

## Connect to Brown's Key Management Service (KMS) to activate Windows

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If you need to activate Windows on a Brown-owned computer, you will need to connect to Brown's Key Management Service (KMS) with the following steps:

1. If you are off campus, make sure you are connected to the [Brown VPN](#).
2. In the search bar next to the start menu, type `cmd`
3. The Command Prompt icon will appear in the search window. Right-click the icon and select "Run as Administrator"
4. Click "Yes" to "allow the app to make changes"
5. In the Command Prompt window, type:  
`slmgr /skms pkmscit.ad.brown.edu:1688` and press enter.
6. This should open a new window with this text output:  
Key Management Service machine name set to  
pkmscit.ad.brown.edu:1688 successfully.  
Click OK on this window.
7. In the Command Prompt window, type `slmgr /ato` and press enter.
8. This should open a new window with this text output:  
Activating Windows(R),.....Product activated successfully.  
Click OK on this window.
9. Close the Command Prompt window.