How to Keep the CMD Window Open

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The CMD prompt, also called the command prompt, emulates many functions of the early MS-DOS operating system. The command prompt enables you to perform troubleshooting operations and carry out a variety of administrative tasks. When performing maintenance on your business's computer using the command prompt, it may close as soon as you execute a command. This prevents you from reading the log files that appear after the command runs. Input the "/k" parameter to stop the prompt from closing immediately upon executing a command.

1. Log in to the computer as an administrator. Many commands only run for administrative users.

2. Click the Windows "Start" button, type "cmd" (without quotes) in the search field and press "Enter." The command prompt opens.

3. Type "cmd /k" (without quotes) before typing a command. Press the space bar after entering the "cmd /k" parameter.

4. Type the command and press "Enter." The command prompt window remains open.

Tips

Type the "cmd /k" parameter before every command to keep the window from closing.

To open a folder with the command prompt, hold down the "Shift" key, right-click on the folder and select "Open command window here."

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