How to solve “***Web server failed to start. Port 8080 was already in use.”*** using command prompt opened as administrator.

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Description automatically generatedProblem:** Web server failed to start. Port 8080 was already in use.

**Solution:** Open command prompt as an administrator by right clicking.

Run **netstat -aon | find "8080"** to check for the TCP listening number. In this case, it is 42896

Next, run **taskkill /f /pid 42896** to kill the task running on port 8080

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Try running your application again on Spring boot. This is working now.

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