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### 1. Using the Command Prompt

You can retrieve the product key using the Command Prompt with a simple command:

1. Press Win + S, type cmd, right-click on **Command Prompt**, and select **Run as administrator**.
2. Type or paste the following command and press Enter:

```
cmd
```

```
wmic path softwarelicensingService get OA3xOriginalProductKey
```

3. The product key should be displayed on the screen.

### 2. Using PowerShell

You can also use PowerShell to find your product key:

1. Press Win + S, type PowerShell, right-click on **Windows PowerShell**, and select **Run as administrator**.
2. Type or paste the following command and press Enter:

```
powershell
```

```
(Get-WmiObject -query 'select * from SoftwareLicensingService').OA3xOriginalProductKey
```

3. The product key will be displayed.

### 3. Check in the Registry

You can find the product key stored in the Windows Registry, although it's often encrypted:

1. Press Win + R, type regedit, and press Enter to open the Registry Editor.
2. Navigate to the following path:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows  
NT\CurrentVersion\SoftwareProtectionPlatform
```

3. Look for the entry labeled **BackupProductKeyDefault**. This might show your product key if it's stored in a readable format.

### 4. Using a Third-Party Tool

There are various third-party tools available that can help you retrieve your Windows product key:

- **Belarc Advisor**: A popular tool that provides detailed information about your system, including the Windows product key.
- **ProduKey** by NirSoft: A lightweight tool specifically designed to display product keys for Windows and other software installed on your computer.

## 5. Check Documentation or Email

If you purchased Windows 11, the product key might also be found:

- On a sticker attached to your PC (for OEM licenses).
- In an email confirmation from Microsoft or a retailer.
- In the physical packaging if you purchased a boxed copy of Windows.

### Note:

- **Digital License:** If your Windows 11 is activated with a digital license (linked to your Microsoft account), you won't have a product key. Instead, Windows will automatically activate when you reinstall or upgrade as long as you sign in with your Microsoft account.

If you have a pre-installed OEM version, the product key might be embedded in the firmware, and these methods should retrieve it.

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