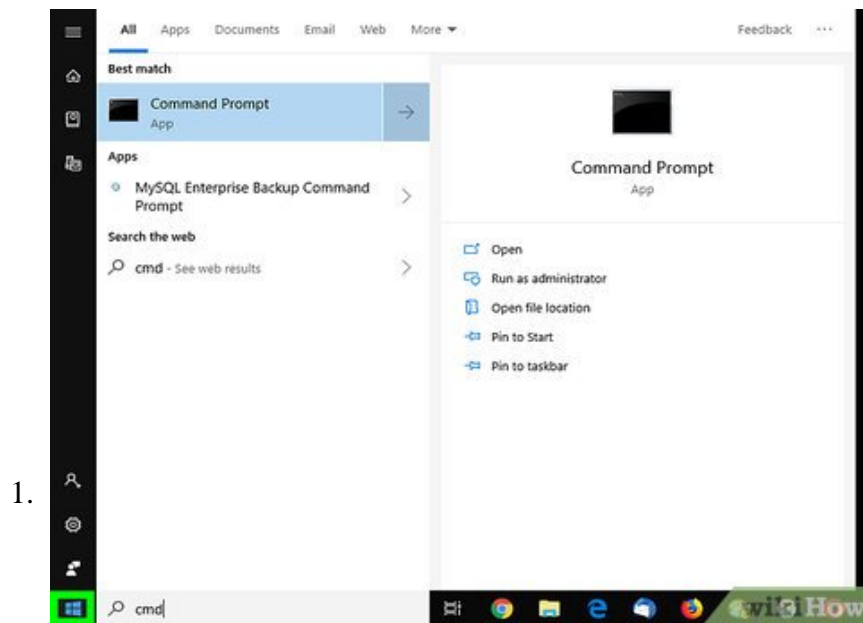


How to Check Your Java Version in the Windows Command Line

This wikiHow teaches you how to check what version of java you have installed on your Windows computer using Command Prompt. Click the Windows Start icon. It's the icon with Windows logo. By default, it's in the bottom-left corner of the...

Method 1 of 3:

Using Windows 10



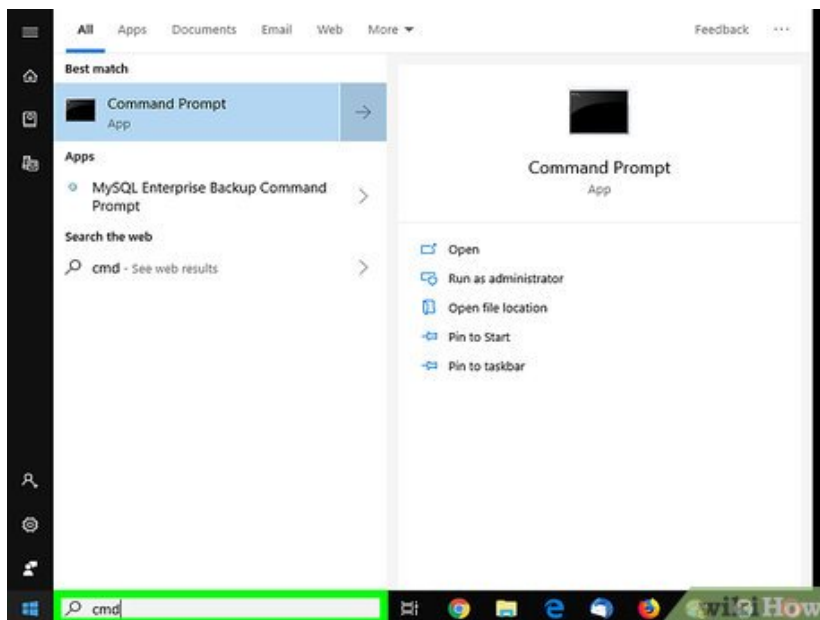
1. Click the Windows Start



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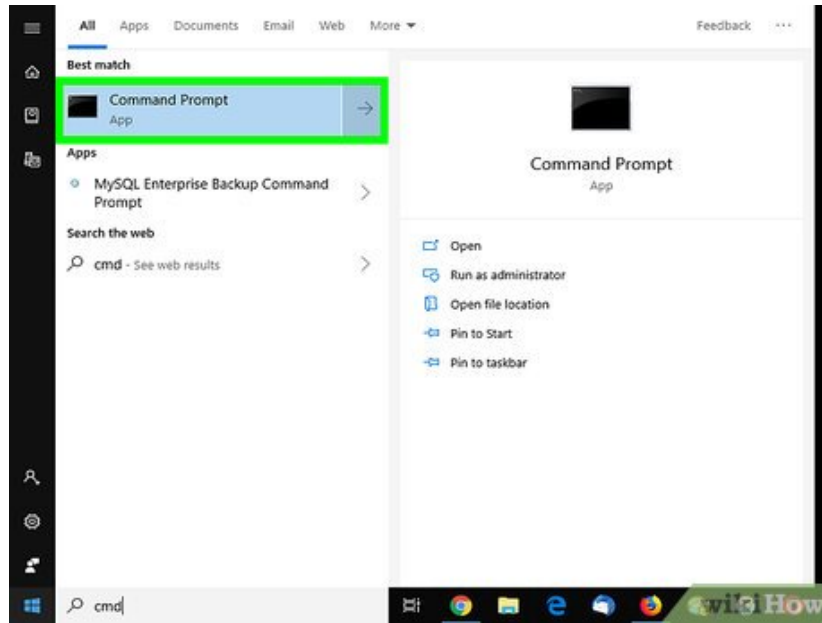
1. You can also press the **Win** key to open the Start menu.

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Type cmd . This displays the Command Prompt icon at the top of the Start menu. As you type, a list of programs and search results appears in the Windows Start menu.

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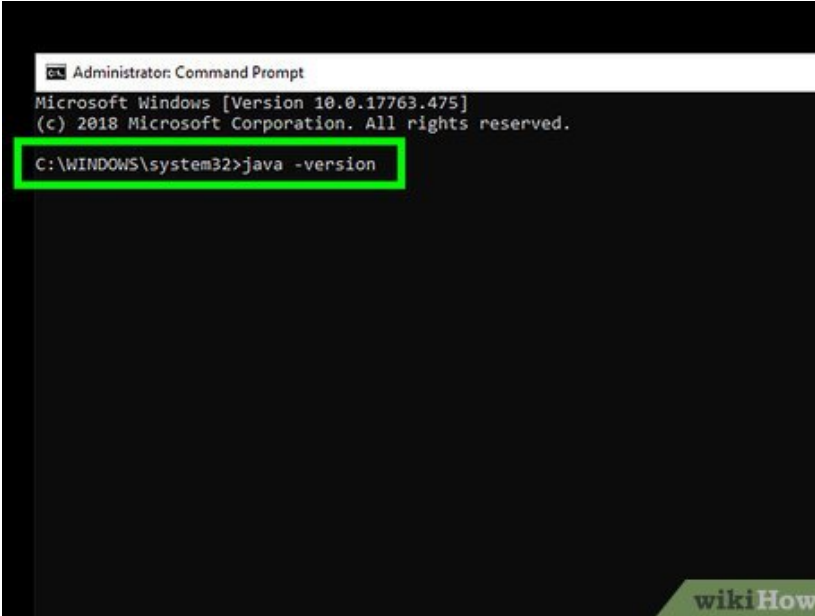


Click the Command Prompt icon



. It's the black square icon with a small white "C:" in the upper-right corner.

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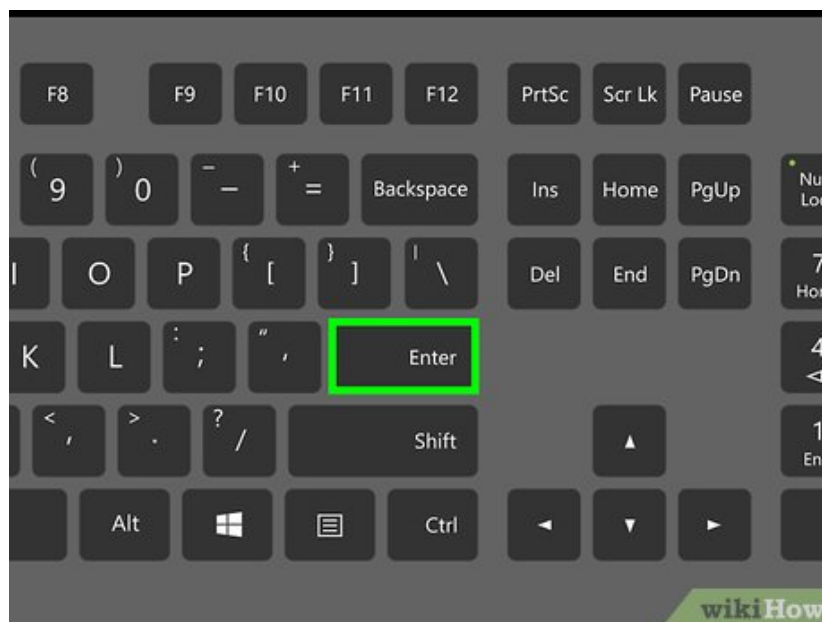


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Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.475]
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>java -version
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Type `java -version` in the Command Prompt. This is the Command Prompt command to check which version of Java you are using. Type it in the Command Prompt window.

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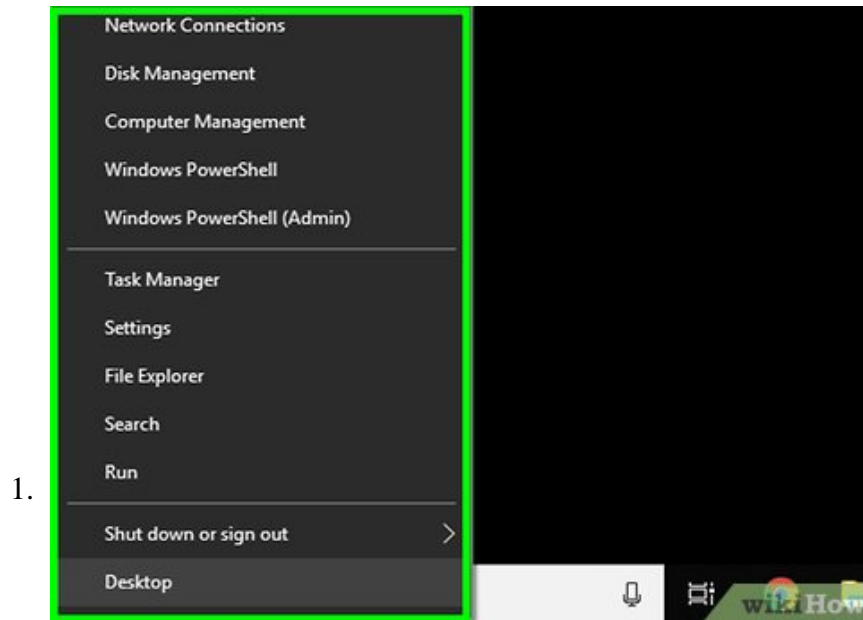


Press `Enter`. This displays a readout of the current Java version that is installed on your computer in the Command Prompt. Make sure you include a space after "java".

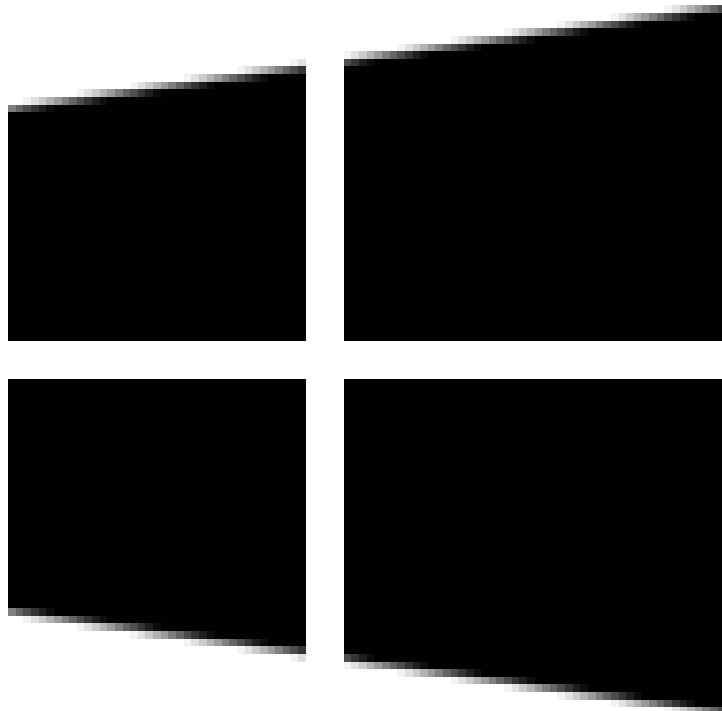
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2. If you have Java, make sure you have the latest version of Java.
3. To determine if your system is running a 32-bit or 64-bit version, read [How to Check If Your PC is Running the 32-bit or 64-bit Version of Windows](#) to determine which version of Windows you are running.

Method 2 of 3:

Using Windows 8

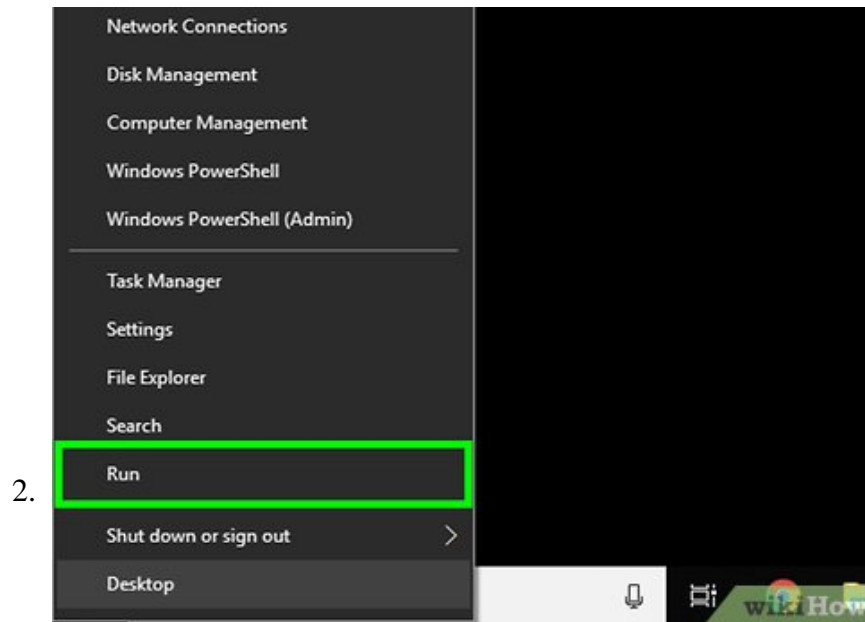


Right-click the Windows Start

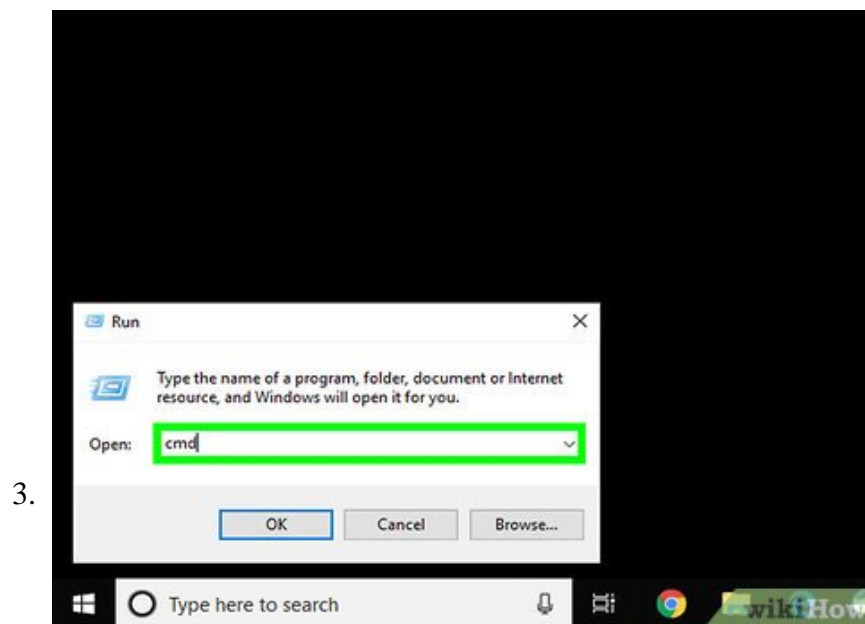


icon. It's the icon with the Windows logo. By default, it's in the lower-left corner. Right-clicking this icon

displays the System menu above the Start button.

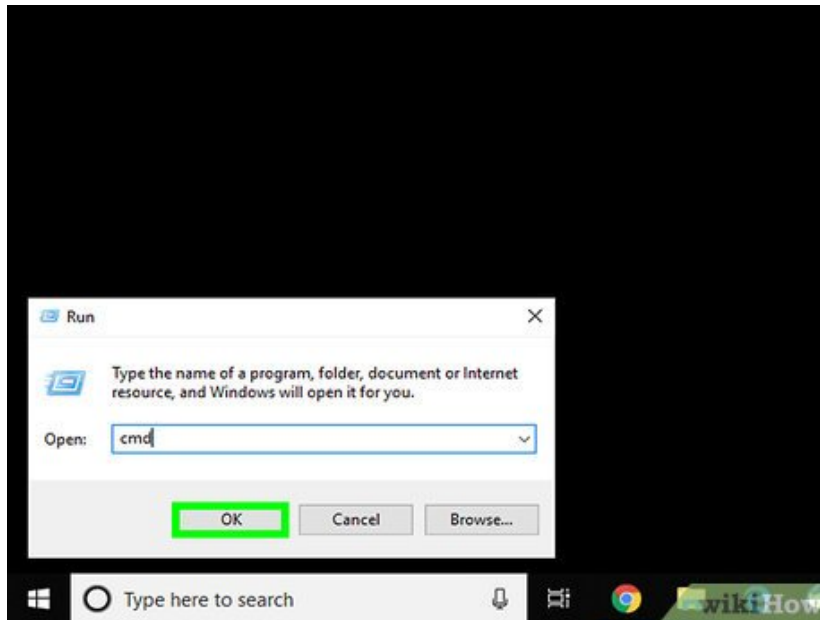


Click **Run**. It's the third option from the bottom of the System menu. This opens the "Run" program.



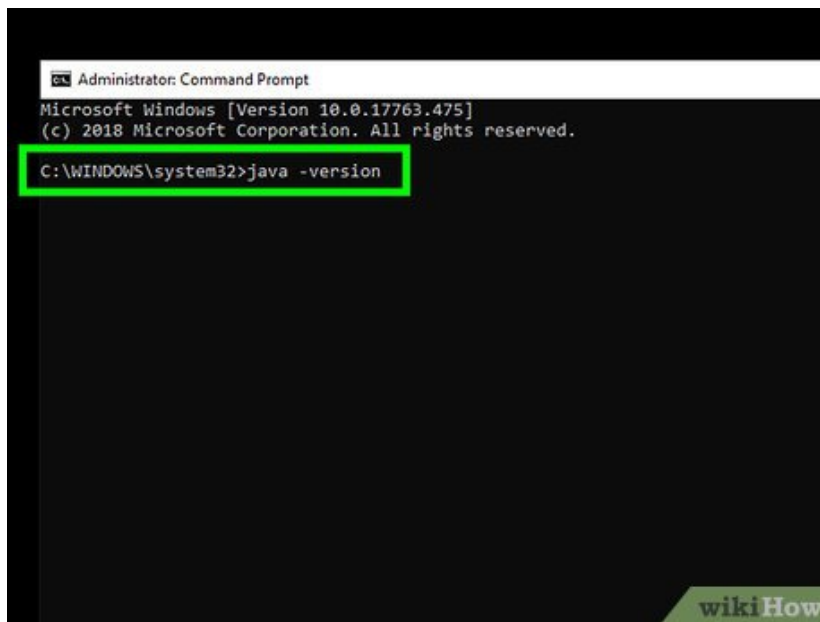
Type **cmd.exe** next to "Open". Use the space next to "Open" in the Run program to type the command to open the Command Prompt.

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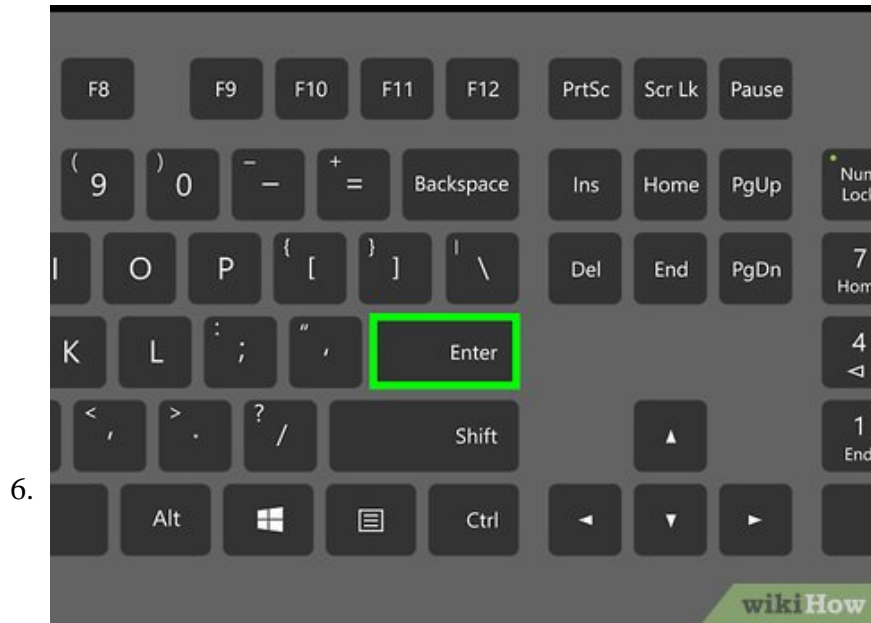


Click **Ok**. It's the first button at the bottom of the "Run" program. This opens the Command Prompt.
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Type **java -version** in the Command Prompt. This is the Command Prompt command to check which version of Java you are using. Type it in the Command Prompt window.

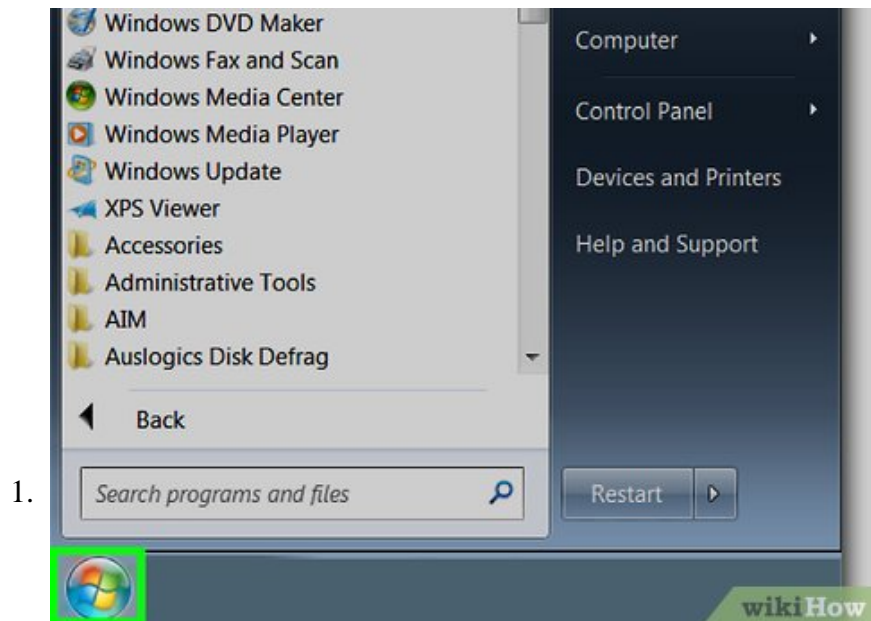


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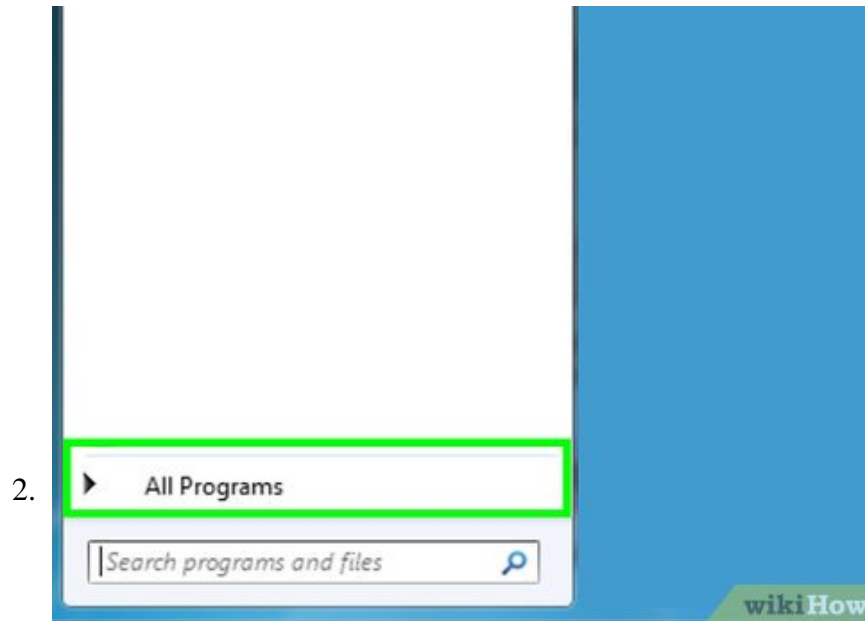
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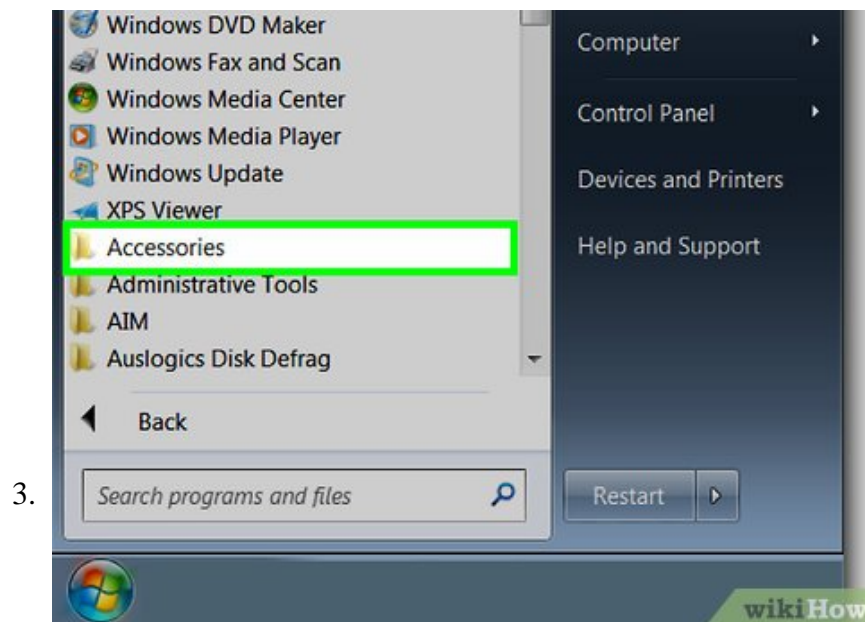
Using Windows 7, Vista, and XP



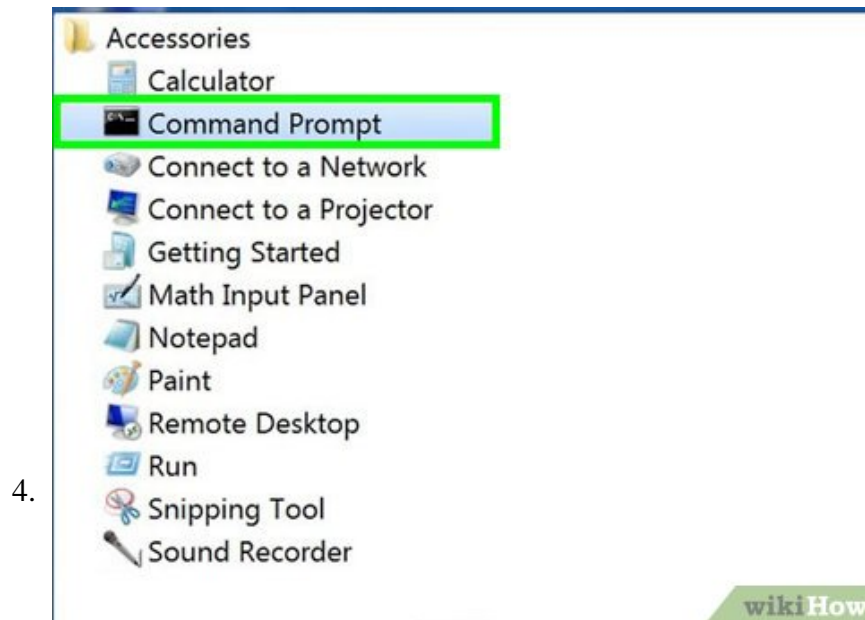
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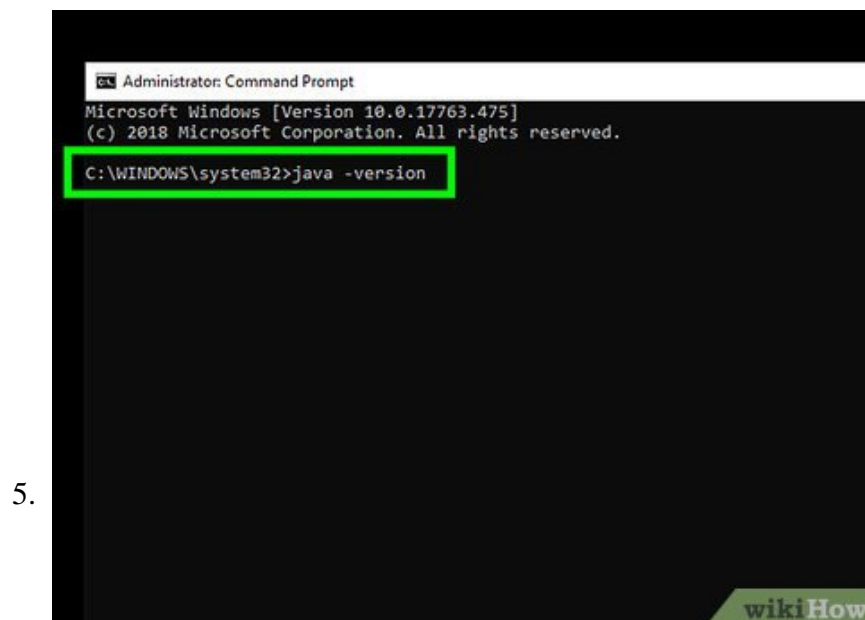
Click . It's in the Windows Start menu. This displays a list of all programs installed on your computer.



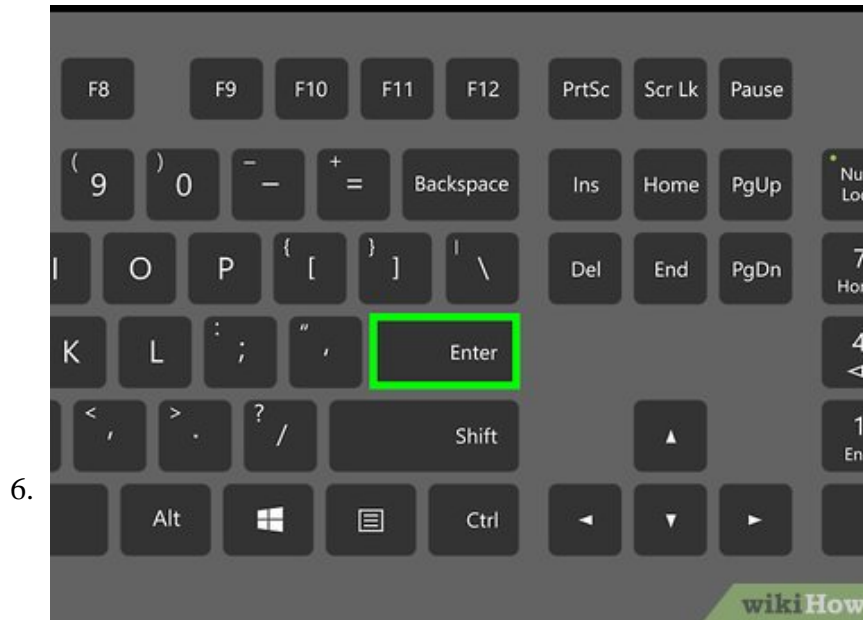
Click . This is a sub-folder in "All Programs" list. This displays a list of Windows pre-installed programs.



Click **Command Prompt**. It's in the list of Accessories. This opens the Command Prompt.



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