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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

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wmic path softwarelicensingservice get OA3xOriginalProductKey
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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

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(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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