

# How to create a Windows Security shortcut on Windows

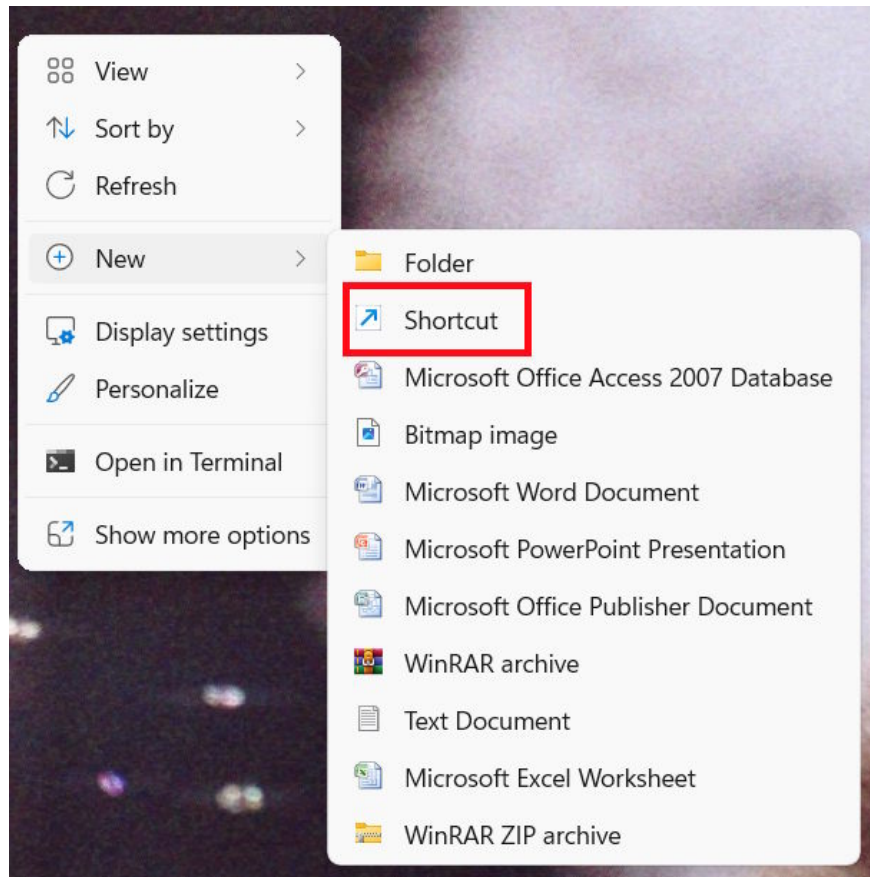
One way to quickly launch Windows Security is to create a Windows Security shortcut on your computer. When needed, you can simply press the Windows Security shortcut.

Although Windows Security automatically scans your system, you might still want to run a manual scan sometimes. One quick way to launch Windows Security is to create a Windows Security shortcut on your computer. When needed, you can simply press the Windows Security shortcut. Below are instructions on how to create a Windows Security shortcut.

## Create a Windows Security shortcut on Windows

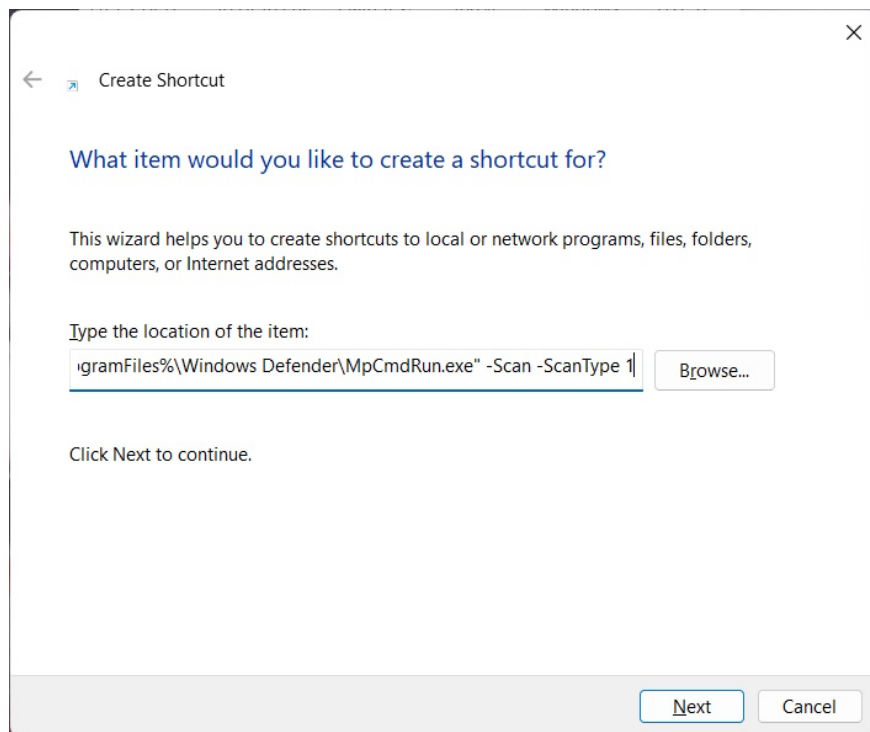
### Step 1:

Right-click on the screen and select **New > Shortcut** .



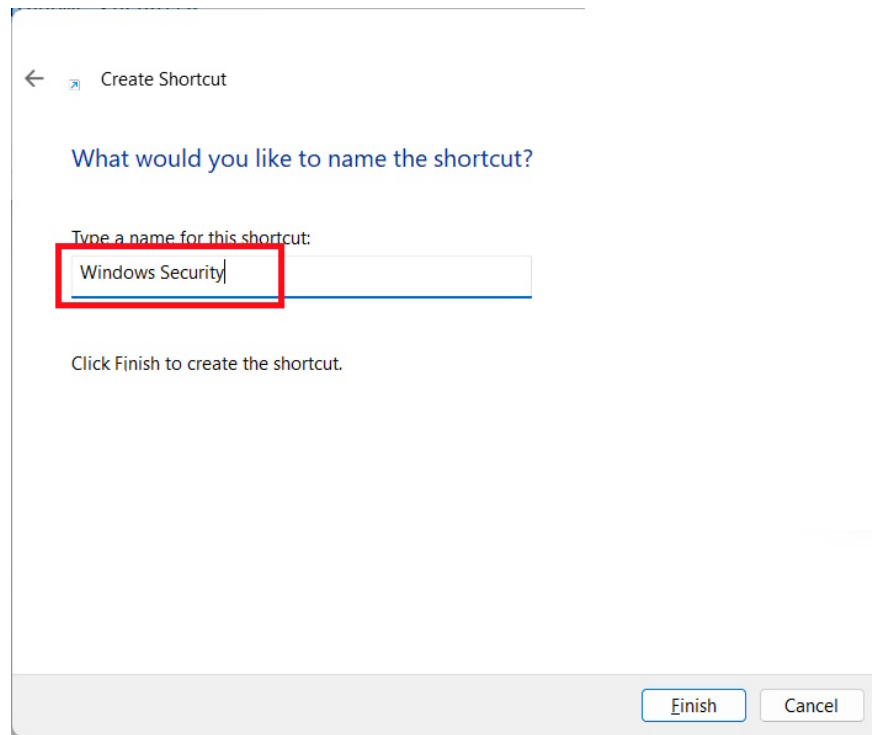
Now, **enter the following path** into the shortcut key and press Next.

```
"%ProgramFiles%\Windows Defender\MpCmdRun.exe" -Scan -ScanType 1
```



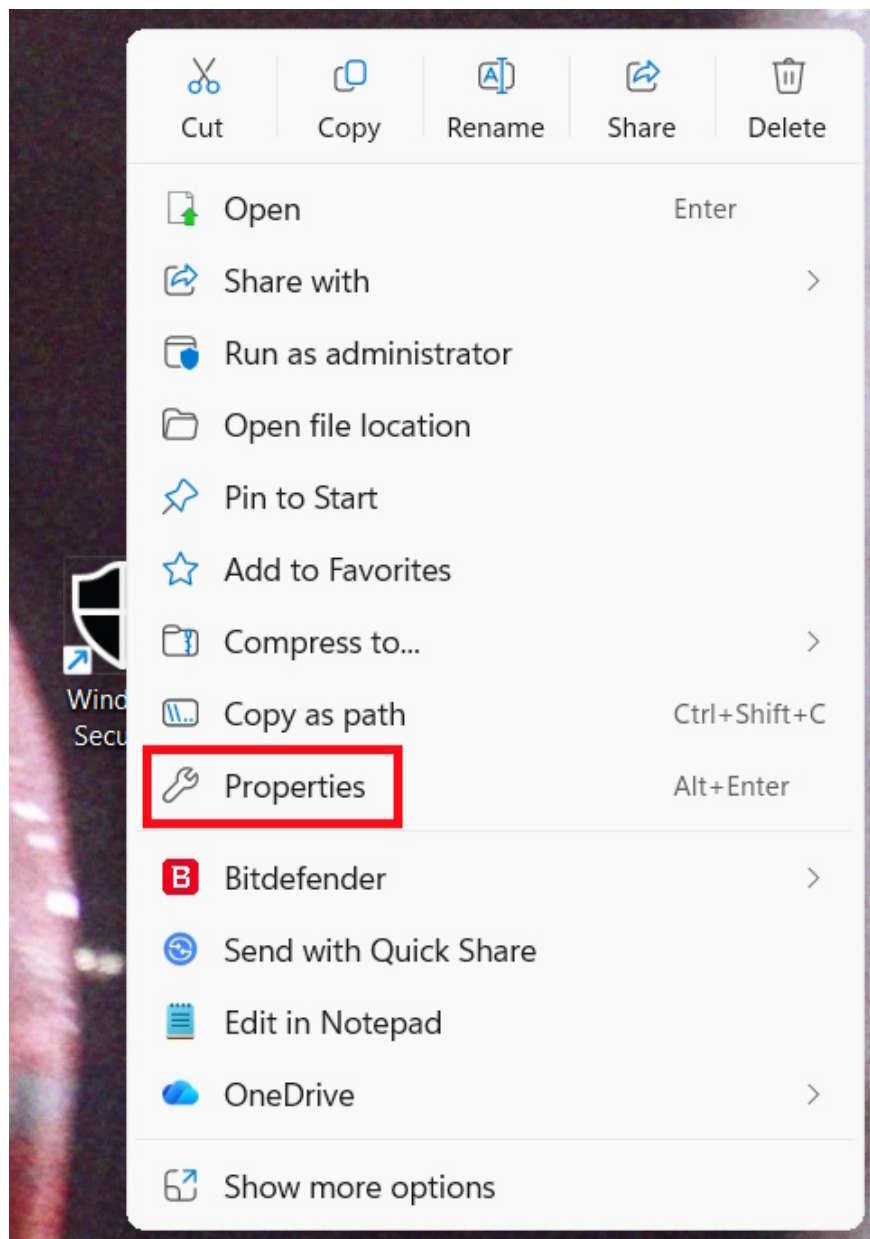
## Step 2:

Now **enter a name for the shortcut** and press Next to continue.

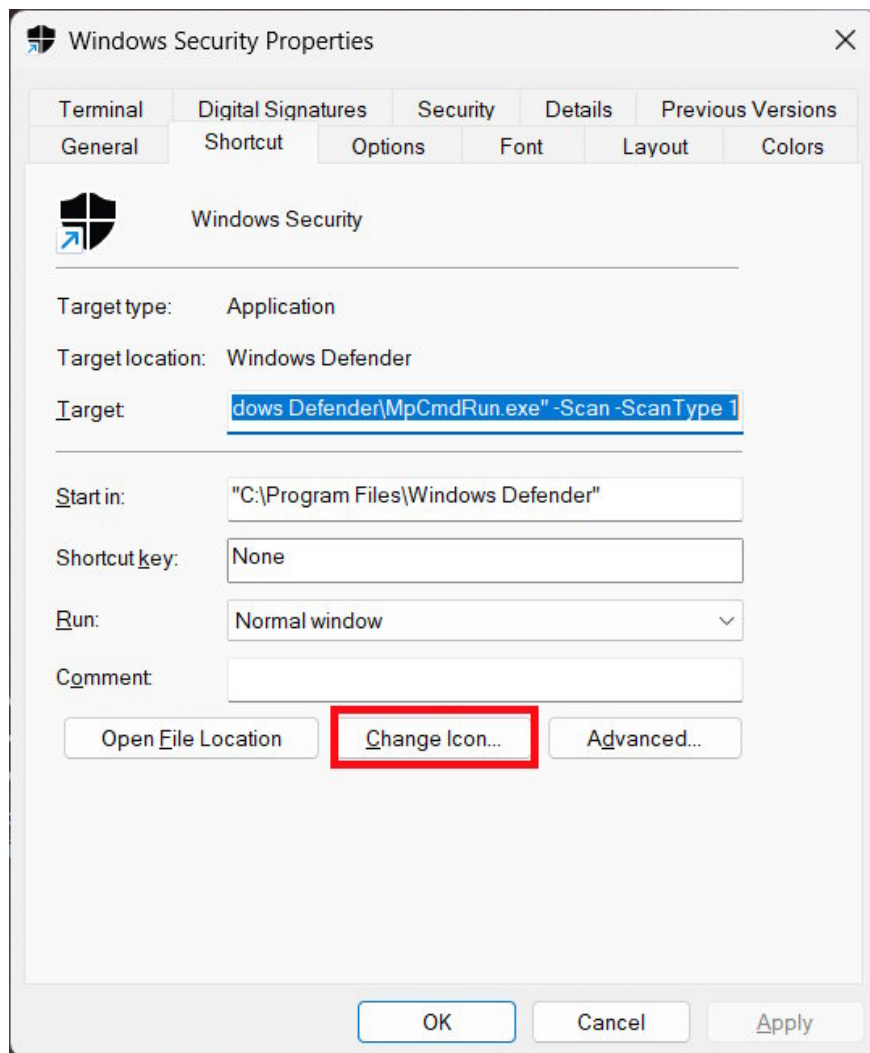


## Step 3:

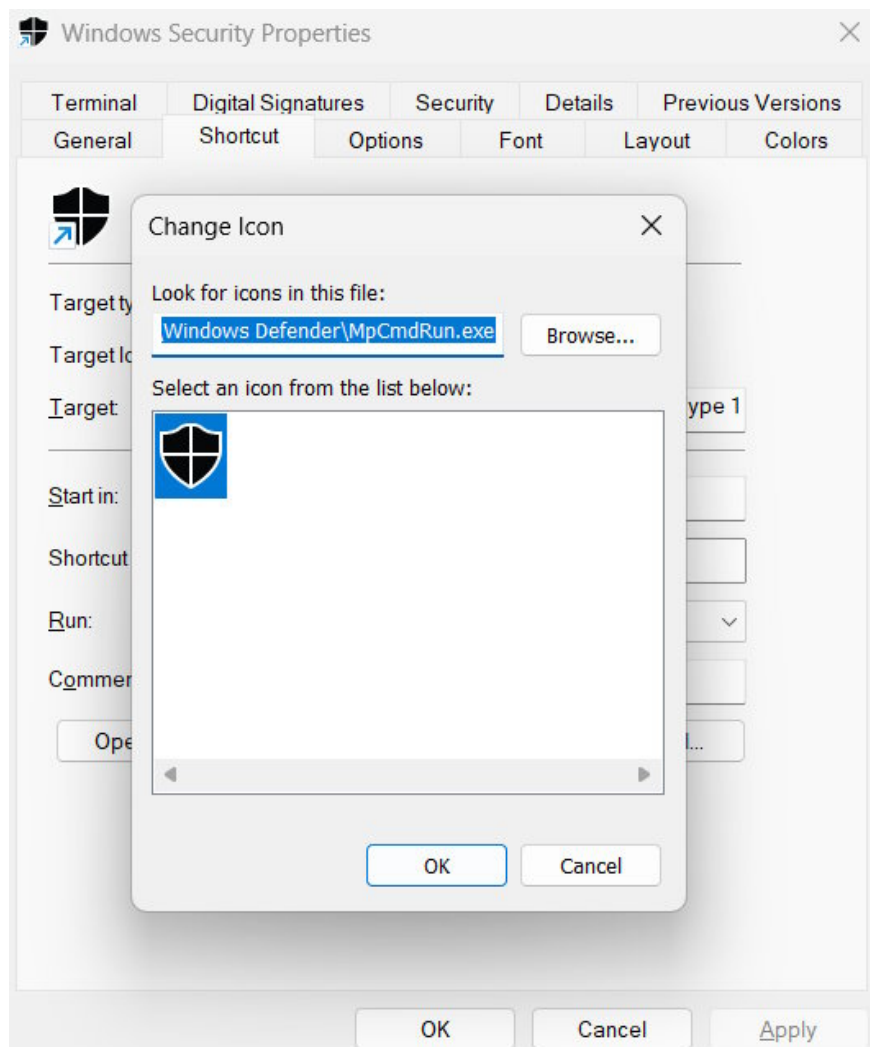
Right-click the newly created **Windows Security shortcut** and select **Properties** .



Next, **click on Change icon** to change the icon for the shortcut.



You can now download a new icon for the Windows Security shortcut if needed.

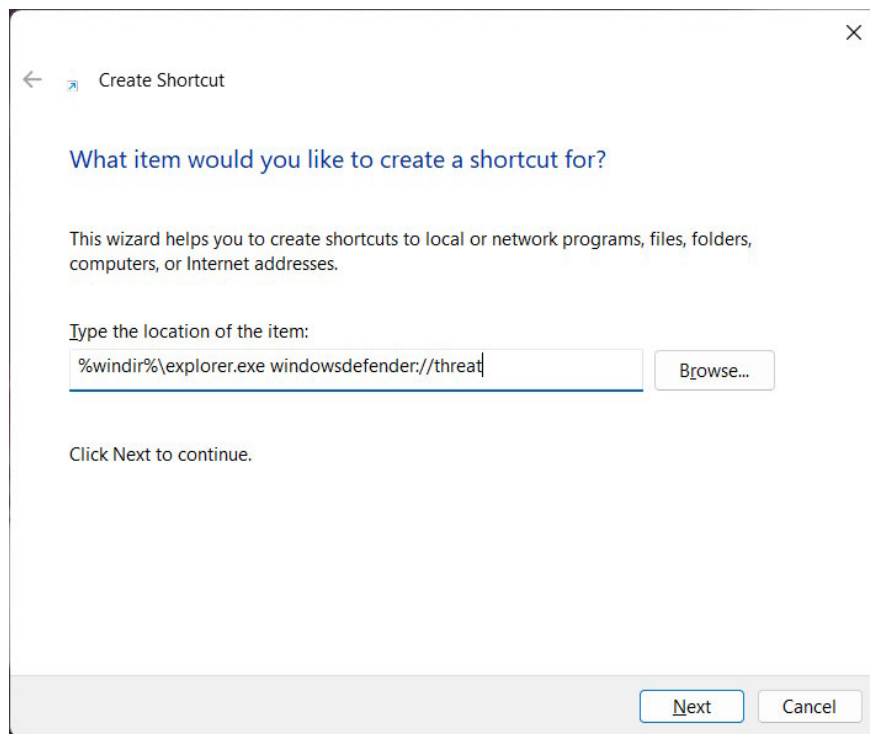


## Create Windows Security shortcuts to scan options.

You can create a desktop shortcut to open the Windows Security and Threat Protection page. This way, you can directly select the type of scan.

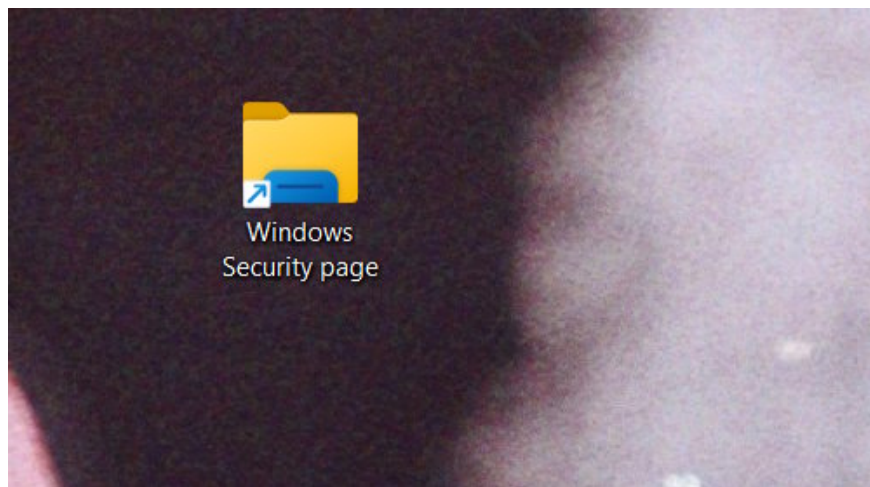
You can also create a new shortcut and then paste the path below.

```
%windir%explorer.exe windowsdefender://threat
```

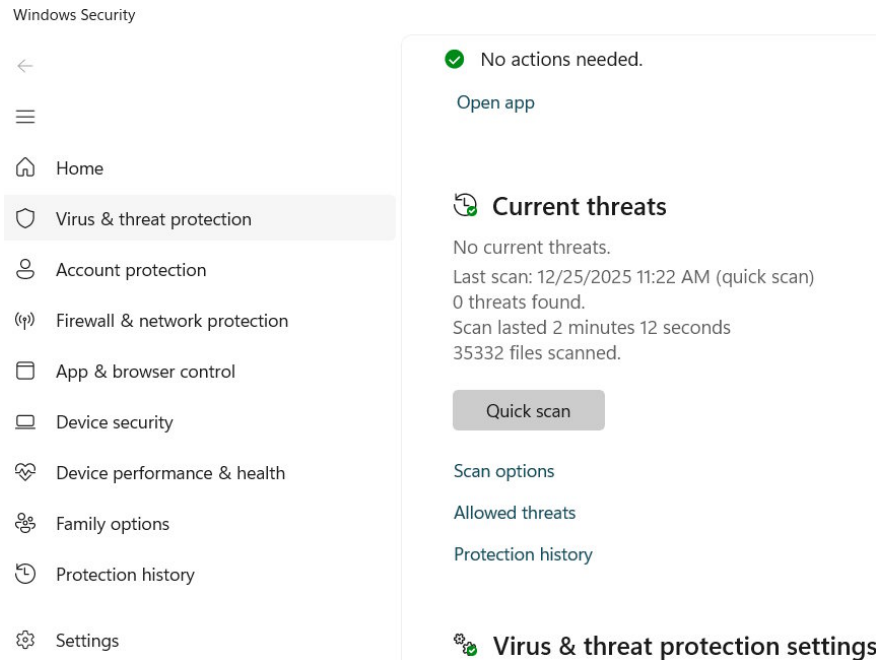


Enter a name for this shortcut and then save it as usual.

Then we get **a custom shortcut to scan Windows Security** as shown below.



Clicking the shortcut will take you to the Windows Security scan options page.



## Video tutorial on creating Windows Security shortcuts on Windows

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