

How to Open a Command Prompt in Windows 10

A **command prompt** is an entry point for typing computer commands in the Command Prompt window. By typing commands at the command prompt, you can perform tasks on your computer without using the Windows graphical interface.

This tutorial will show you different ways to open a **command prompt** in **Windows 10**.

OPTION ONE

Open Command Prompt from Win+X Quick Link Menu

Starting with **Windows 10 build 14971**, Windows PowerShell will show in the Win+X menu by default now instead of Command Prompt.

[Show Command Prompt or Windows PowerShell on Win+X menu in Windows 10 - Windows 10 Customization Tutorials](#)

1 Open the **Win+X menu**, and click/tap on Command Prompt. (see screenshot below)

Open Command Prompt in Windows 10-win-x_command_prompt.png

OPTION TWO

Open Command Prompt from Task Manager

1 Open **Task Manager** with more details.

2 Click/tap on **File** (menu bar), and click/tap on **Run new task**. (see screenshot below)

Open Command Prompt in Windows 10-task_manager_command_prompt-1.png

3 Type `cmd` or `cmd.exe`, and click/tap on **OK**. (see screenshot below)

Open Command Prompt in Windows 10-task_manager_command_prompt-2.png

OPTION THREE

Open Command Prompt in Search

1 Press the Win + S keys to open Search.

2 Type `cmd` into the search box. (see screenshot below)

3 When **Command Prompt** shows up in the search results, click/tap on it.

Open Command Prompt in Windows 10-search_command_prompt.png

OPTION FOUR

Open Command Prompt from All apps in Start Menu

1 Open the Start menu, and click/tap on **All Apps** at the bottom. (see screenshot below)

2 In All Apps, scroll down and expand open the **Windows System** folder, then click/tap on **Command Prompt**.

Open Command Prompt in Windows 10-start_menu_all_apps_command_prompt.png

OPTION FIVE

Open Command Prompt from File Explorer

1 While you have a folder or drive open in File Explorer (Win+E), type **cmd** into the address bar, and press **Enter** to open the command prompt in whatever folder or drive you have open.

OR

2 Open File Explorer (Win+E), navigate to the **C:\Windows\System32** folder, and click/tap on the **cmd.exe** file. (see screenshot below)

Open Command Prompt in Windows 10-file_explorer_cmd.png

OPTION SIX

Open Command Prompt from Run

1 Press the Win + R keys to open Run.

2 Type `cmd`, and click/tap on **OK**. (see screenshot below)

Open Command Prompt in Windows 10-run_cmd.png

OPTION SEVEN

To "Open Command Window Here" in File Explorer

This option allows you to open a command prompt that opens to the same location as the selected folder or drive.

Starting with **Windows 10 build 14986**, the **Open command window here** context menu item has been removed by default and replaced with the **Open PowerShell window here** context menu item.

[How to Add 'Open command window here' context menu in Windows 10](#)

1 In File Explorer, press and hold the Shift key, right click or press and hold on a **folder** or **drive** that you want to open the command prompt at that location, release the Shift key, and click/tap on **Open command window here**. (see screenshot below)

Open Command Prompt in Windows 10-open_command_window_here_context_menu.jpg

That's it,

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