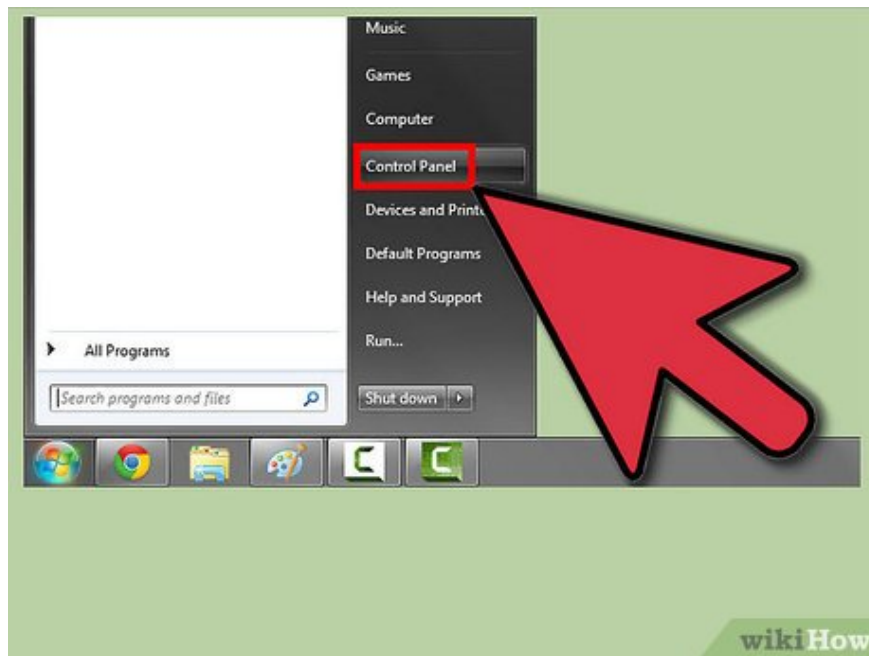


How to Enable Telnet on Windows 7

Telnet is a command line tool designed for remote server administration via Command Prompt. Unlike Windows XP and Vista, Windows 7 does not have Telnet pre-installed. You will need to activate the program before you start using it. See step 1 below to learn how to do it.

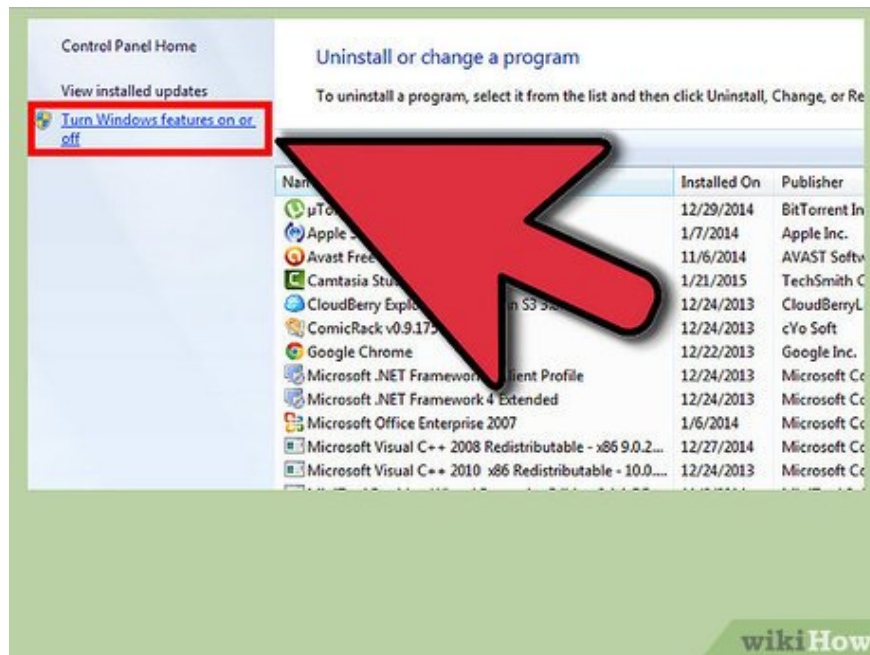
Install Telnet



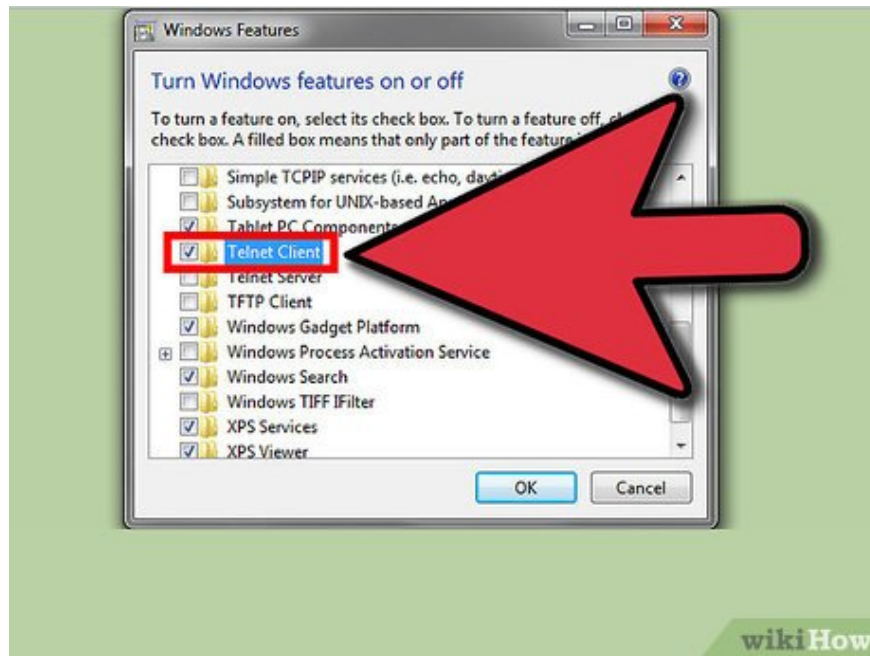
Open the Control Panel. By default, Telnet is not installed on Windows 7. Users need to activate it manually before use. You can do this through the Control Panel located in the Start menu.



Open **"Programs and Features" or "Programs"**. The options available to you will depend on the view the Control Panel is displaying (Icon or Category), but are generally in the same location.

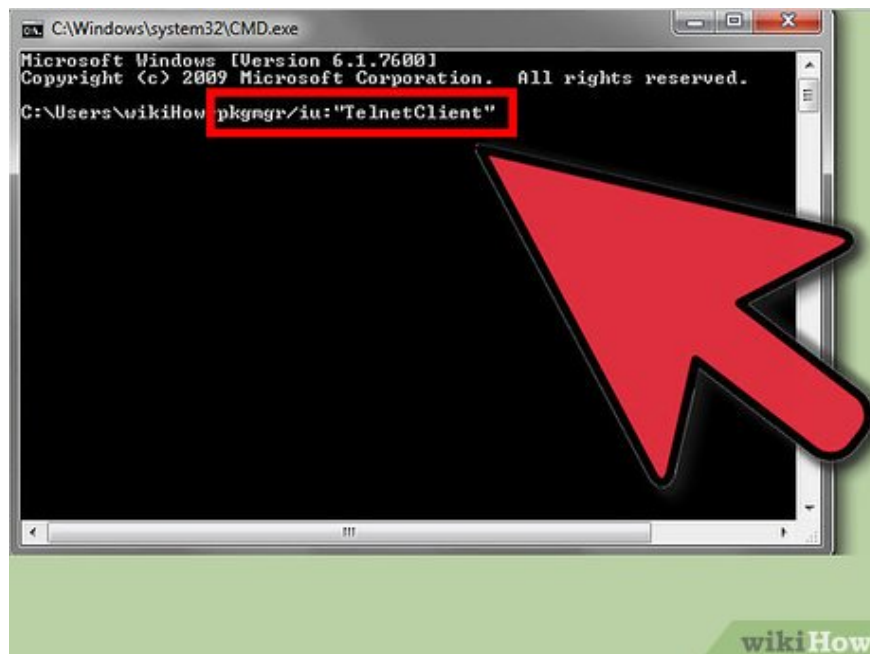


Click the **"Turn Windows features on or off"** link. You may need to enter the Administrator password.



Look for "Telnet Client" in the list of available features. You may need to scroll down to find it. Then, check the box next to Telnet Client and click OK.

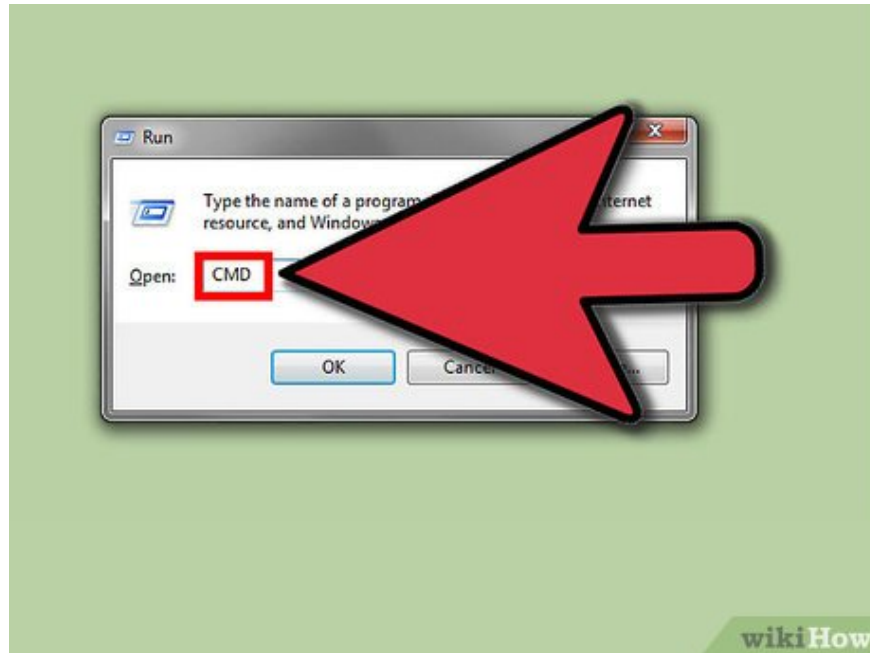
Once selected, you need to wait a few minutes for the client to be installed.



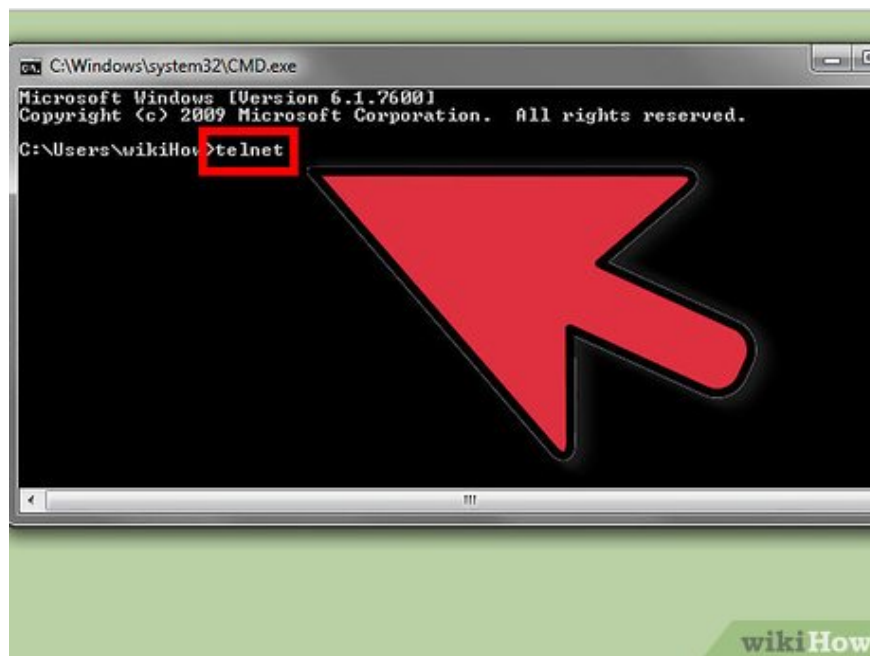
Install Telnet through the command line environment. If you prefer working in Command Prompt, you can install Telnet with one quick command. First, open Command Prompt by typing cmd in the Run box. At the command line, enter `pkgmgr /iu:"TelnetClient"` and press `Enter`. Immediately after, you will return to the command line environment.

Restart Command Prompt to start using Telnet.

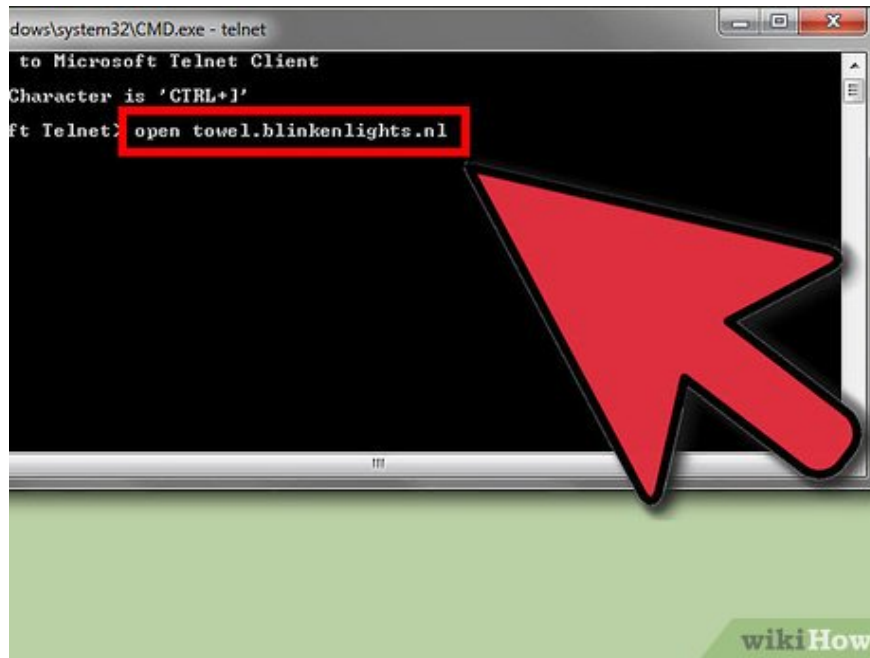
Use Telnet



Open Command Prompt. Telnet works through Command Prompt. You can access the command line environment by clicking Winand then entering cmdthe Run data field.



Start the Telnet client. Type telnetin then press ? Enter to start Microsoft Telnet. The Command Prompt will disappear and this Telnet command line will appear:Microsoft Telnet>.



Connect to the Telnet server. At the Telnet command line, type `.open serveraddress [port]`. You will successfully connect to the server when you receive a welcome message or are asked to enter a username and password.

For example, to view the movie Star Wars in ASCII (American character code) format, you type `open towel.blinkenlights.nl` and press `? Enter`.

You can also initiate a direct connection to Command Prompt with the command `.telnet serveraddress [port]`.



Close the Telnet session. After you finish administering the Telnet server, disconnect before closing the window. To proceed, open the Telnet command line by pressing `Ctrl+]`. Enter `quit` then press `? Enter` to

disconnect.

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