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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. Review the <u>list of operating systems</u> and select the product key that matches your intended edition
- 2. If you are off campus, make sure you are connected to the Brown VPN.
- 3. In the search bar next to the start menu, type cmd
- 4. The Command Prompt icon will appear in the search window. Right-click the icon and select "Run as Administrator"
- 5. Click "Yes" to "allow the app to make changes"
- 6. In the Command Prompt window, type the following commands, pressing the enter key after each:
 - slmgr.vbs -upk
 - slmgr.vbs -ipk <product key>
 - slmgr.vbs -skms pkmscit.ad.brown.edu:1688
 - slmgr.vbs -ato
 - slmgr.vbs -dlv
- 7. This should open a new window with this text output:

Activating Windows(R),....Product activated successfully. Click OK on this window.

8. Close the Command Prompt window.