

Step 1:

Open up cmd.exe (note: you *may* need to run it as an administrator, but this isn't always necessary), then run the below command:

```
netstat -ano | findstr :PORT_NUMBER
```

(Replace PORT_NUMBER with the port number you want, but keep the colon)

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>netstat -ano | findstr :8080
TCP    0.0.0.0:8080      0.0.0.0:0        LISTENING      3740
TCP    [::]:8080       [::]:0           LISTENING      3740
```

The area circled in red shows the PID (process identifier). Locate the PID of the process that's using the port you want.

Step 2:

Next, run the following command:

```
taskkill /PID PID /F
```

(No colon this time)

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>taskkill /PID 3740 /F
SUCCESS: The process with PID 3740 has been terminated.
```

Lastly, you can check whether the operation succeeded or not by re-running the command in "Step 1". If it was successful you shouldn't see any more search results for that port number.

/f is forcefully.