

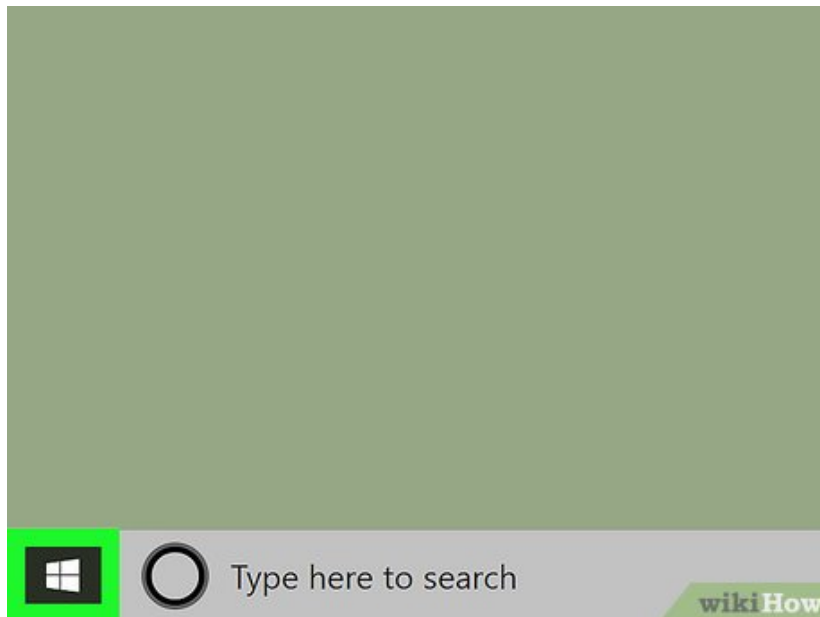
How to Open Terminal in Windows

This wikiHow teaches you how to open the Command Prompt terminal window, using a Windows PC. You can open the Command Prompt from your Start menu or from any folder in the File Explorer. You can also use the Windows Run feature. Open your...

Method 1 of 3:

Using the Start Menu

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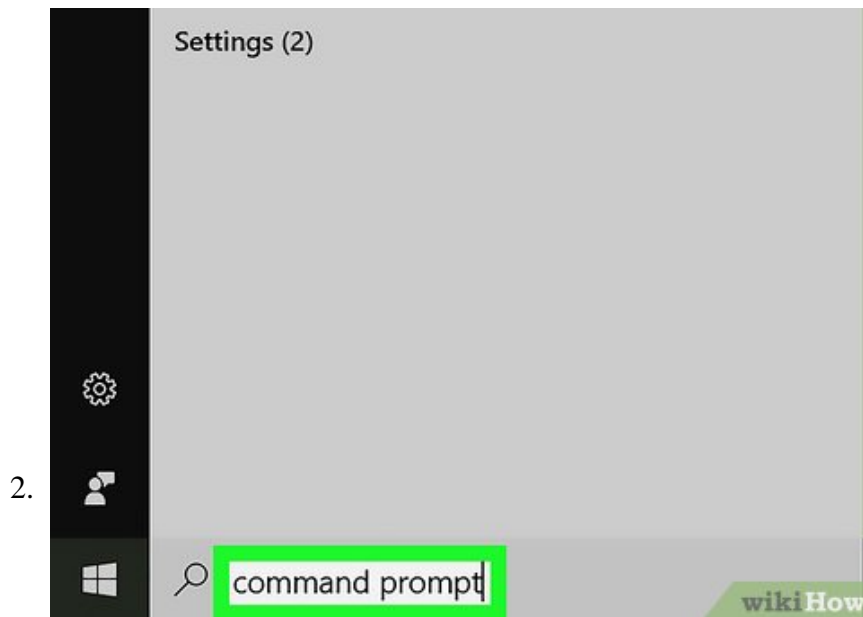


Open your computer's Start menu. Click the Windows



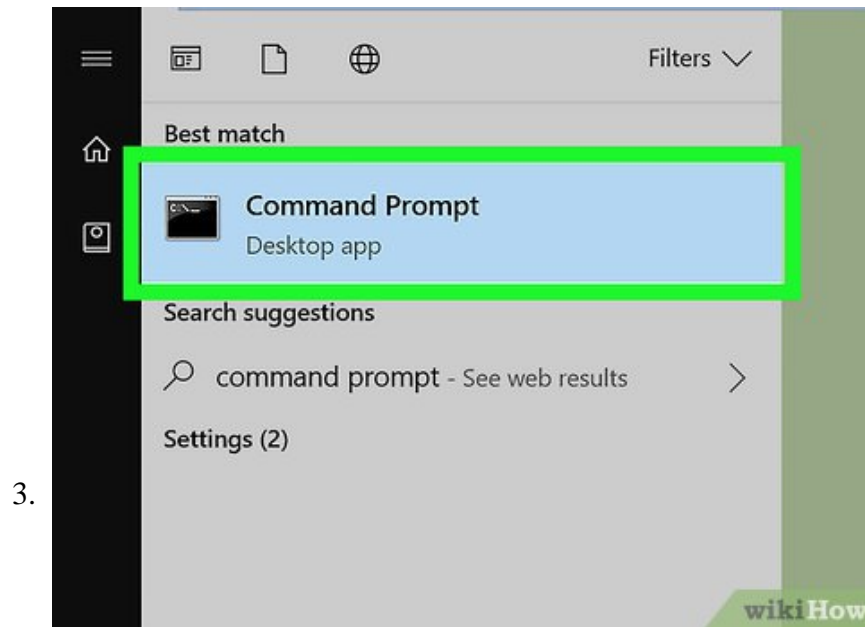
icon on the bottom-left corner of your desktop or press the **Win** key on your keyboard.

1. Alternatively, you can click the search or Cortana button next to the Start menu icon.

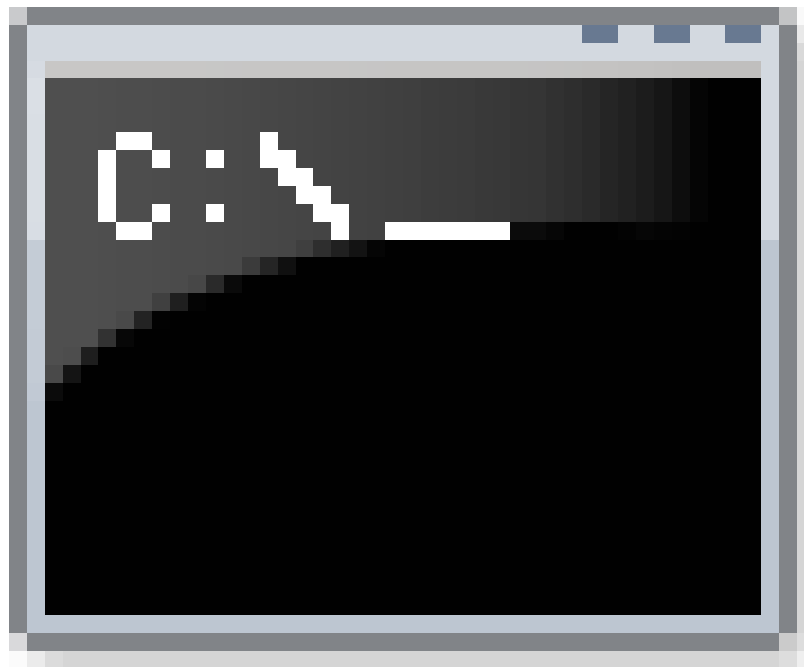


Type **cmd** or **Command Prompt**. After opening the Start menu, type this on your keyboard to search the menu items. Command Prompt will show up as the top result.

1. Alternatively, you can manually find Command Prompt on the Start menu.
2. Command Prompt is in the **Windows System** folder on Windows 10 & 8, and in the **Accessories** folder under All Programs on Windows 7, Vista & XP.



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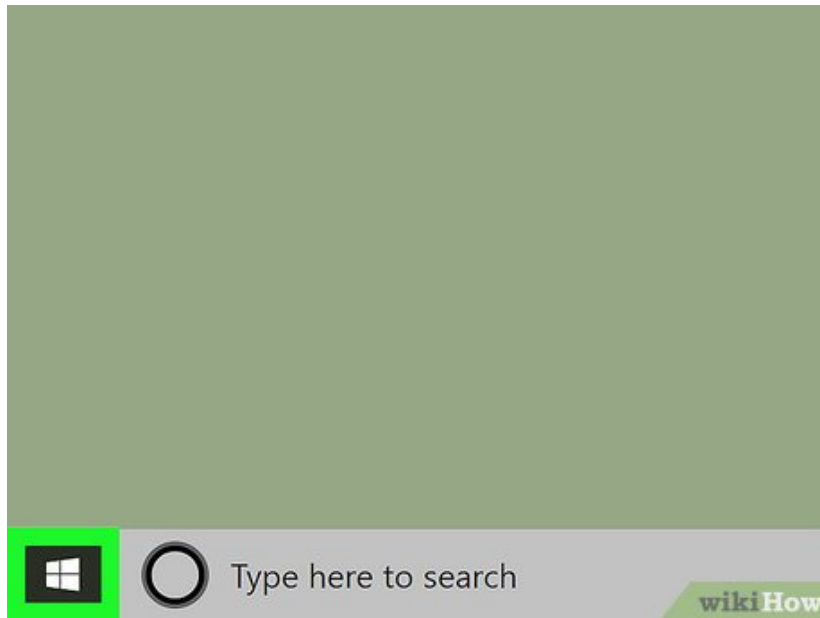


Command Prompt app on the menu. This will open the Command Prompt terminal in a new window.

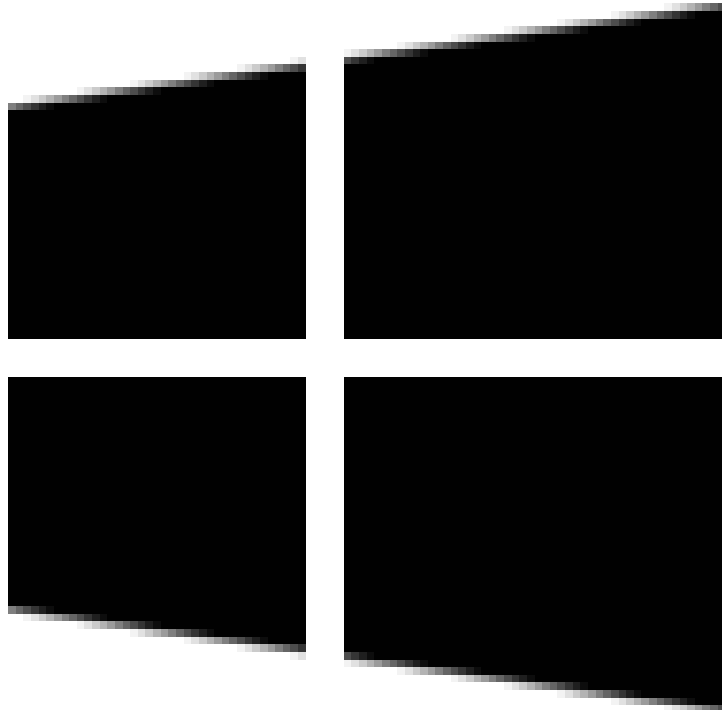
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Using the Right-Click Menu

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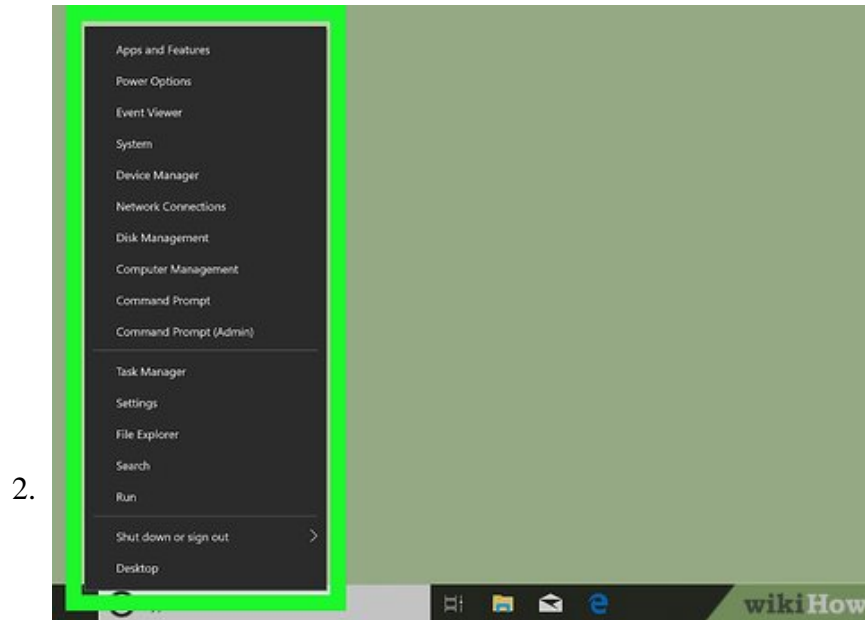


Right-click on the Start menu



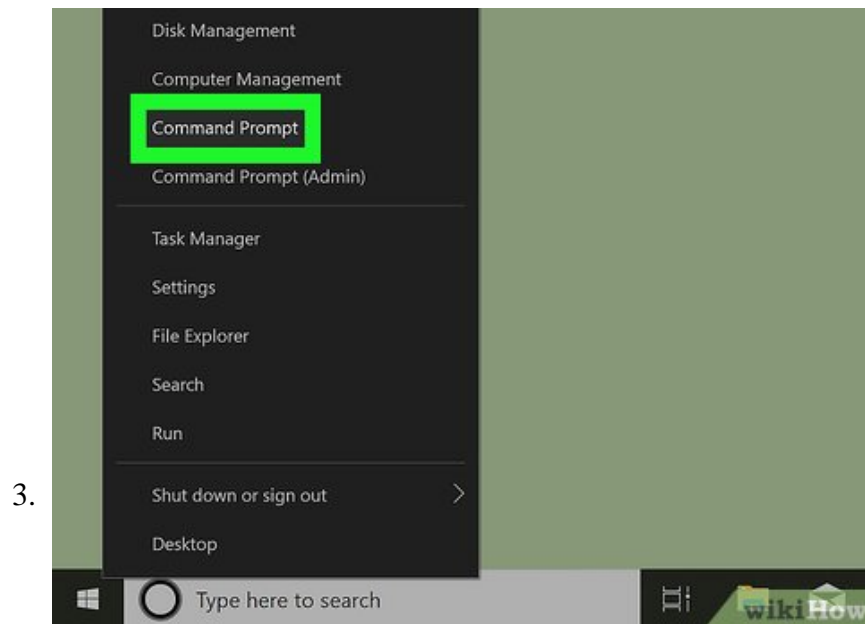
icon. You can find this button in the lower-left corner of your desktop. It will open your Power User Menu options in a pop-up.

1. You can also just press `Win + X` on your keyboard to open this menu.
2. Alternatively, you can right-click on any folder to start Command Prompt from a specific directory.

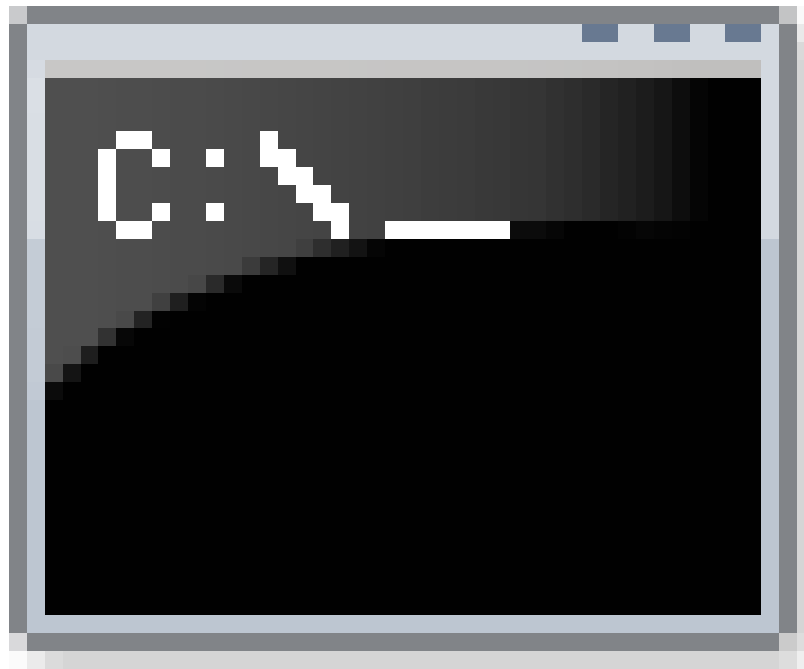


Find "Command Prompt" on the right-click menu. It's usually located between "Computer Management" and "Task Manager" on the Power User Menu.

1. If you right-click on a folder instead of the Start menu, you will see **Open command window here** on the right-click menu.



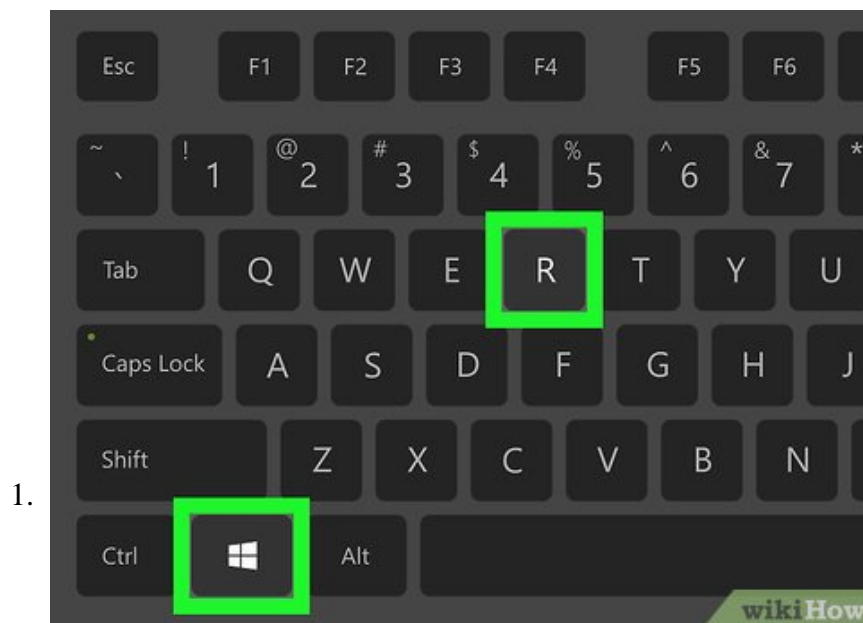
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Command Prompt on the right-click menu. This will open the Command Prompt terminal in a new window.

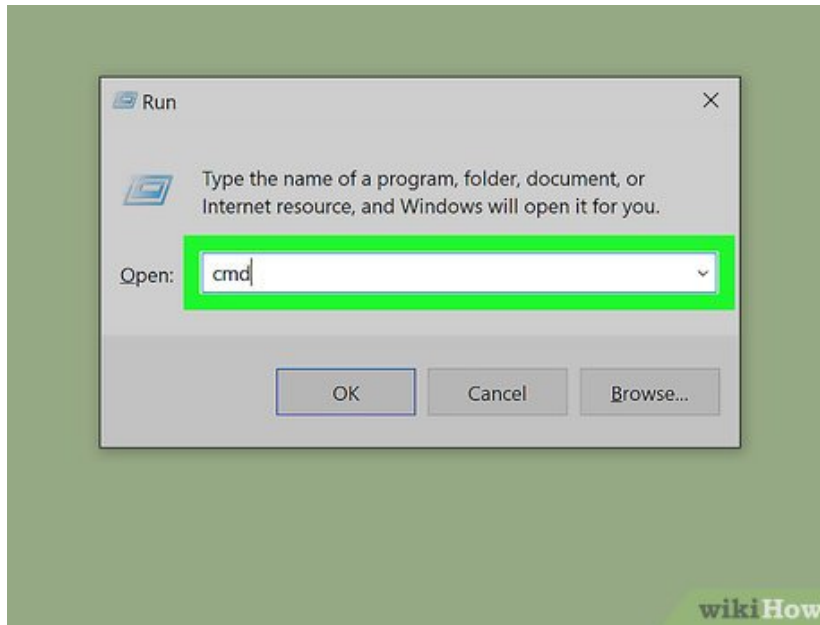
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Using the Run Tool



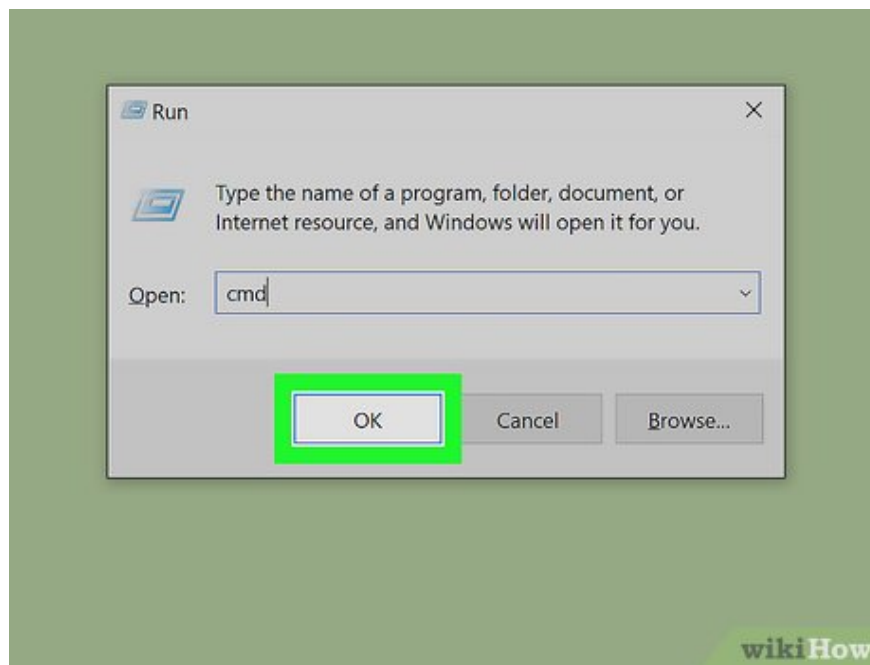
Press **Win + R** on your keyboard. Hold down the Windows key on your keyboard, and press the "R" button. This will open the "Run" tool in a new pop-up window.

1. Alternatively, you can find and click **Run** on the Start menu.



2.

- Type **cmd** in the Run window. This shortcut will open the Command Prompt terminal.
3. Click **OK** in the Run window. This will run your shortcut command, and open the Command Prompt terminal in a new window.



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