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Basic User Commands

So, where is this mystical command line interface and how do we access it?

You can interact with your computer's command line interface via the **terminal** (Mac) or **Command Prompt** (Windows) shell. In this lesson, Window users can follow along using Git Bash as an alternative.

Open these using keyboard shortcuts and the operating system's search tool.

On Mac OS X:

- Hit ⌘ (command) + space .
- Type terminal .
- Press enter .

On Microsoft Windows:

- Download and install [Git](#) from the official Git website. The download should happen automatically.

All of the commands in this lesson and others should be run in Git Bash. Git Bash will automatically install when you install Git. To open it in your terminal:

- Hit Windows key .
- Type git bash .
- Press enter .

Pro tip: For quicker access going forward, locate your terminal application and create a shortcut for it (e.g., pin it to your dock or drag it to your desktop).

