# Opening Windows PowerShell

PowerShell provides a more powerful command-line environment than Command Prompt and is used for many advanced administration and TapeTrack support tasks.

## Method 1 - Start Menu

1. Click the **Start** button.
2. Type **PowerShell**.
3. Select **Windows PowerShell** or **PowerShell** from the search results.

## Method 2 - Run Dialog

1. Press **Windows + R**.
2. Type:

```
powershell
```

1. Press **Enter**.

## Method 3 - Open as Administrator

Some TapeTrack utilities require elevated permissions.

1. Click **Start**.
2. Type **PowerShell**.
3. Right-click **Windows PowerShell** (or **PowerShell**).
4. Select **Run as administrator**.
5. If prompted by User Account Control (UAC), click **Yes**.

## Method 4 - From File Explorer

1. Open the folder you wish to work in.
2. Click in the address bar.
3. Type:

```
powershell
```

1. Press **Enter**.

PowerShell will open with the current folder already selected.

# Verify PowerShell

You can confirm PowerShell is running by entering:

```
$PSVersionTable.PSVersion
```

The installed PowerShell version will be displayed.

## Notes

- Windows 10 and Windows 11 include **Windows PowerShell 5.1** by default.
- If **PowerShell 7** is installed, it may appear simply as **PowerShell** in the Start menu.
- Unless instructed otherwise, either version is suitable for most TapeTrack administration tasks.

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