

How to open the Photos app on Windows 10

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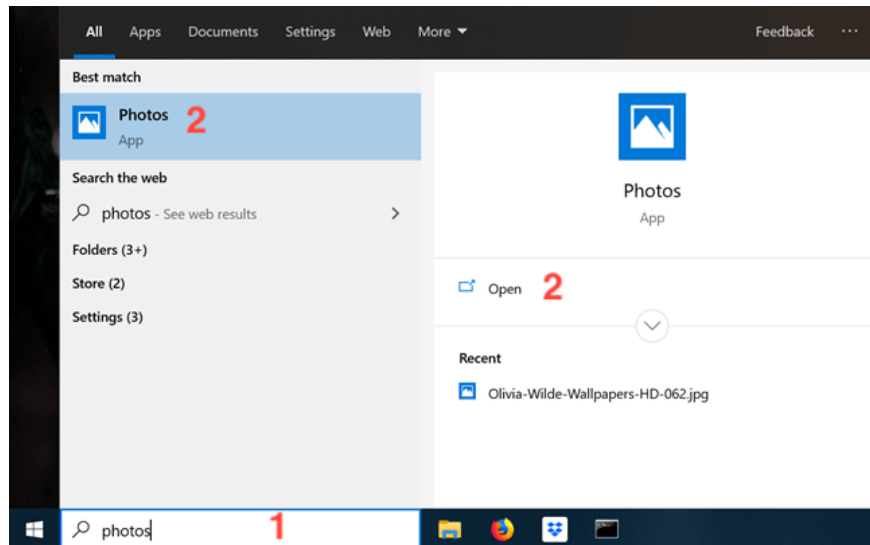
Note: The screenshots and instructions in this article are done on Windows 10 May Update or later.

Ways to open the Photos app on Windows 10

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1. Use search to open the Photos application

Searching for Windows 10 is a fast and reliable way to access the applications you need. Enter **photos** in the Taskbar search field and then click **Photos** or **Open** on the right side of the window.



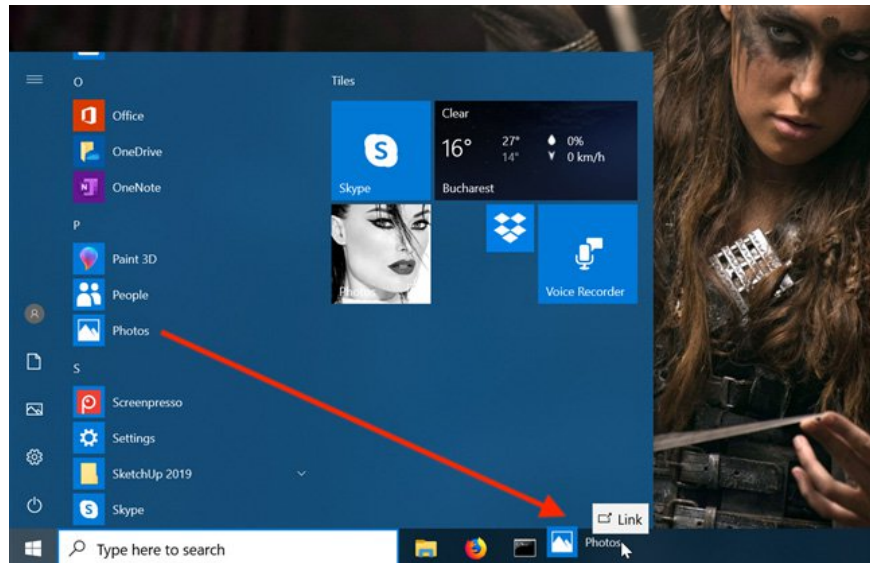
2. Use the Start menu shortcut to open the Photos application

By default, the Start menu displays an alphabetical shortcut of all your applications on your Windows 10 PC or device. Click **Start** and scroll down to the letter P, then click the **Photos** shortcut to launch the application. .



3. Open the Photos app using the shortcut on the taskbar or the desktop

It's convenient to be able to access the Photos app with just one click or a touch. Fortunately you can create an application shortcut by dragging it from the Start menu and dropping it at the desired location on the desktop or Taskbar.



You can use the same method to create shortcuts on the desktop.

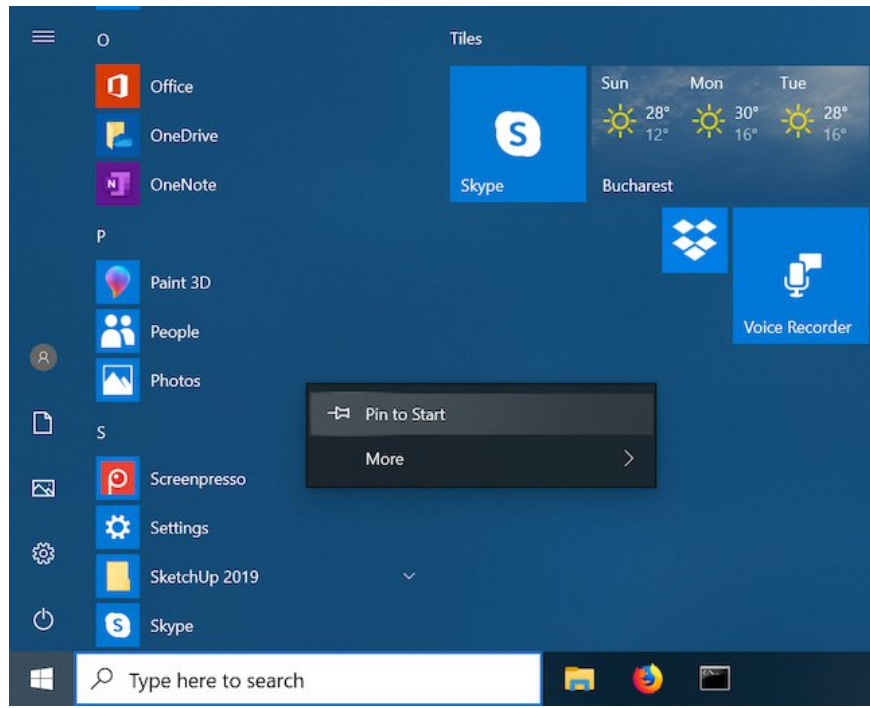
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4. Open the Photos app from the Start menu tile

By default, the Photos app has its own tile on Windows 10 and you can click on it to open the app.

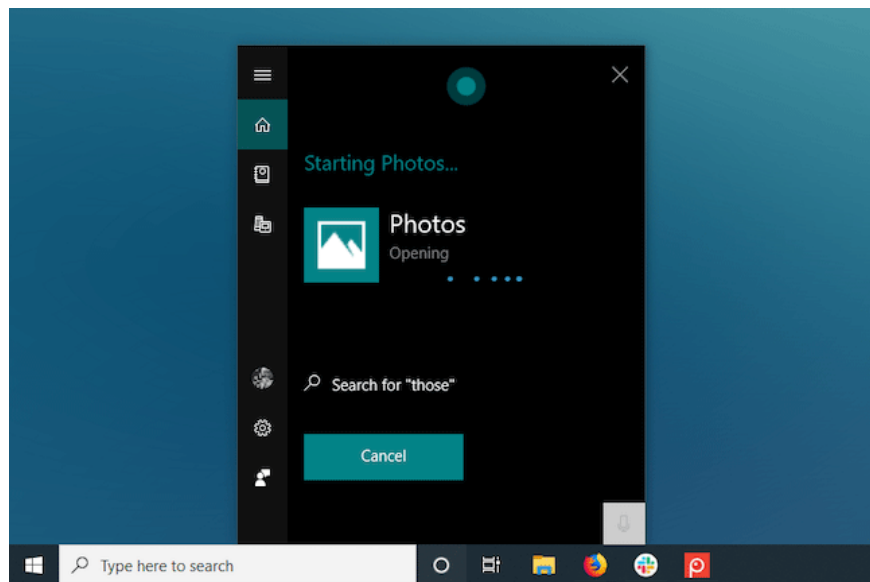


However, if you don't see the tile on the Start menu, you can easily create it by scrolling to the application shortcut on the Start menu, right-clicking on it and selecting **Pin to Start** .



5. Ask Cortana to open the Photos app

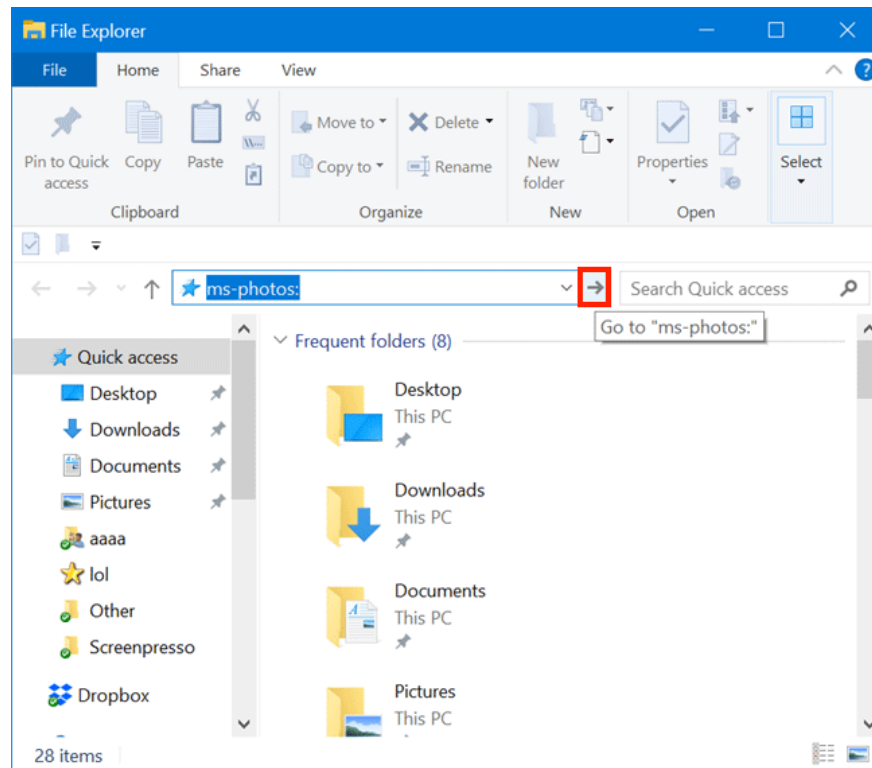
You can also ask Cortana to open the Photos app. Click on the Cortana icon to the right of the Taskbar search box to activate the virtual assistant or say **Hey Cortana** , then say **Open Photos** .



You will see Cortana launch the Photos app.

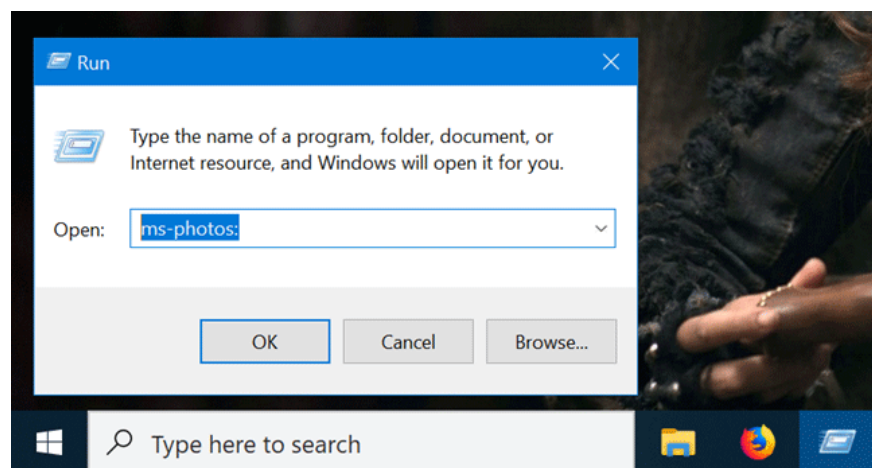
6. Use File Explorer to open the Photos application

You can use File Explorer to open the Photos application. Although it is not possible to access its executable file by browsing to the location of the Photos application because of security settings, you can click on the address bar and enter the command **ms-photos:**. Then press **Enter** or click the **Go to** arrow next to the address bar and the Photos app will open.



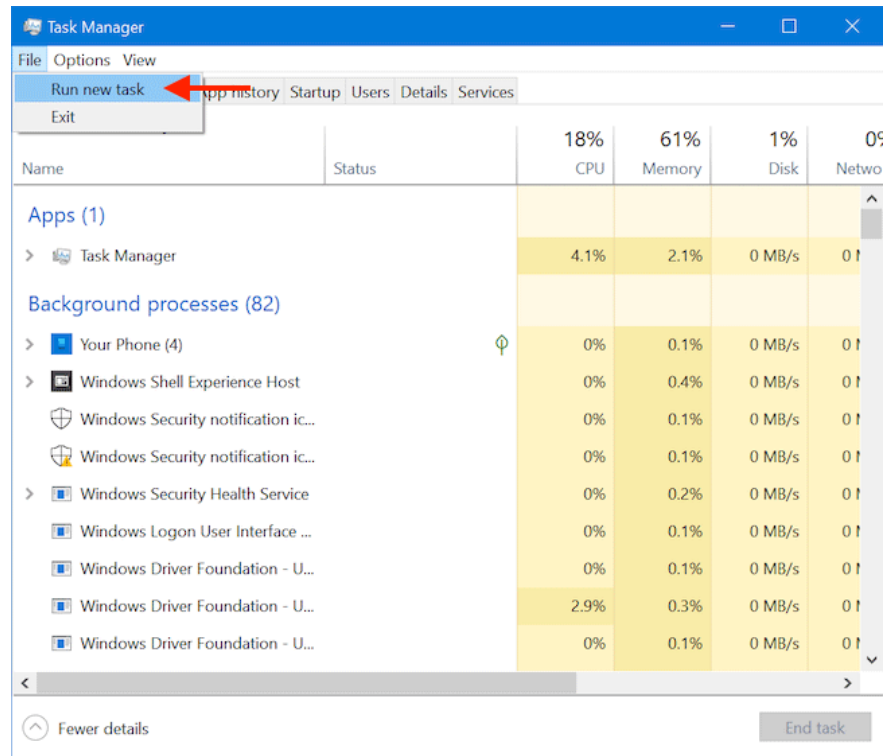
7. Use the Run window to open the Photos application

For some users, the Run window may be the quickest way to open an application in Windows 10. You can also use it to open the Photos application. Use the keyboard shortcut **Win + R** to open Run, type **ms-photos:** and then press **Enter** or click **OK**.

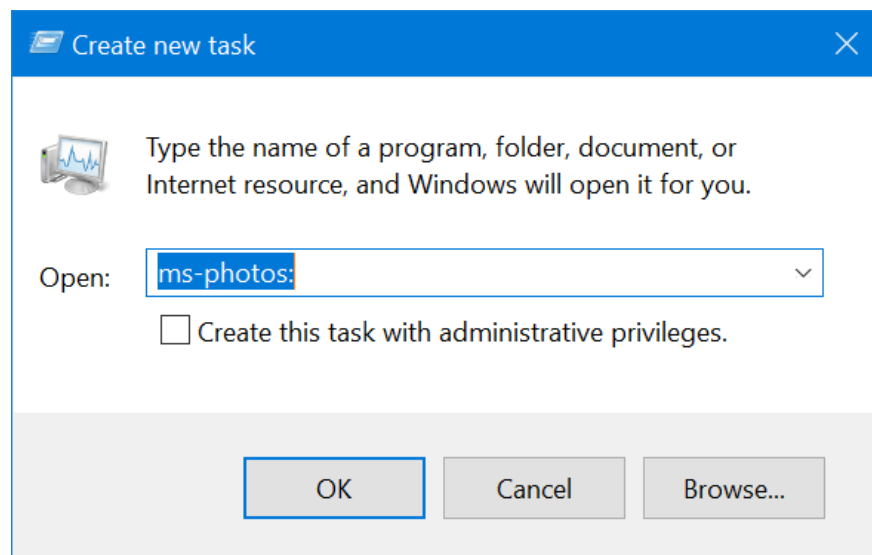


8. Use Task Manager to open the Photos application

You can also open the Photos app from Task Manager. To launch Task Manager, press **Ctrl + Shift + Esc** on the keyboard. If opened in compact view, click on **More details** . In the full view of Task Manager, click on **File** and then select **Run new task** .

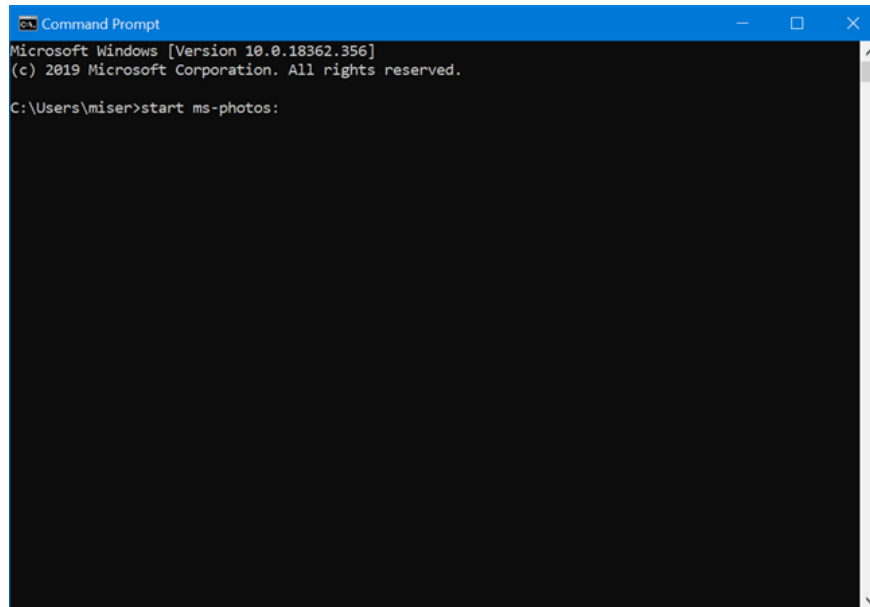


A new window opens called **Create new task** , type **ms-photos:** and then press **Enter** or click **Ok** .



9. Use the Windows command line tool to open the Photos application

If using Command Prompt or PowerShell, type **start ms-photos:** and press **Enter** .



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Command Prompt
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C:\Users\miser>start ms-photos:
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The above command will launch the Photos app immediately.

Above are the options for opening the Photos app on Windows. Try them and find yourself the most convenient way to open.

I wish you successful implementation!

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