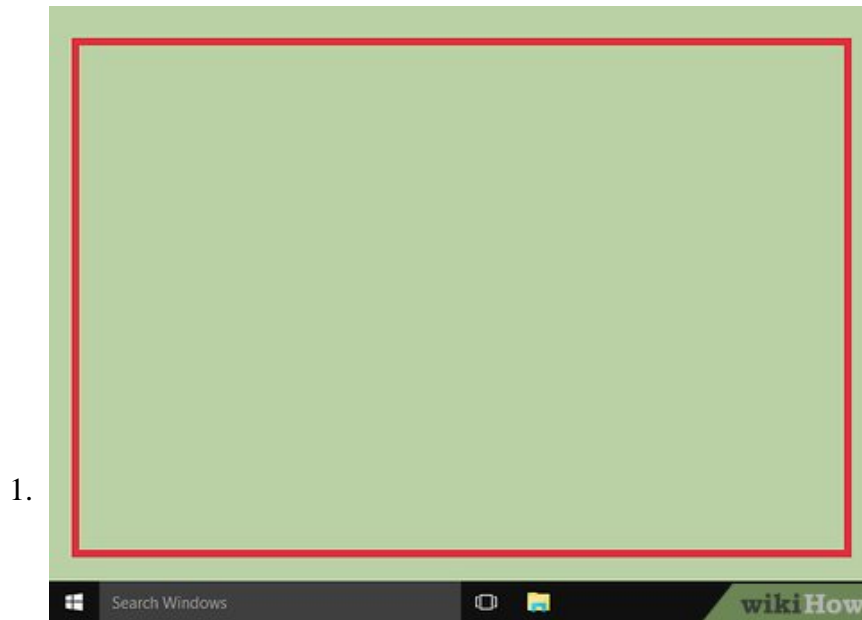


How to Run Command Prompt Commands from a Windows Shortcut

To create a Windows shortcut that runs a command at the command prompt, right-click the desktop ? select 'Shortcut' ? Enter the command (prefaced by '|%comspec% /k' ? Click 'Next' ? Enter a name for the shortcut ? click 'Finish'. Right-cli...

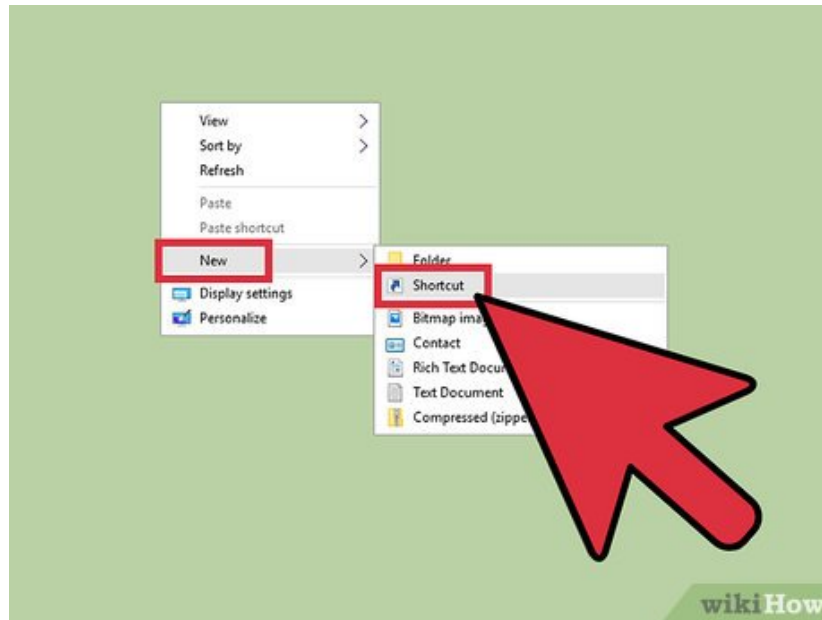
Method 1 of 2:

Creating a Desktop Shortcut



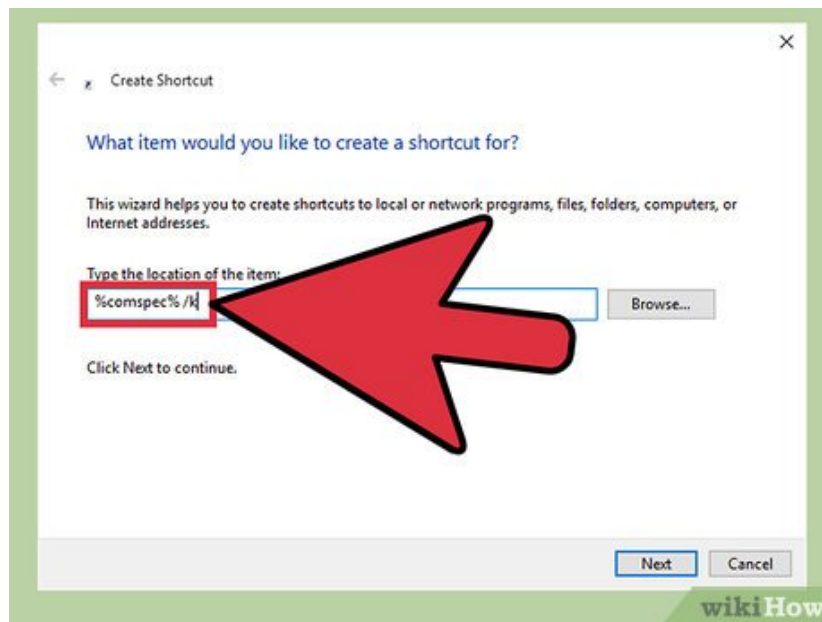
Right-click a blank area of the desktop.^[1]

2.



Click **Shortcut**.

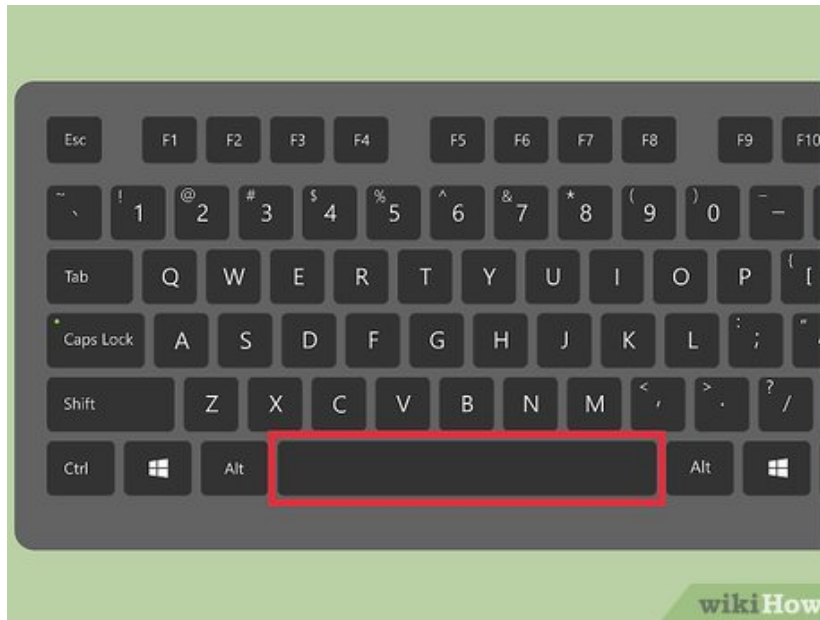
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Type **%comspec% /k** into the text box.

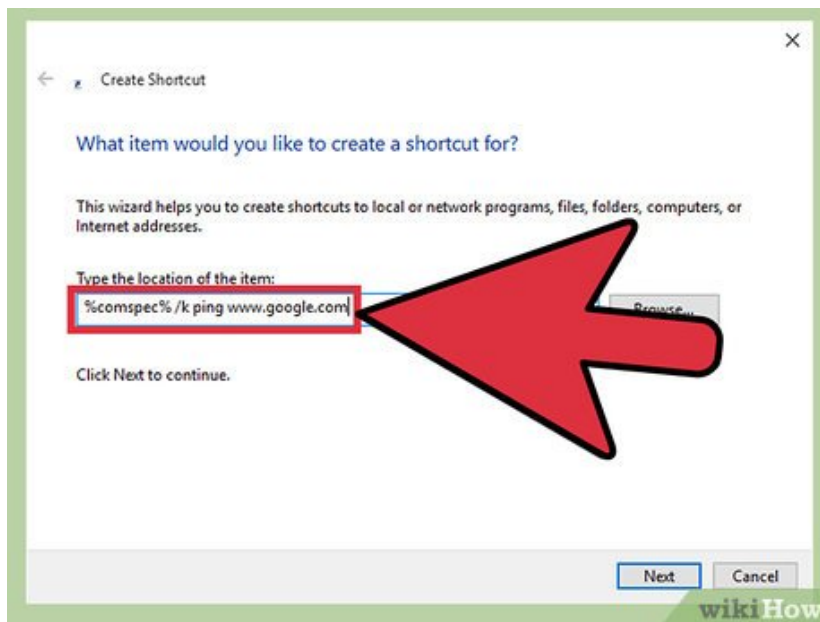
1. The **-k** flag keeps the command prompt window open after the command is run. You can remove the flag if you prefer the window closes right away.

4.



Press the spacebar.

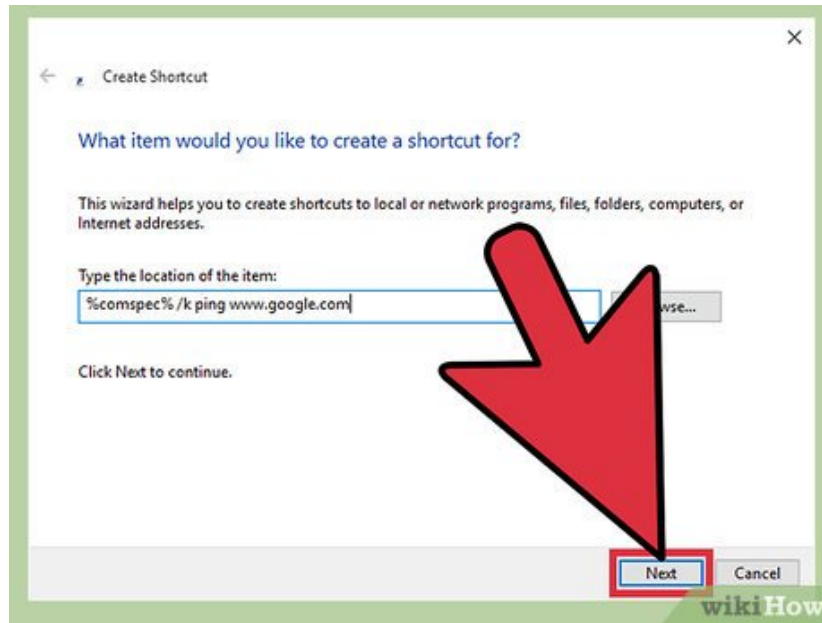
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Type the command you want to run. Whatever command you type after `%comspec% /k` is the one that will run when you double-click this shortcut. For example:^[2]

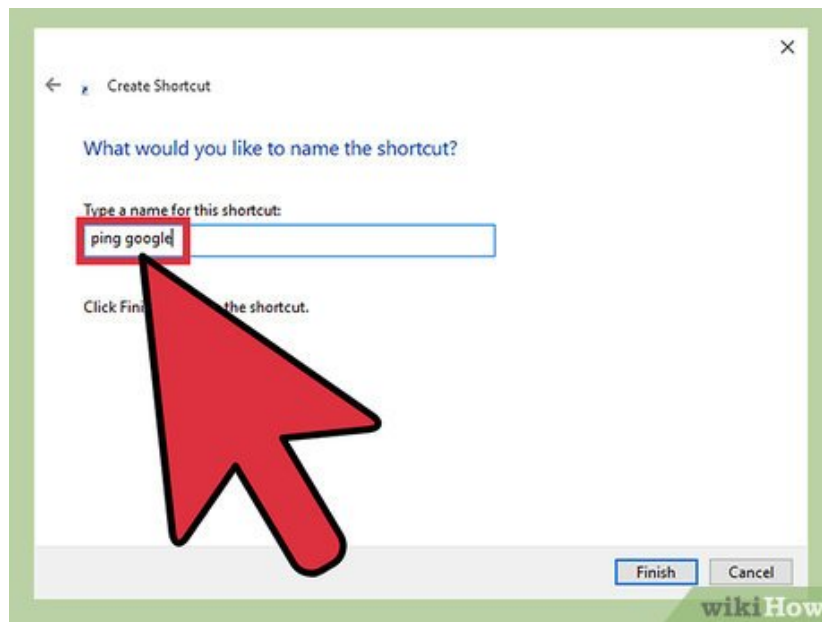
1. `%comspec% /k ping www.google.com` will ping `www.google.com` when you double-click the shortcut.
2. `%comspec% /k sfc scannow` will scan all protected system files when you double-click the shortcut.

6.



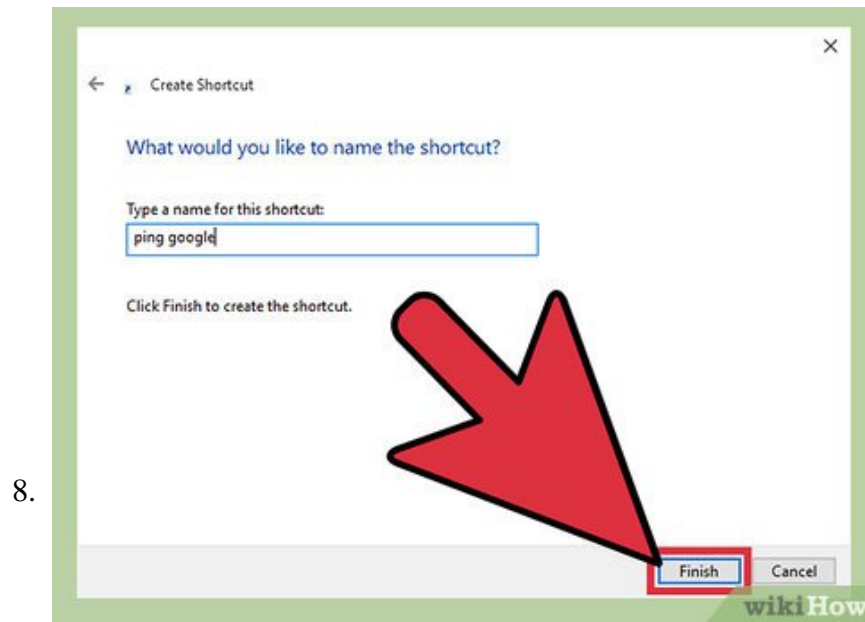
Click **Next**.

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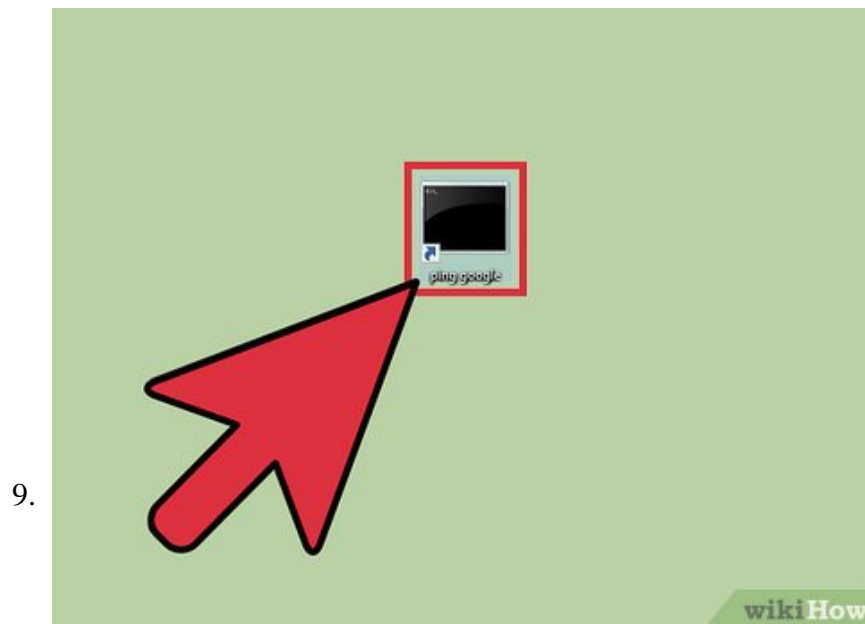


Enter a name for the shortcut. This is the text that will appear under the icon.

1. For example, if the shortcut pings Google, you could type `ping google`.



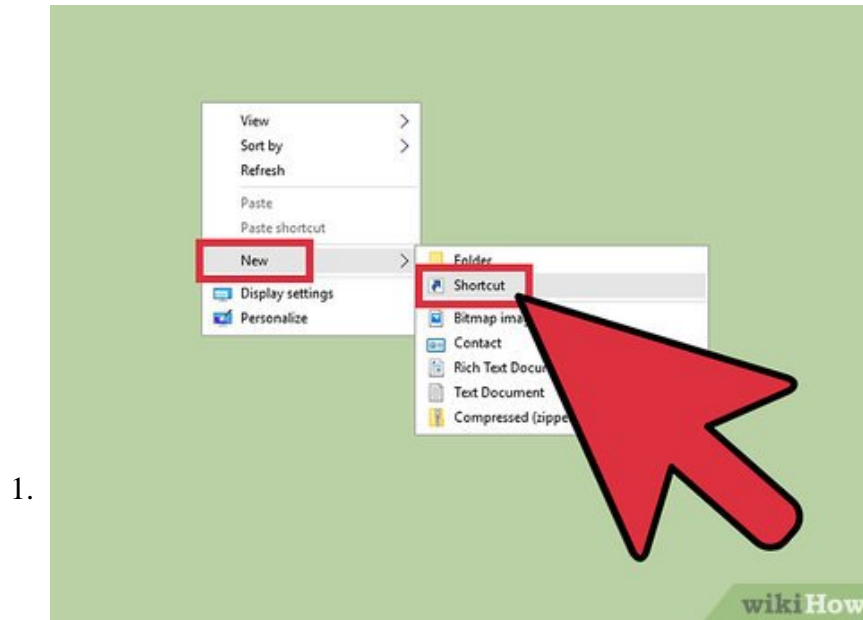
Click **Finish**. The shortcut is now on your desktop.



Double-click the shortcut to run the command. The command prompt window will appear, and you'll see your command running.

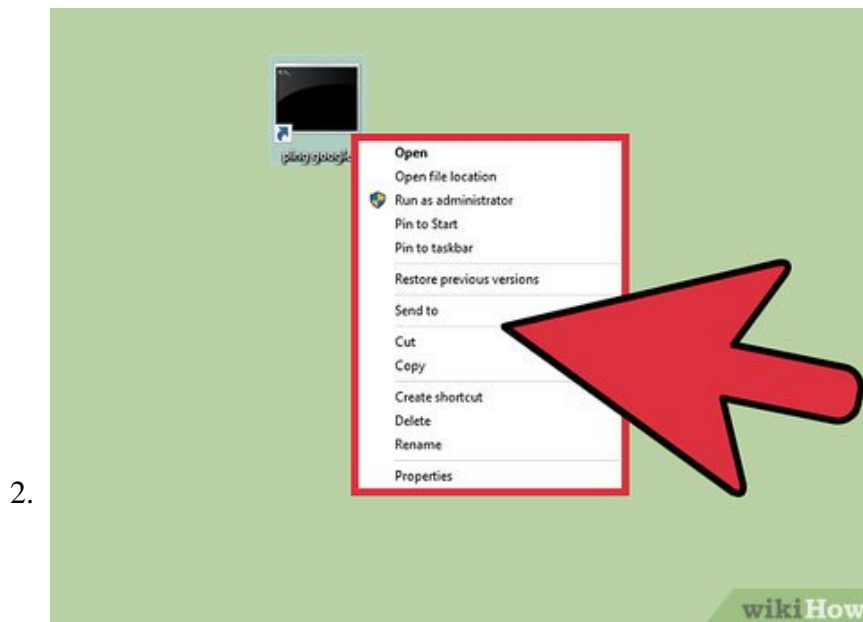
Method 2 of 2:

Creating a Keyboard Shortcut



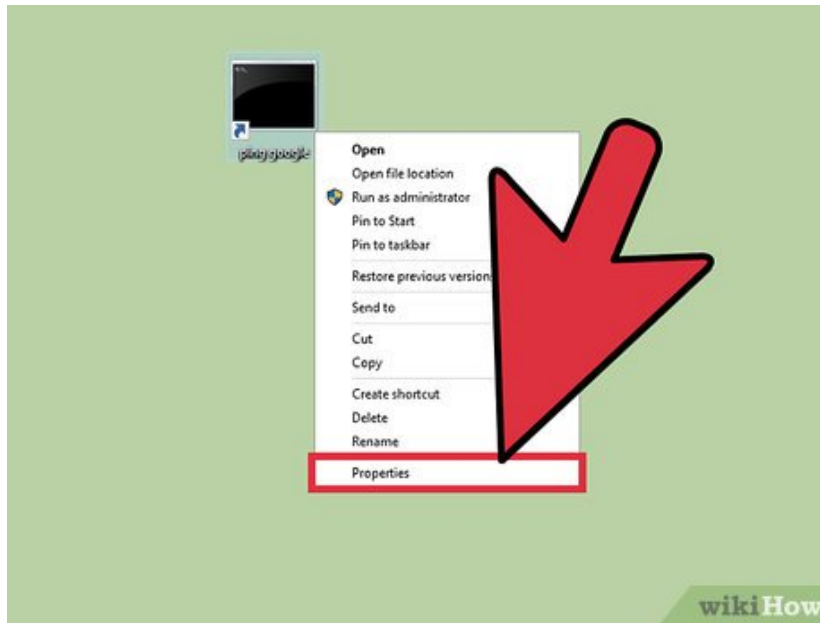
Create a desktop shortcut for the command. A keyboard shortcut is a combination of keyboard keys you press to run a command or program. To create one for a command line command, make sure you've already created a desktop shortcut.^[3]

1. Keyboard shortcuts will follow the format `Ctrl + Alt + [other key]`.
2. You'll be able to choose a letter, number, or punctuation key as the 'other key.' For example, `b`, `.`, `3`.



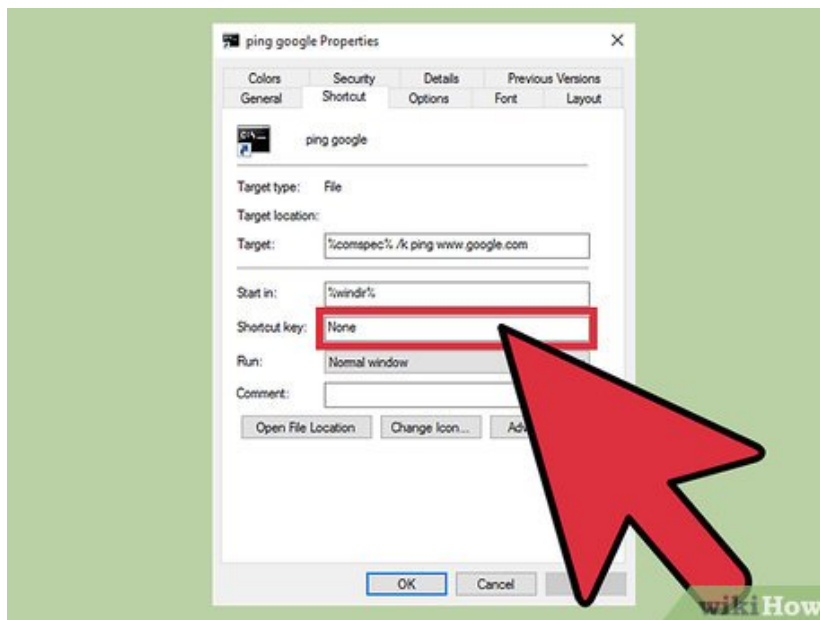
Right-click the desktop shortcut.

3.



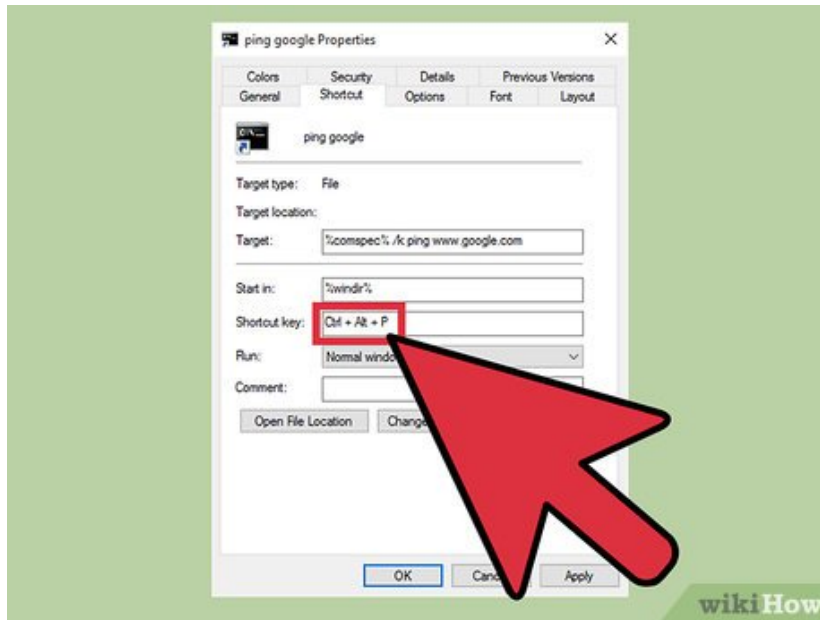
Click **Properties**. The 'Shortcut' tab of the Properties screen will appear.

4.



Click into the 'Shortcut Key' box.

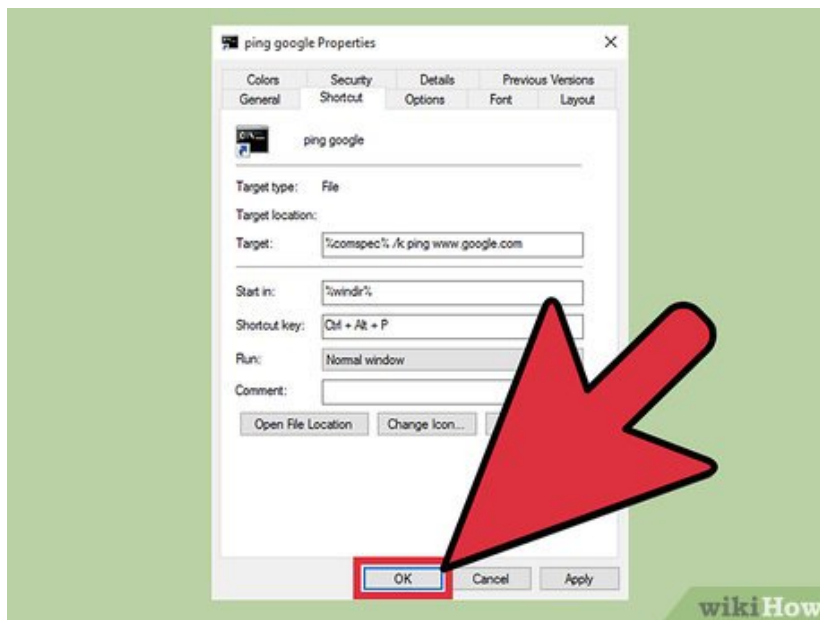
5.



Press a letter, number, or punctuation key. The text box will fill with the entire shortcut using the key you press.

1. For example, if you press **p**, the text in the box will change to **C t r l + A l t + P**.
2. If you create multiple keyboard shortcuts, make sure not to use the same key twice.^[4]

6.



Click **OK**. You'll now return to the desktop.

7.



Press **Ctrl** + **Alt** + **[other key]** to run the command. The command prompt window will appear, running the command you set up in the desktop shortcut.

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