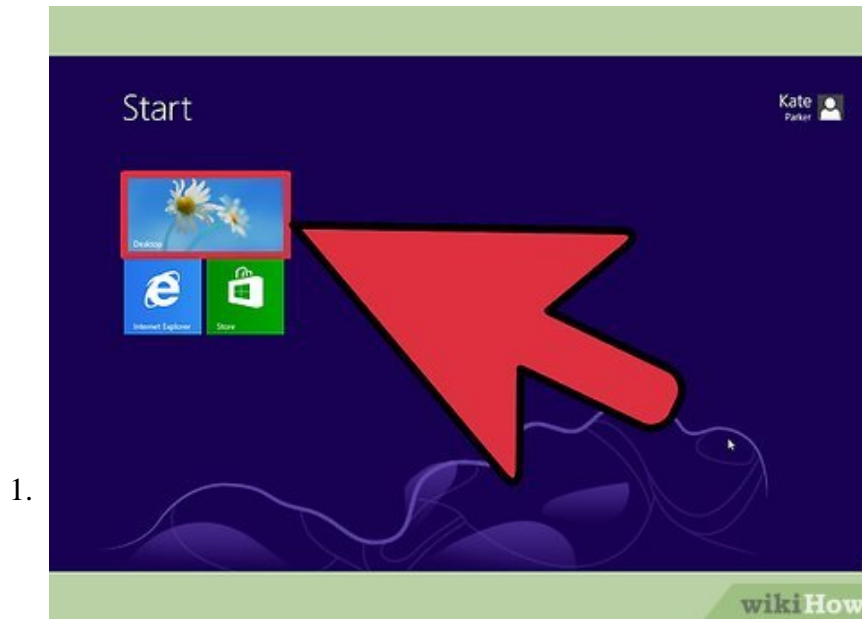


# How to Open Control Panel in Windows 8

Control Panel is the home of all your favorite Windows system processes and settings. While the process for opening Control Panel in Windows 8 is different than in previous versions of Windows, you can still do so in a few different (and...

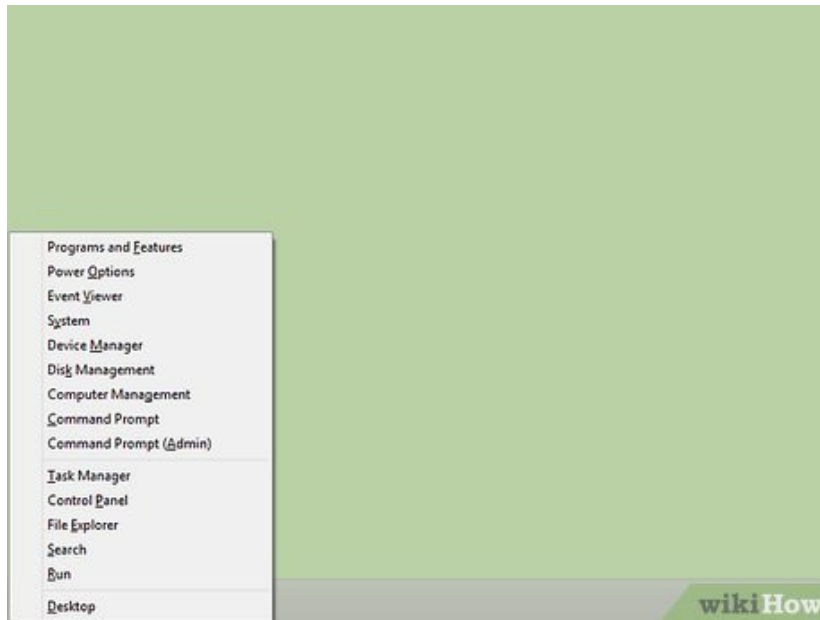
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## Using the Start Shortcut



**Make sure you're using Desktop view.** While you can use the Start shortcut from within browsers or other programs, the easiest way to do so whilst unencumbered is to minimize all open windows first.

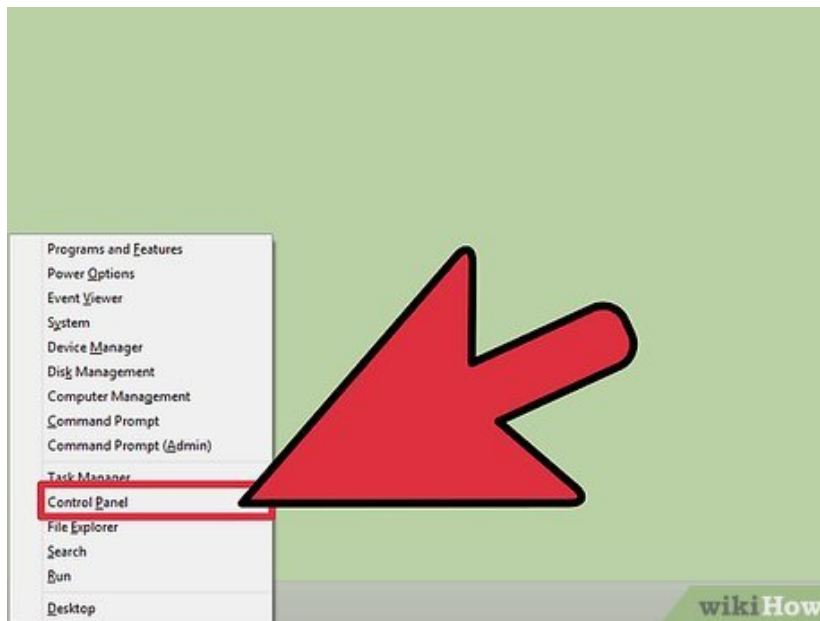
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**Hold down the `Win` key and tap `X`.** This will bring up the Start shortcut. You can use this shortcut to access traditional programs like Command Prompt, File Explorer, and Task Manager.<sup>[1]</sup>

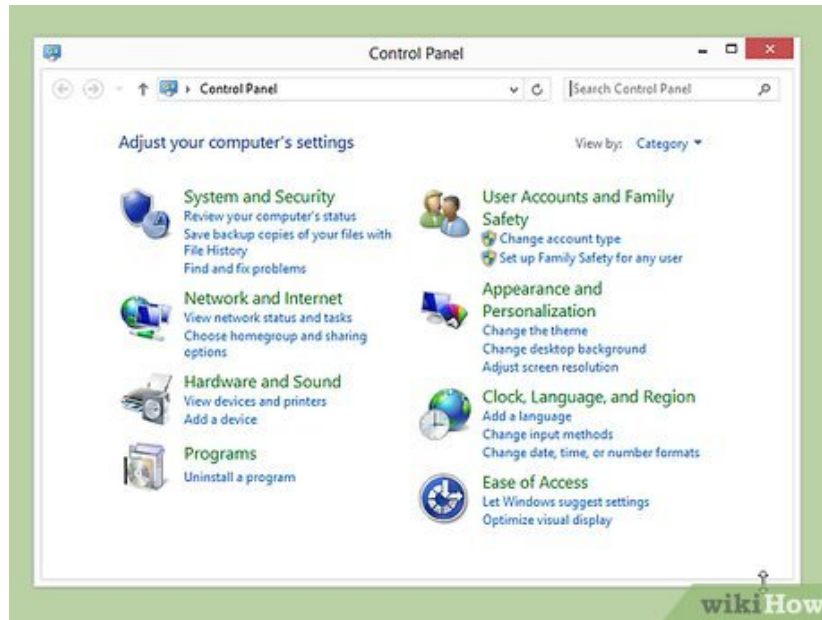
1. You can also right-click the Start menu to open this menu.

3.



**Click the "Control Panel" option.** You'll find Control Panel toward the bottom of the Start shortcut.<sup>[2]</sup>

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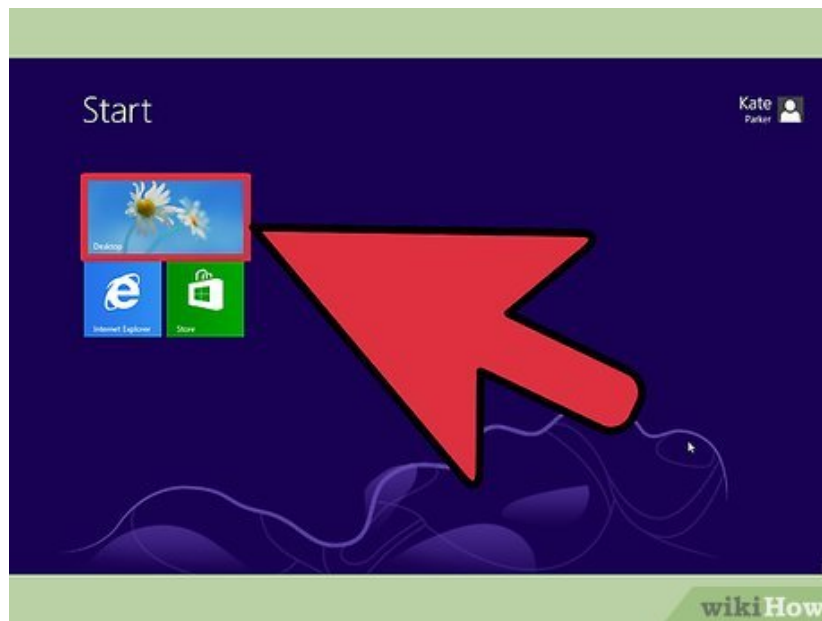


**Review your Control Panel settings.** From here, you can do things like remove programs or change your system's security settings.

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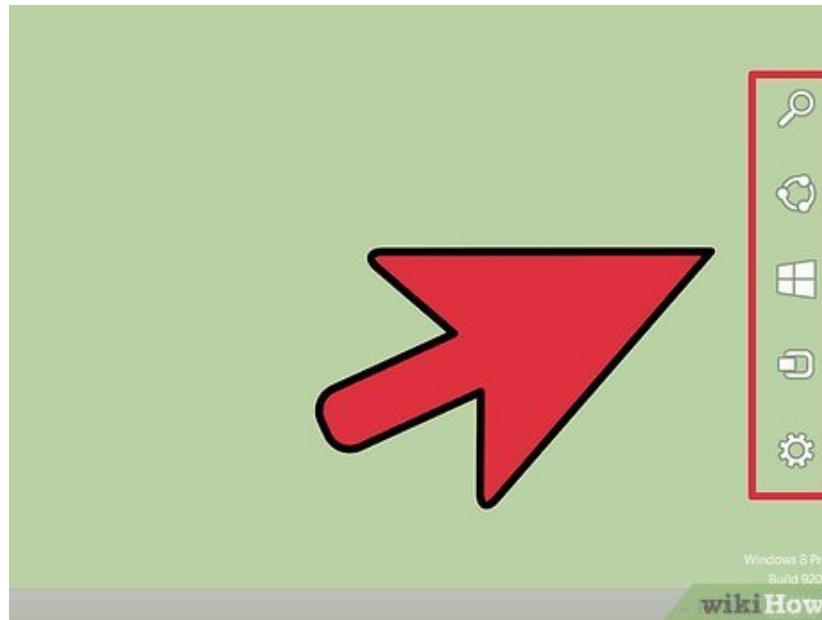
## Using the Charms Bar

1.



**Navigate to your desktop.** In order to browse the Charms bar unencumbered, you'll want to make sure your menus and/or windows are minimized.<sup>[3]</sup>

2.



**Move your cursor to the top or bottom right corner of your screen.** This will prompt the Charms Bar to slide out from the right side of your screen.

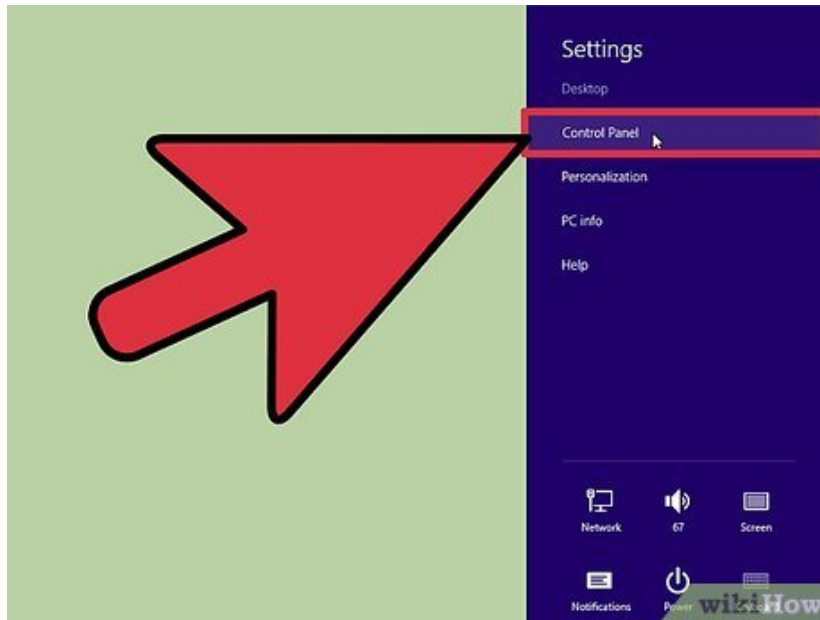
1. If your Windows 8 device has a touch screen, you can swipe left from the right side of the screen to open it.

3.



**Click the "Settings" option.** You'll find this beneath a gear icon at the bottom of the Charms Bar.

4.



Click "Control Panel". This should be near the top of the Settings menu.

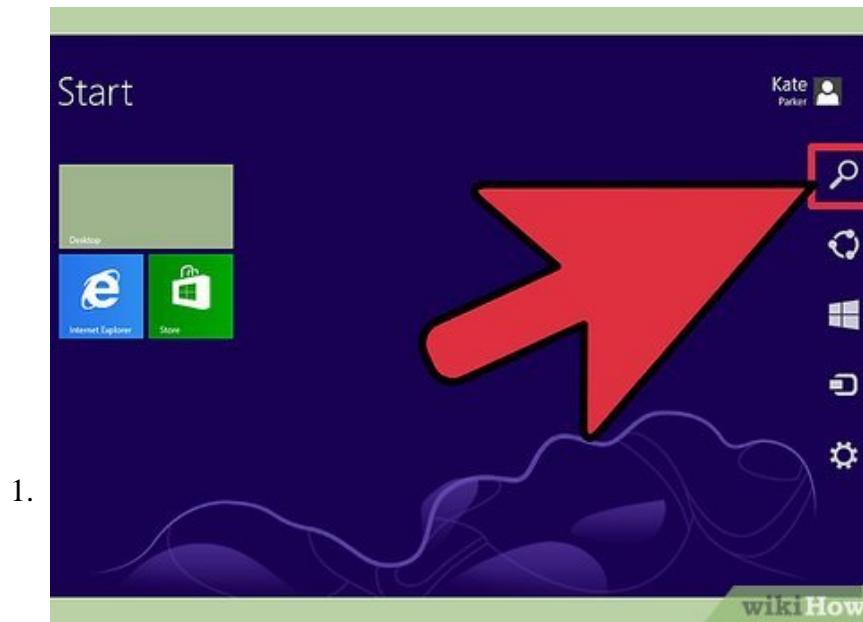
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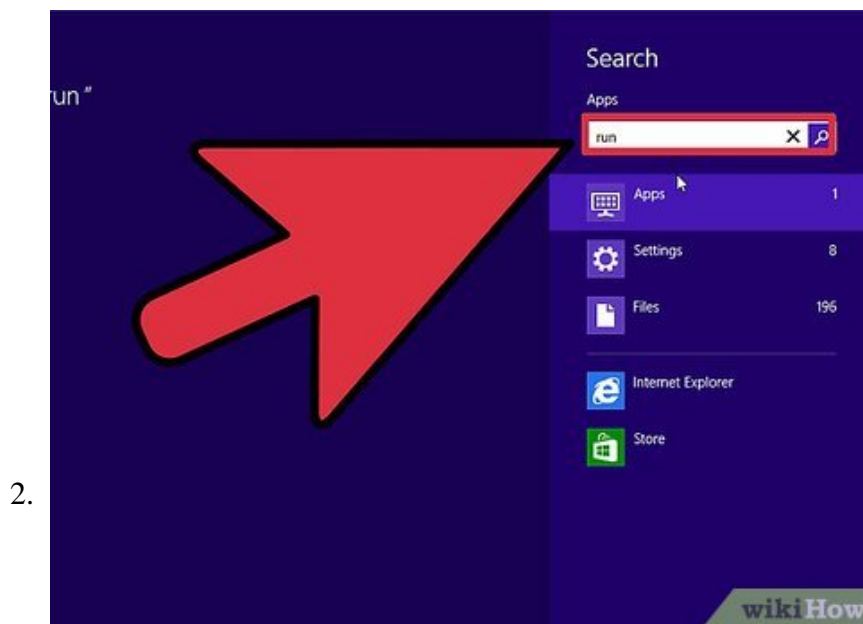
**Review your Control Panel.** You should be able to access things like your Ease of Access settings and your User Accounts from here.

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## Using the Run App

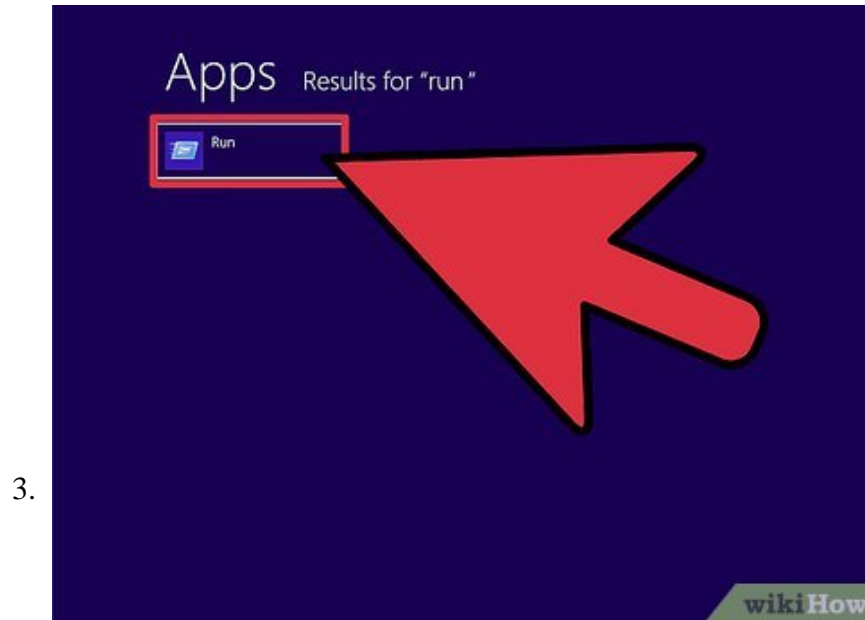


**Tap the `Win` key.** This will open your Start menu from within any menu or window. You can access the Run app, which will allow you to open Control Panel directly, from here.

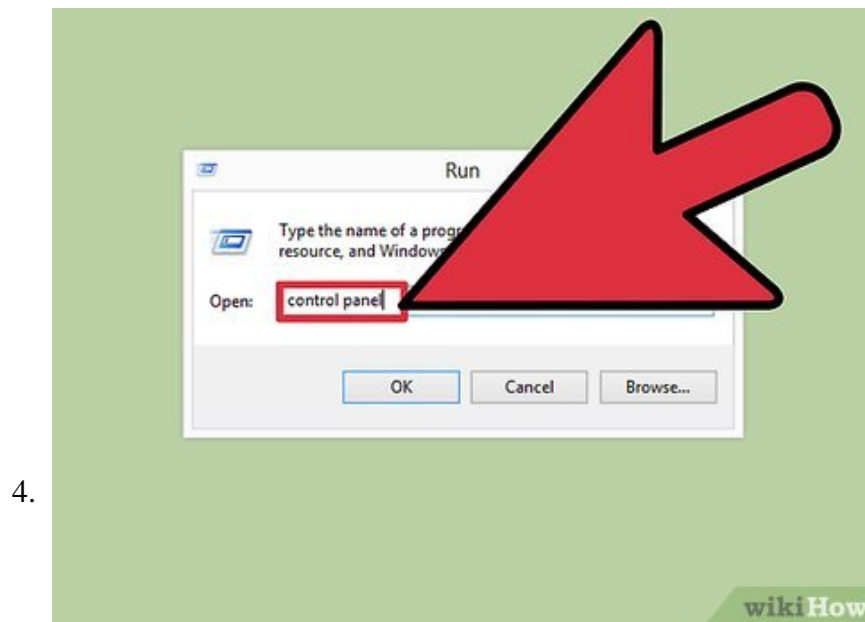


**Type "Run" into the search bar.** You should see an app entitled "Run" at the top of the subsequent search window.

1. You can also open 'Run' using the keyboard shortcut `Win + R`

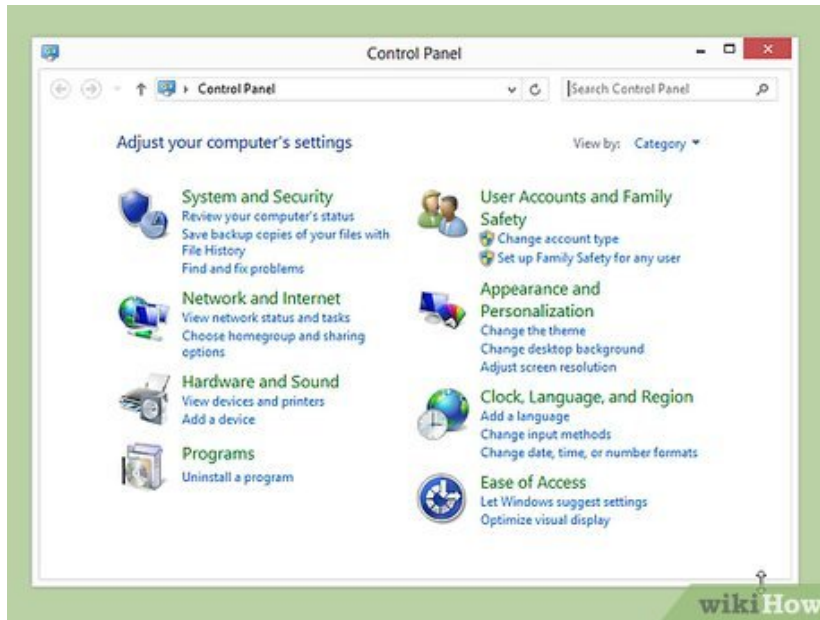


**Click the Run app icon to open Run.** The Run interface is fairly minimal, displaying only a text field and contextual buttons below it.



**Type "Control Panel" into Run's text field.** When you've done this, click "OK" or tap Enter to open Control Panel.

5.



**Review your Control Panel window.** You should see all of the typical Control Panel options here, including Network settings, Hardware settings, and Personalization.

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