# Opening Windows PowerShell Prompt

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

## Opening A Powershell Prompt




## Open Powershell By The Start Menu

- Click the `Start` button.
- Type `PowerShell`.
- Select `Windows PowerShell` or `PowerShell` from the search results.

## Open Powershell From File Explorer

- Open the folder you wish to work in.
- Click in the address bar.
- Type: powershell
- Press `Enter`.

PowerShell will open with the current folder already selected.

## Open Powershell Using The Run Dialog

- Press `Windows + R`.
- Type: `powershell`
- Click `Enter`.

## Open Powershell As Administrator

Some TapeTrack utilities require elevated permissions.

- Click **Start**.

- Type **PowerShell**.
- Right-click **Windows PowerShell** (or **PowerShell**).
- Select **Run as administrator**.
- If prompted by User Account Control (UAC), click **Yes**.

## 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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