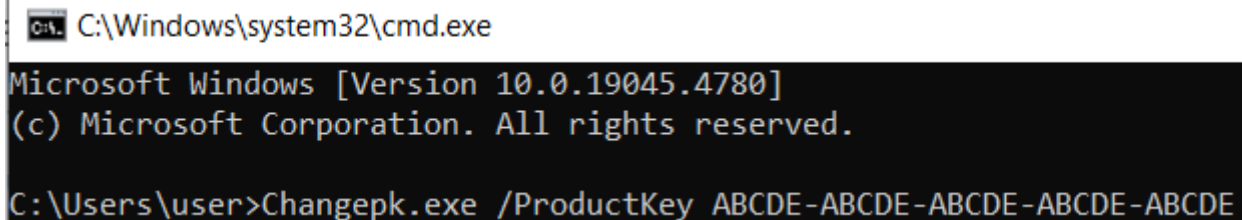


# Upgrading Windows 10/11 Home to Windows 10/11 Pro

Upgrading from Windows Home to Pro can be done during the Out of Box Experience (OOBE) or after setup. Below are the different methods for upgrading:

## Option 1: During OOBE (Out of Box Experience)

- Press the **FN** KEY Once. ( This will ensure that the F1 - F12 Keys are active)
- Press **Ctrl + Shift + F10** to open Command Prompt.
  - If Command Prompt does not show up, press **Win + R** to open the Run dialog, type `cmd`, and press Enter to manually open Command Prompt.
- Enter the upgrade key using the following command in the Command Prompt:
- **Changepk.exe /ProductKey XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX**



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C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.4780]
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C:\Users\user>Changepk.exe /ProductKey ABCDE-ABCDE-ABCDE-ABCDE-ABCDE
```

Replace `XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX` with your actual upgrade key.

## Option 2: Ctrl + Shift + F3 Method

1. Press the **FN** KEY Once. ( This will ensure that the F1 - F12 Keys are active)
2. Press **Ctrl + Shift + F3** to boot into audit mode. This will skip the OOBE and allow you to perform administrative tasks before the user account is created.
3. **Open Activation Settings** and click **Change Product Key**.
  - Enter the upgrade key to initiate the upgrade.

4. After updating, you may encounter a situation where you are locked out of your account. In this case:
  - **Restart** the computer instead of shutting it down.
  - You will be logged back into your account automatically.

**Note:** If you see a blank screen, wait for a few minutes to ensure all updates are completed, and then force shutdown the computer.

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## Option 3: Regular Mode Upgrade

If you're already in the regular user mode of Windows (not during OOBE or audit mode):

1. **Go to Activation Settings:**
  - Press **Windows key + I** to open **Settings**.
  - Navigate to **Update & Security > Activation**.
  - Click **Change Product Key**.
2. **Enter the upgrade key** in the prompt.
3. If you encounter any issues, you can open **Command Prompt** with administrative privileges and enter the following command to apply the key manually:  
`Changepk.exe /ProductKey XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX`  
Replace `XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX` with your upgrade key.

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