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Use the ctrl+alt+t shortcut to open the terminal in Windows 11

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After 3 years of using Debian and 2 years of using Fedora, I had to buy a new device to meet my new programming needs. The new PC had a premium Windows 11 installed, with cool light pen features. I tried booting Fedora and Ubuntu on it, Fedora is not so cool with tablet modes, and Ubuntu is slightly cool with it. Ubuntu provided the auto-rotation feature, but scrolling with the light pen was not so fun. I was forced to use Windows 11.

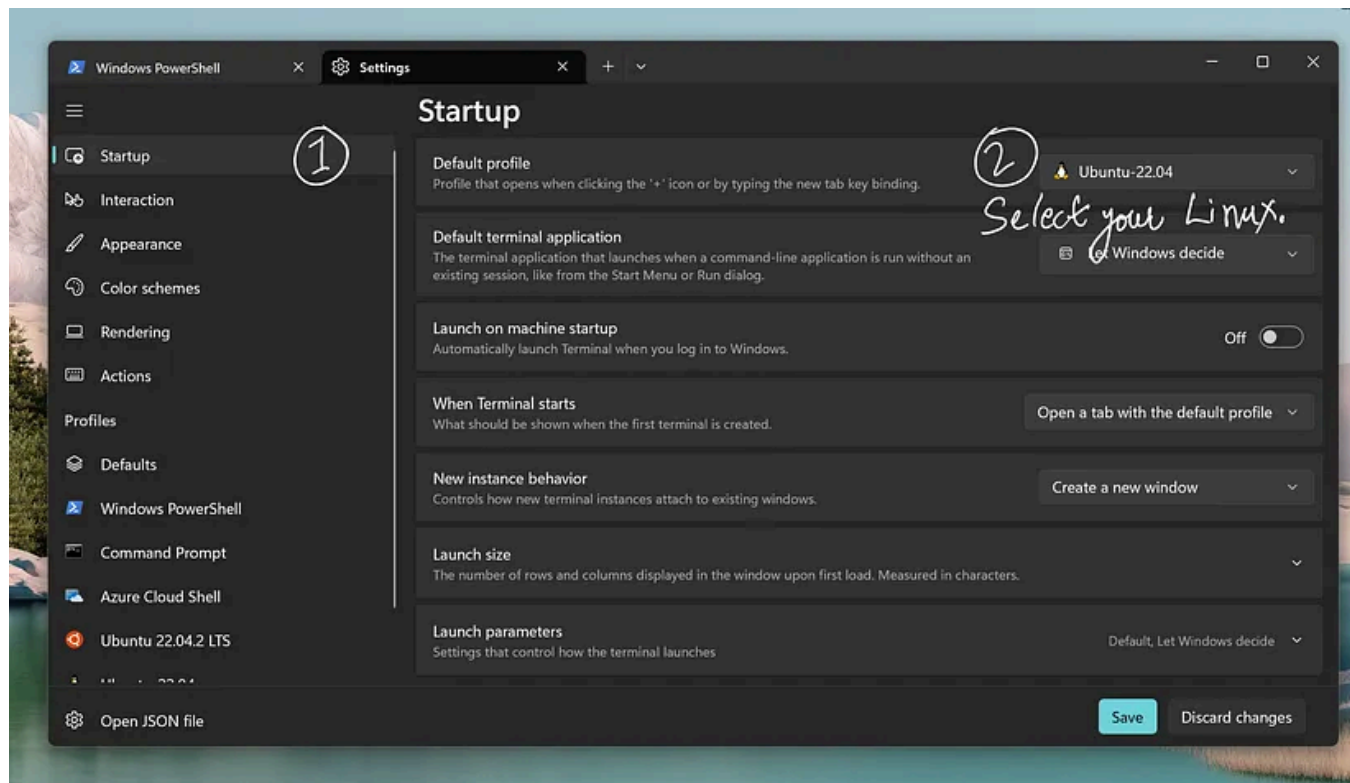
I loved my `CTRL+ALT+T` keyboard shortcut for the terminal, and Windows 11 had none of it. Linux distros provide ways to assign custom shortcuts but here it's a little tricky.

Today, we will be assigning our very much-loved `CTRL+ALT+T` to Windows device, with WSL 2.

Open Terminal

After opening the terminal, press `CTRL+,` and you get into the settings. And select your loved Linux version.

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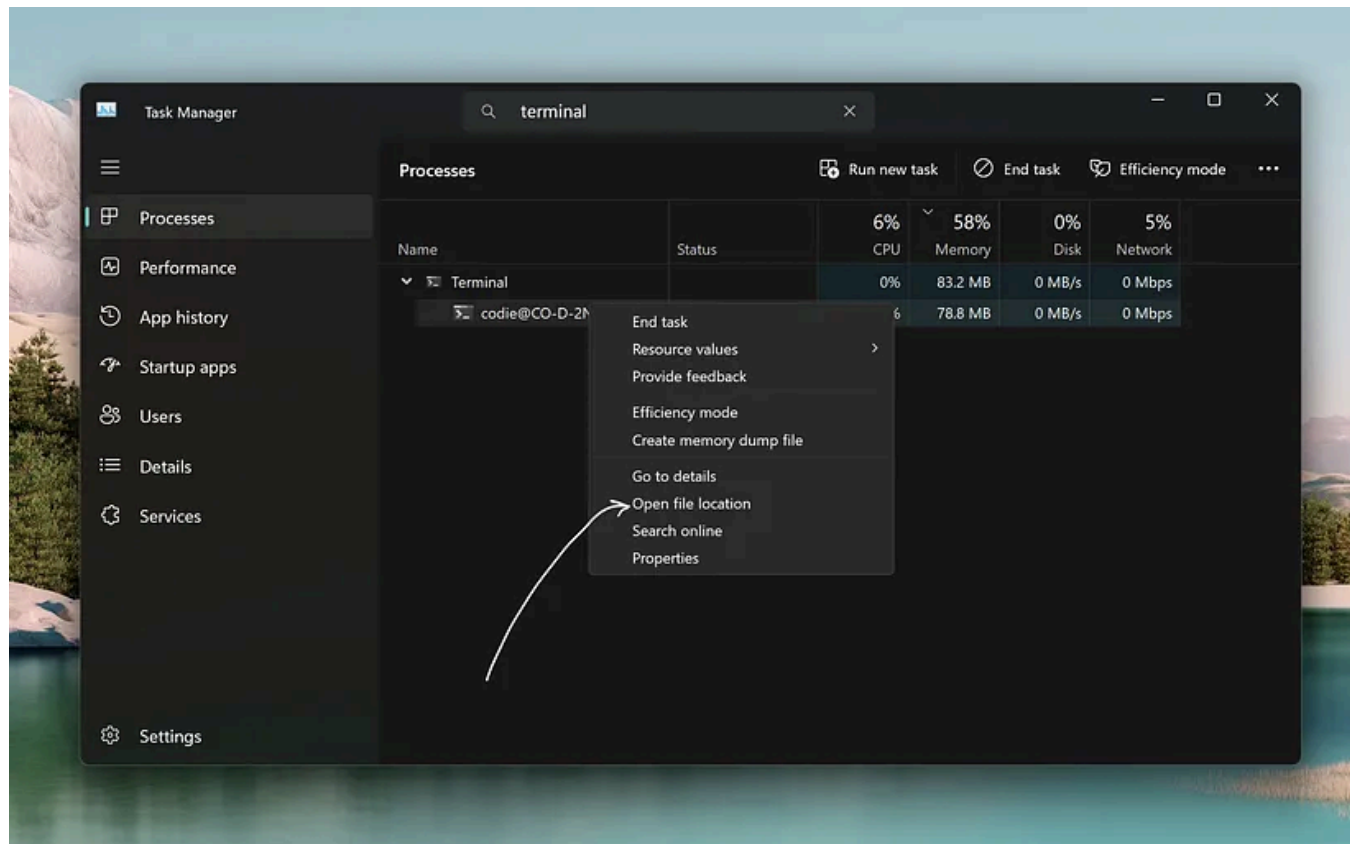


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Select Ubuntu as default in Windows Terminal

Open the Taskbar and keep the terminal ON

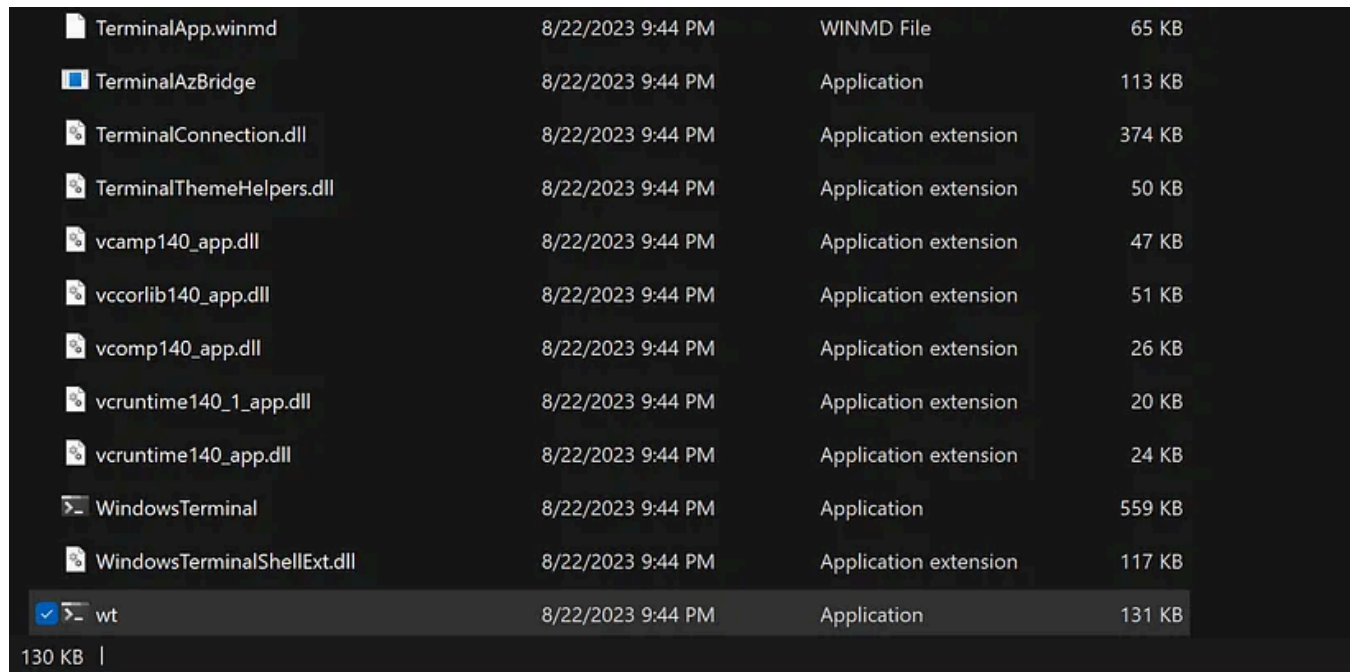
Now, search for `terminal` in your task bar. And click on `Open file location`.















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Open Windows Terminal location

Search for `wt.exe` and copy that file.



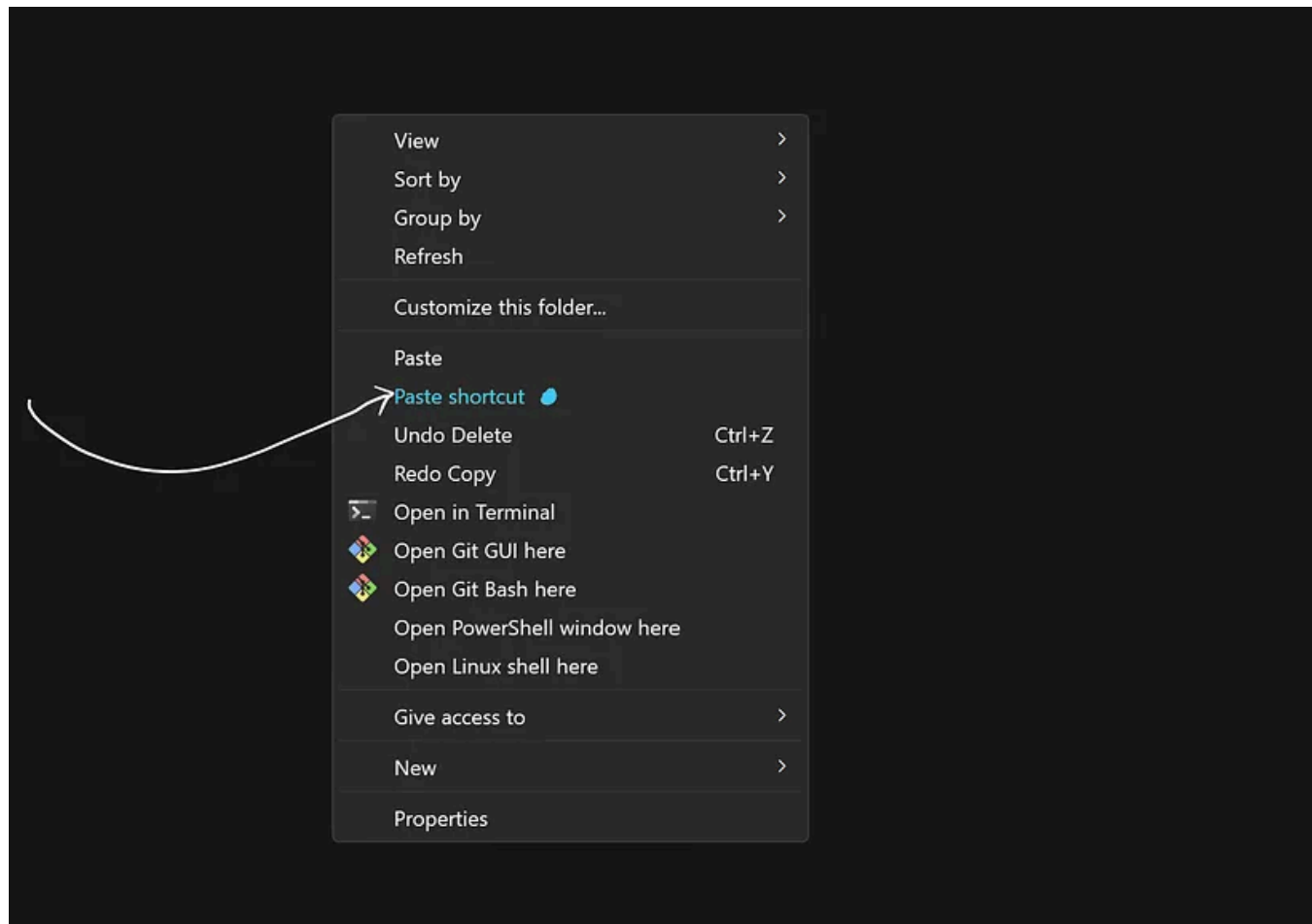
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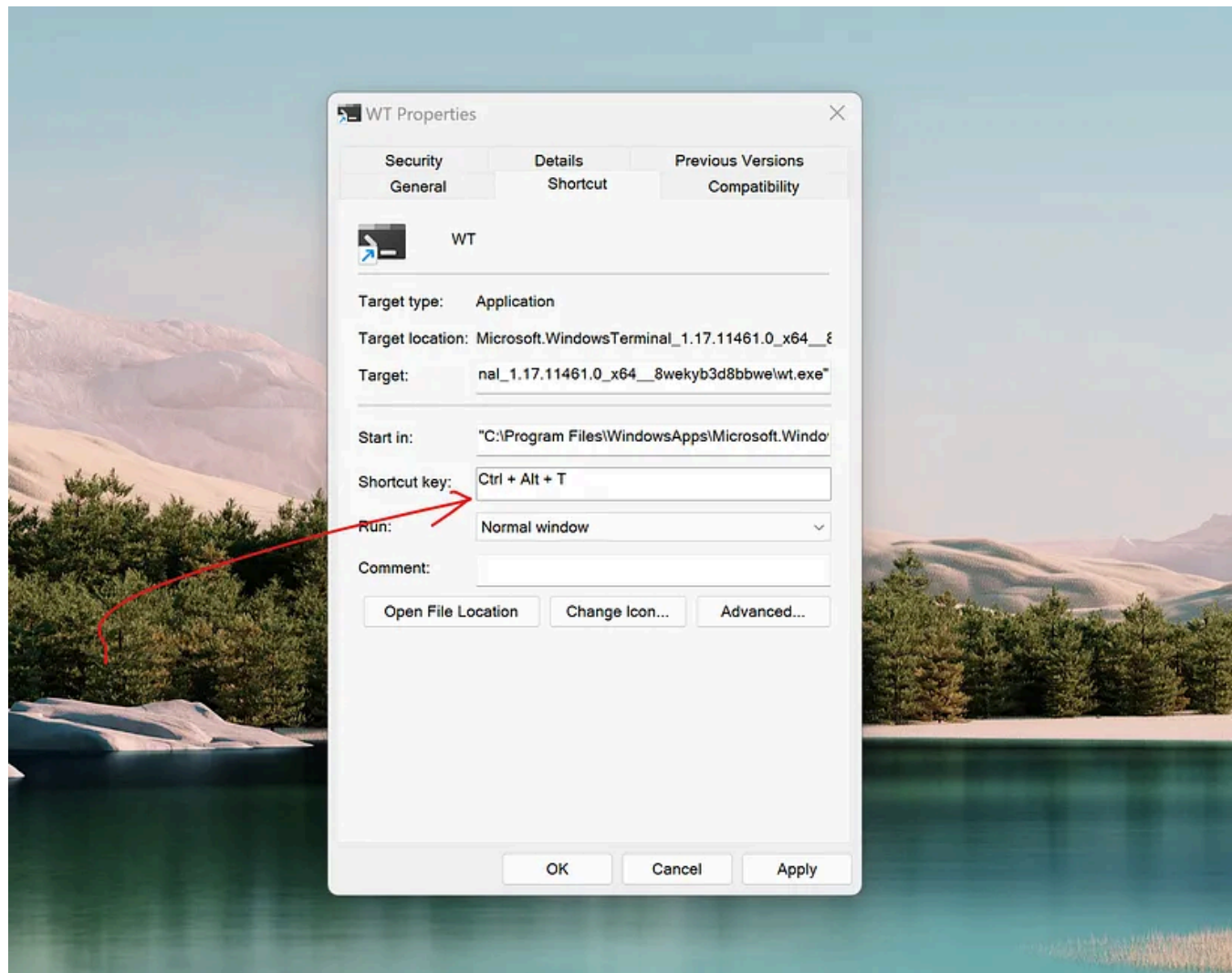
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Now, create a folder (a folder is basically a directory, for Windows newcomers). Now, paste as shortcuts there.

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Paste shortcut, Windows Terminal

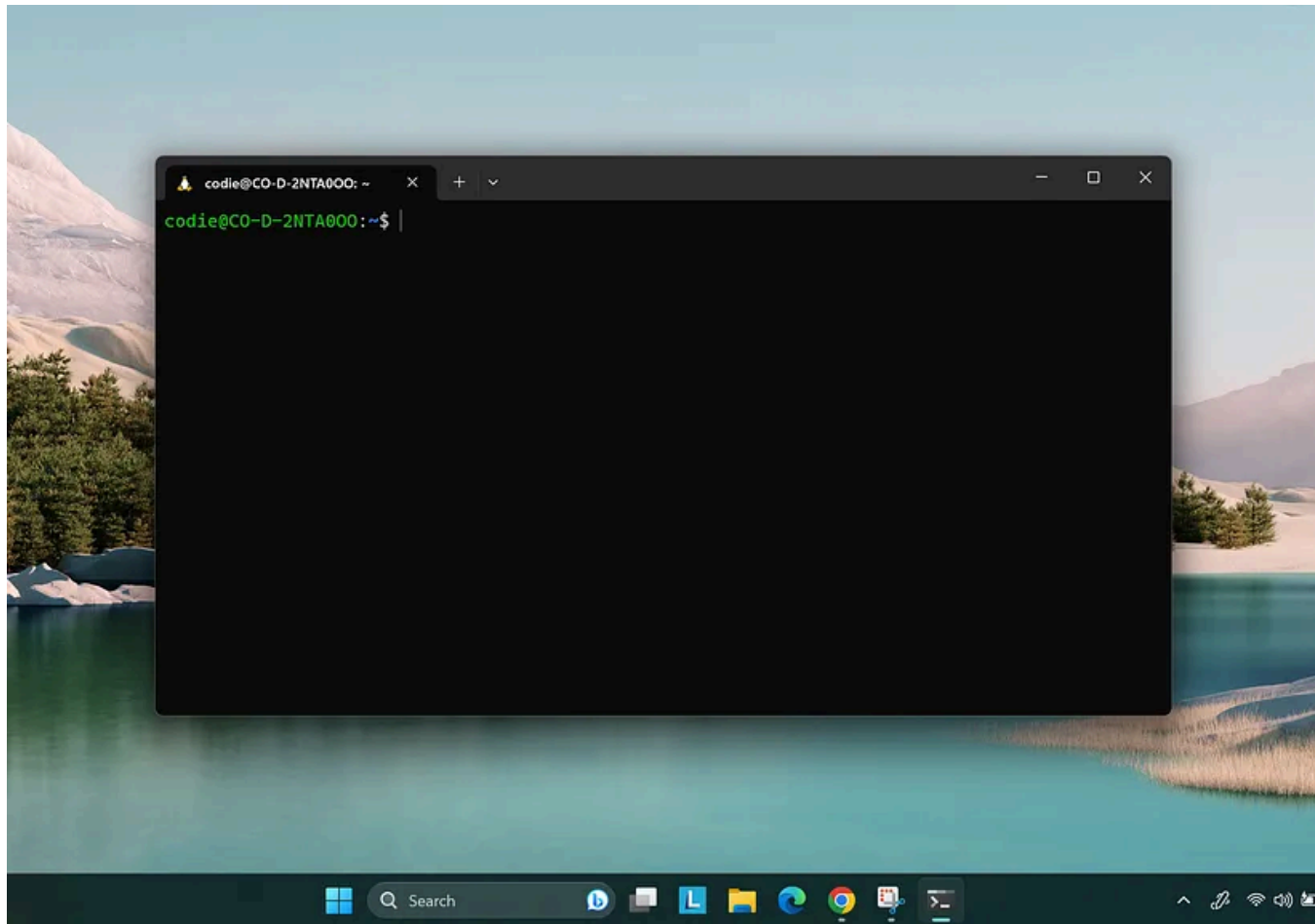
Now, open the Properties of that pasted shortcut, and in the `Shortcut key` section, set your preferred shortcut key, i.e. `CTRL+Alt+T` .



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Shortcut set for Windows Terminal

Btw, if you used something else as your keyboard shortcut, we might be suspicious if you were/are are real Linux user.



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Finally, Windows Terminal open with Shortcut Ctrl+Alt+T

Thanks!

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