

MAKING SHORTCUTS TO APPS IN WINDOWS 11, 10, AND 8

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SUMMARY

The newer "Universal Windows Platform Apps (such as the "Phone Link" app) do not allow you to right click on them to place a shortcut into the Windows 11, 10, or 8 "Desktop". To create shortcuts to all apps in Windows 11, 10, or 8, you have to run "shell:appsfolder" in a "Run" command box.

TOPICS

- Registry hacks are not recommended
- USE the `shell:appsfolder` command to make shortcuts to apps

REGISTRY HACKS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED

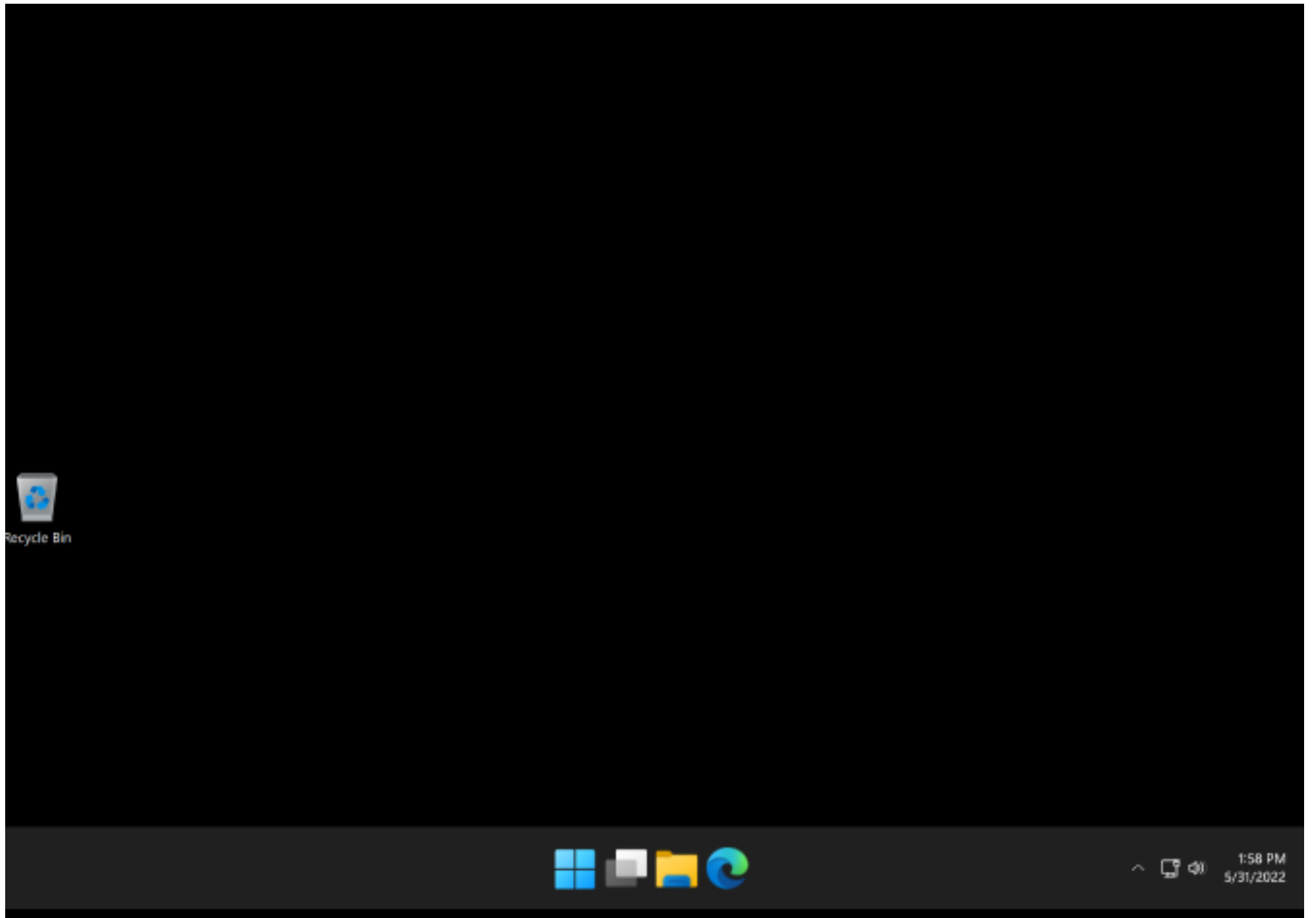
- "Universal Windows Platform" apps reside in a secure folder at C:\Program Files\WindowsApps
- Many registry hacks have been posted on the Web to help Windows 11, 10, and 8 users get access to the programs that reside at this location
- We do not recommend any of them

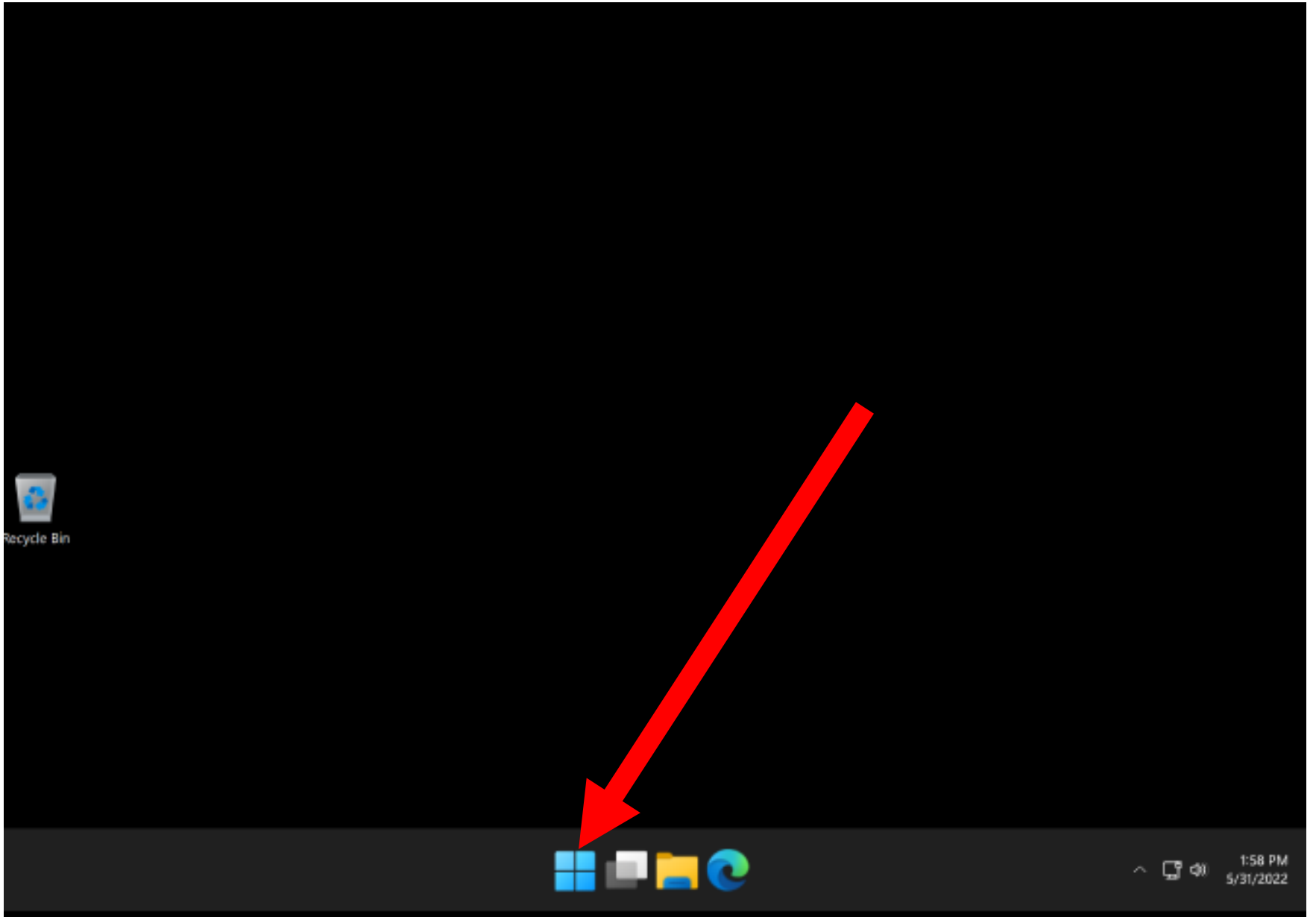
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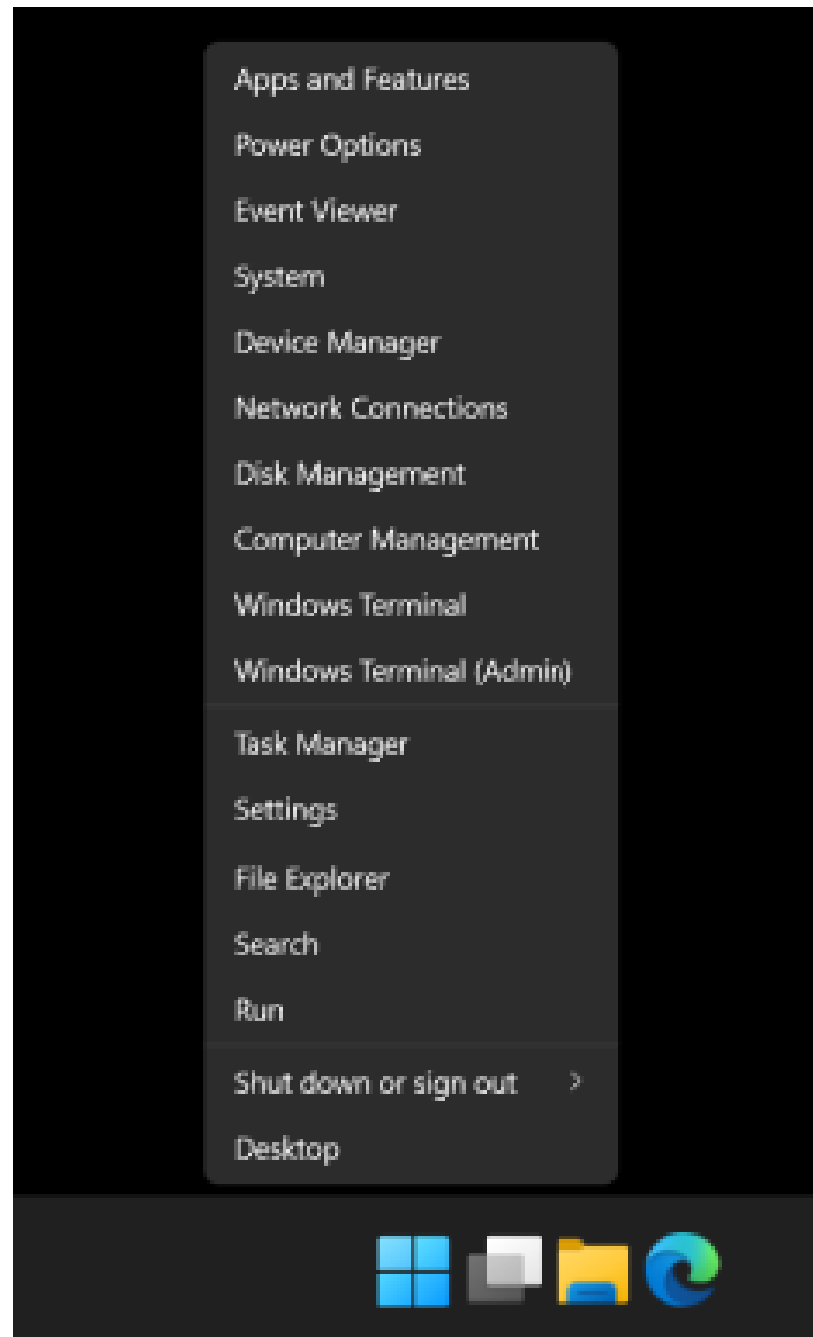
- ..to make shortcuts to all apps, including UWP apps in Windows 11, 10, or 8, you can run the `shell:appsfolder` command in either a "Search" box or a "Run" box in Windows 11, 10, or 8

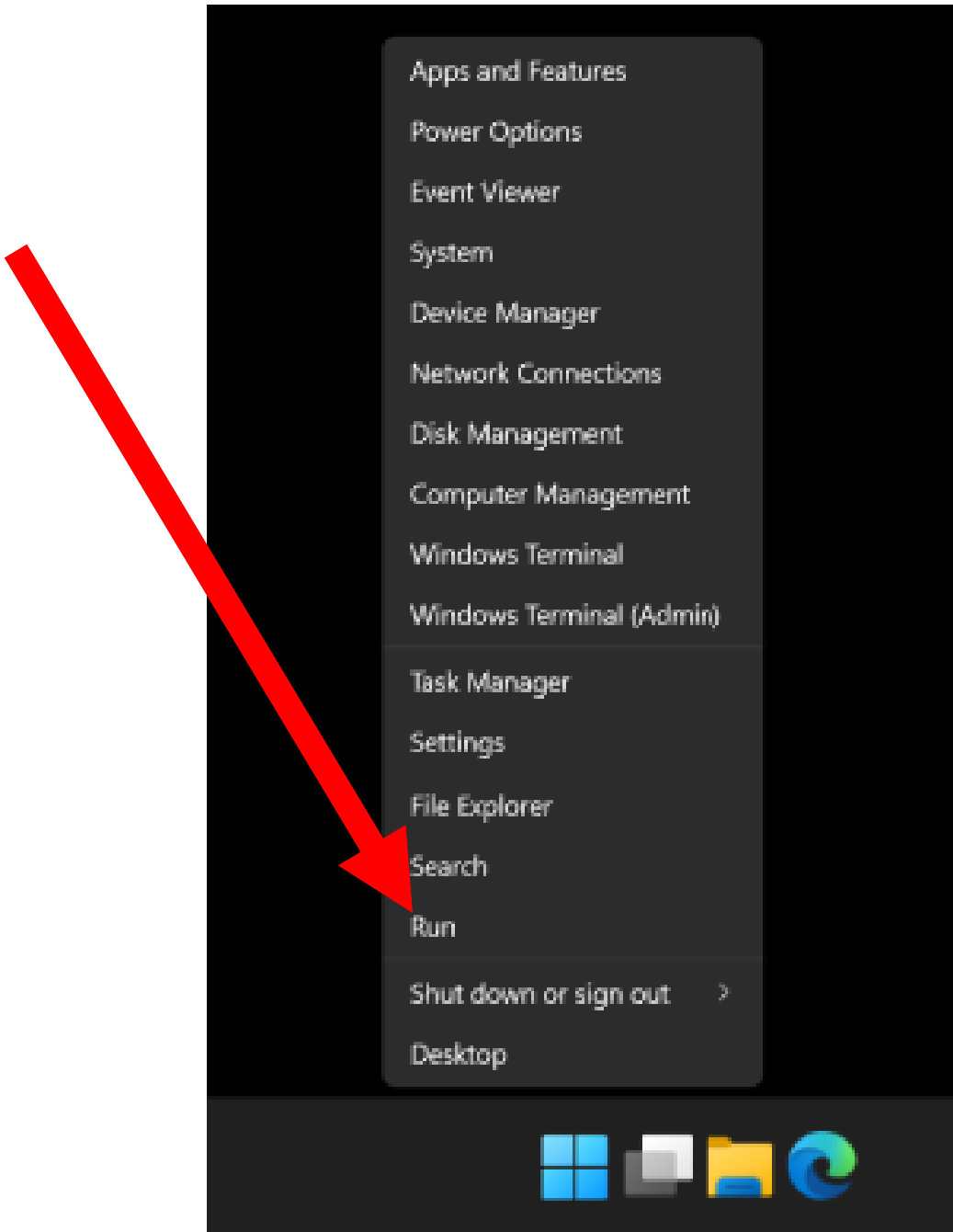
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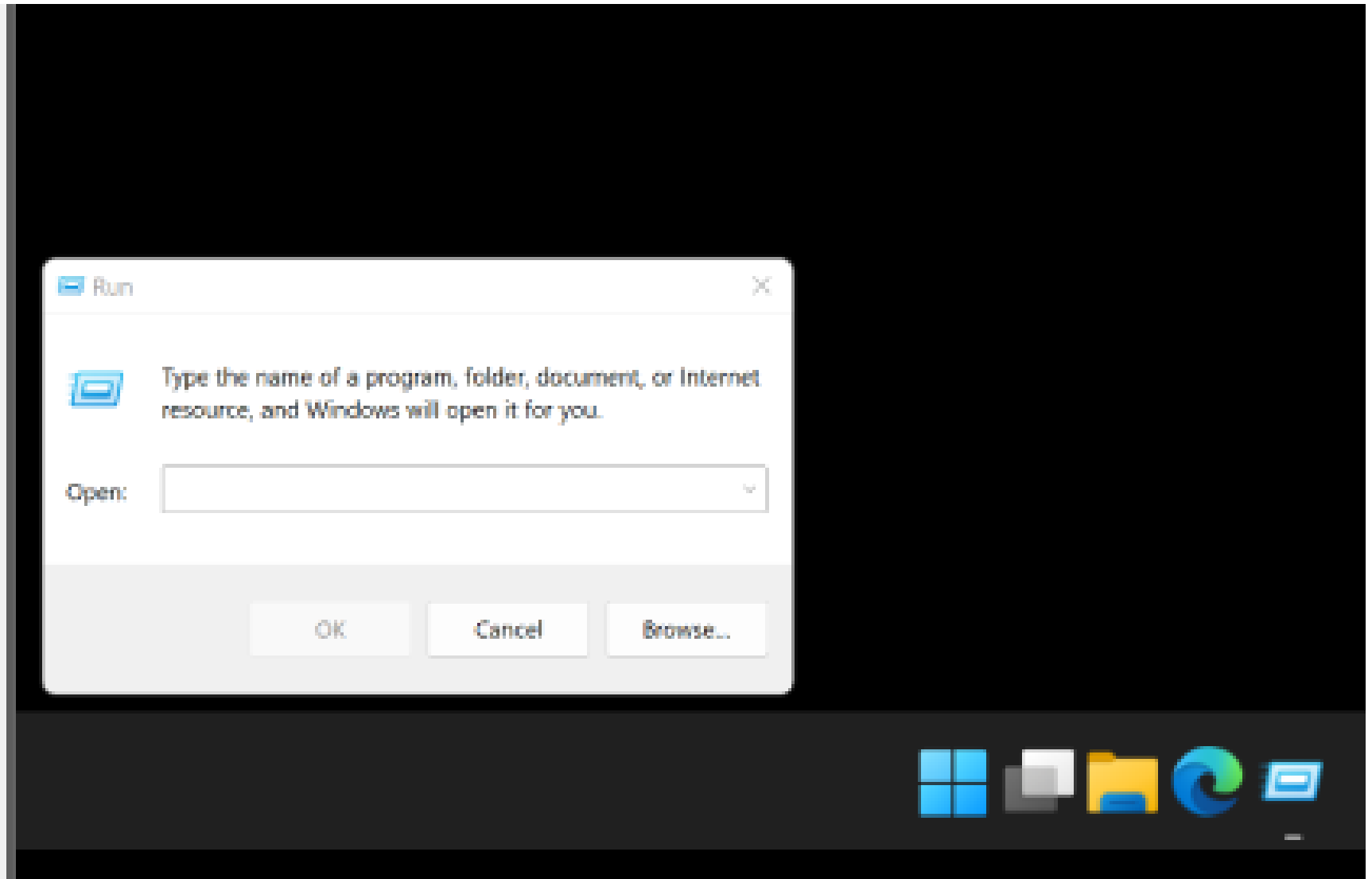
- To get to a "Run" box or a "Search" box in Windows 11, 10, or 8, use the RIGHT mouse button to click on the "Start" menu:











 Run



Type the name of a program, folder, document, or Internet resource, and Windows will open it for you.

Open:

OK

Cancel

Browse...

 Run



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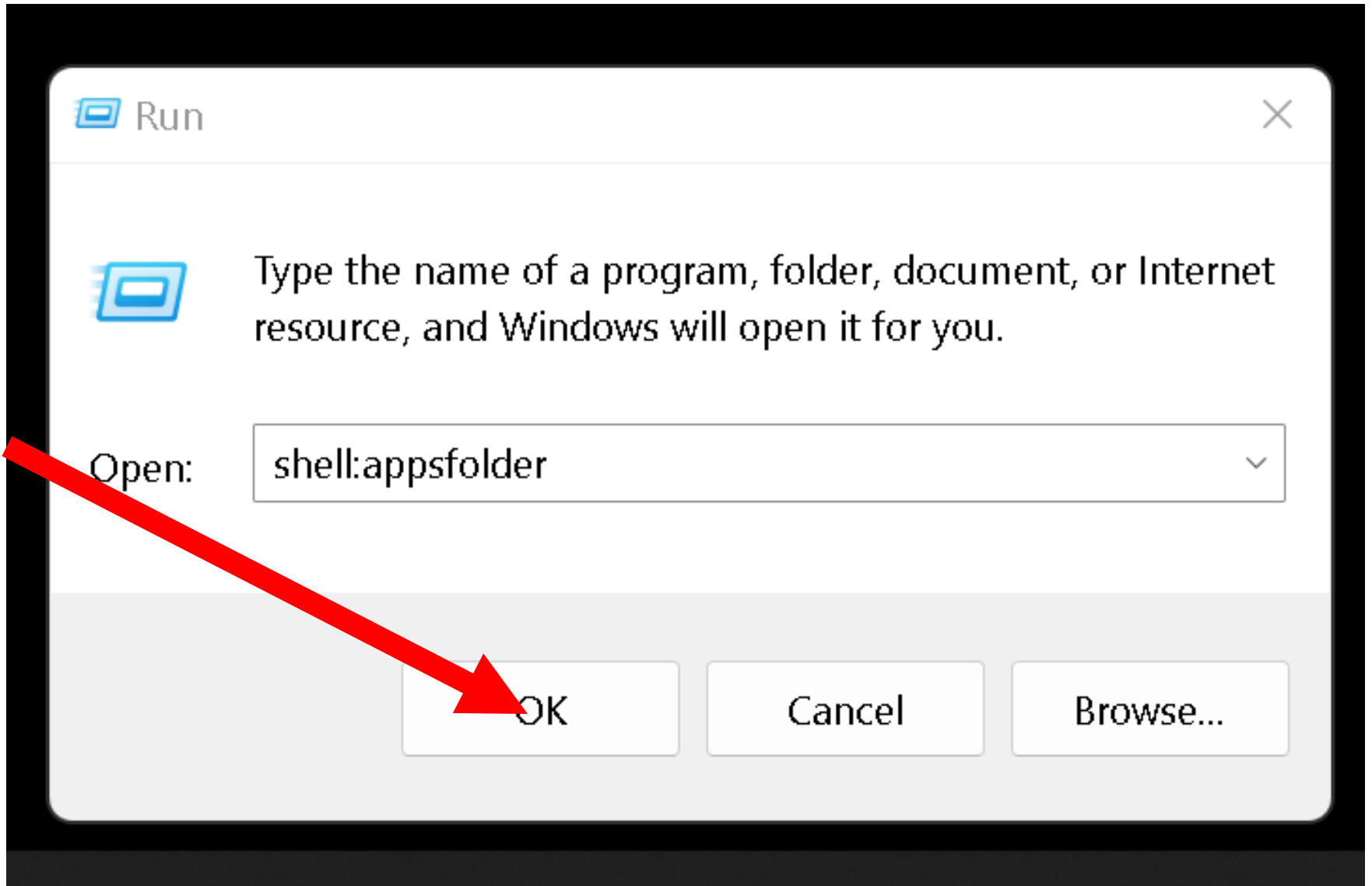
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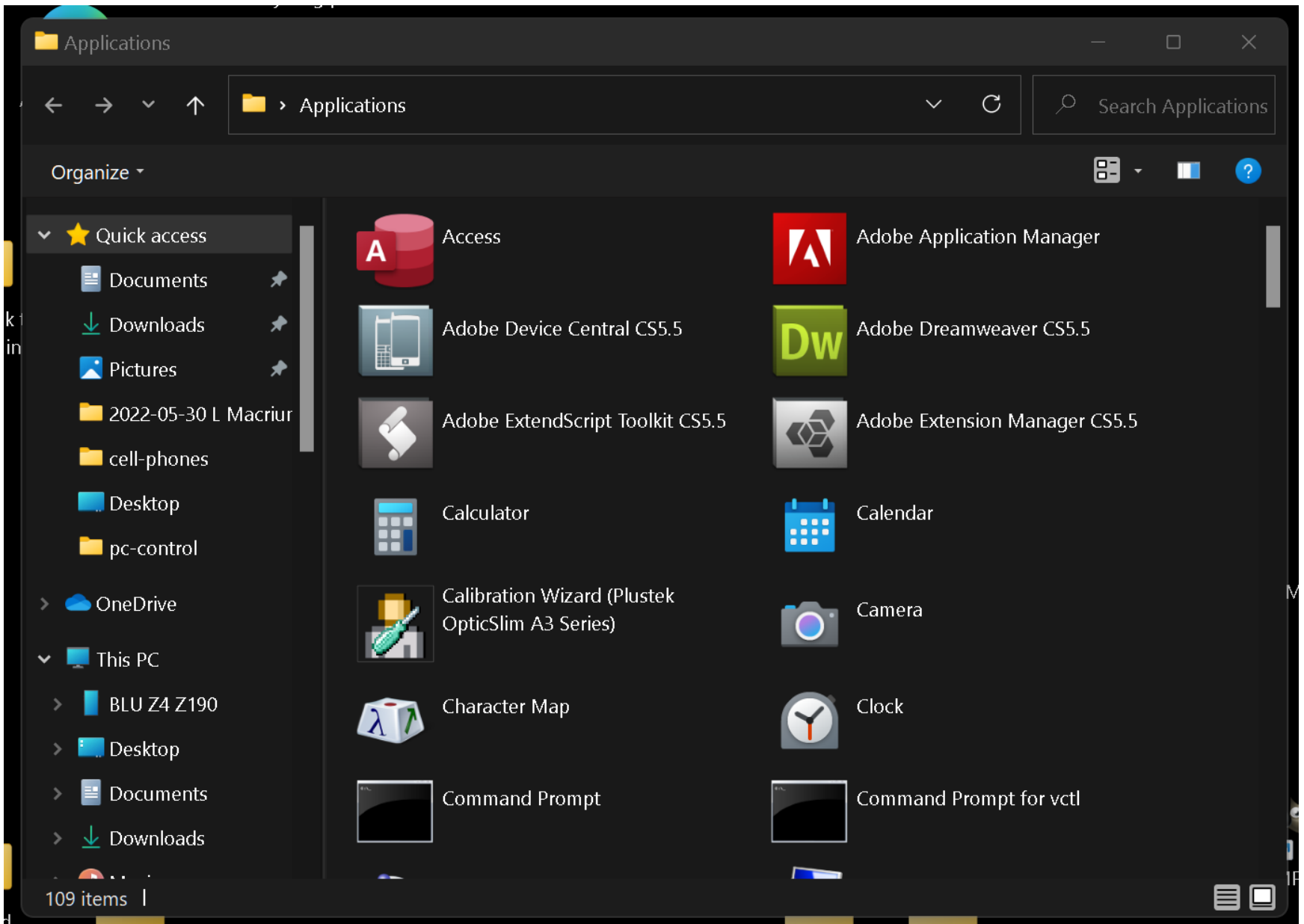


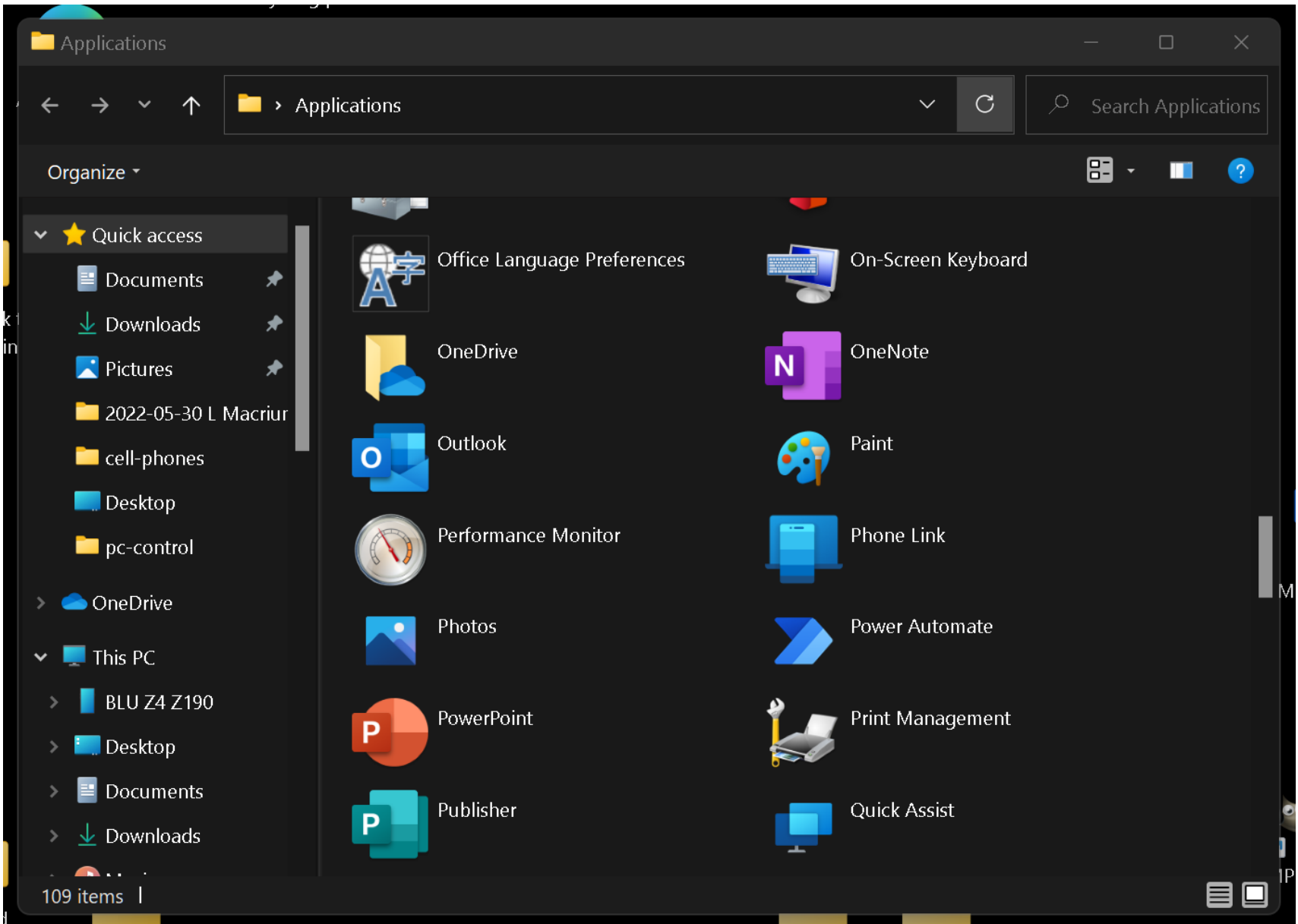
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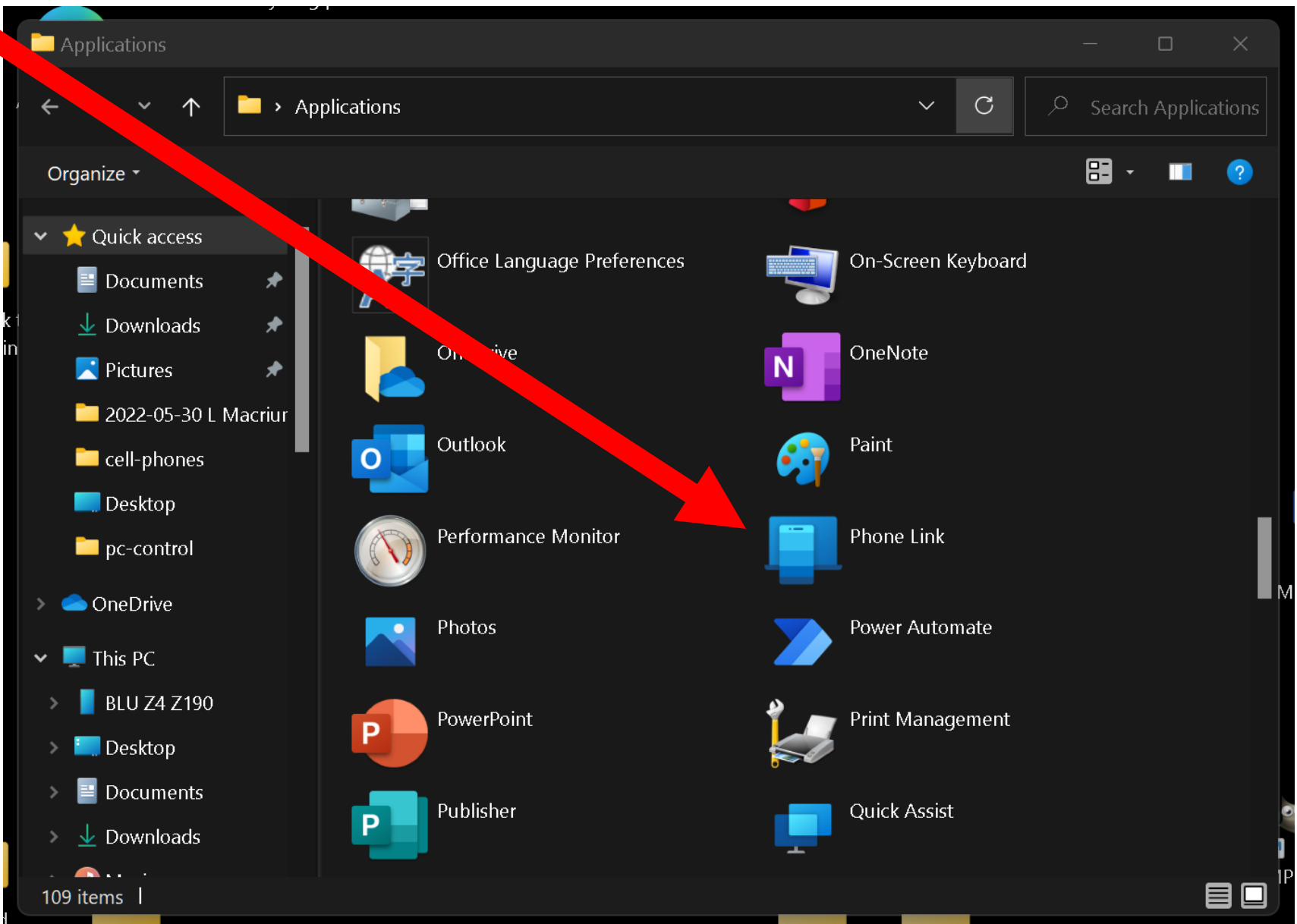
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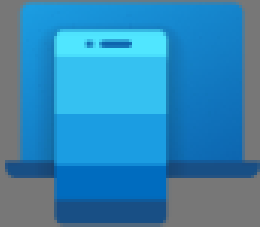
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Phone Link



Power



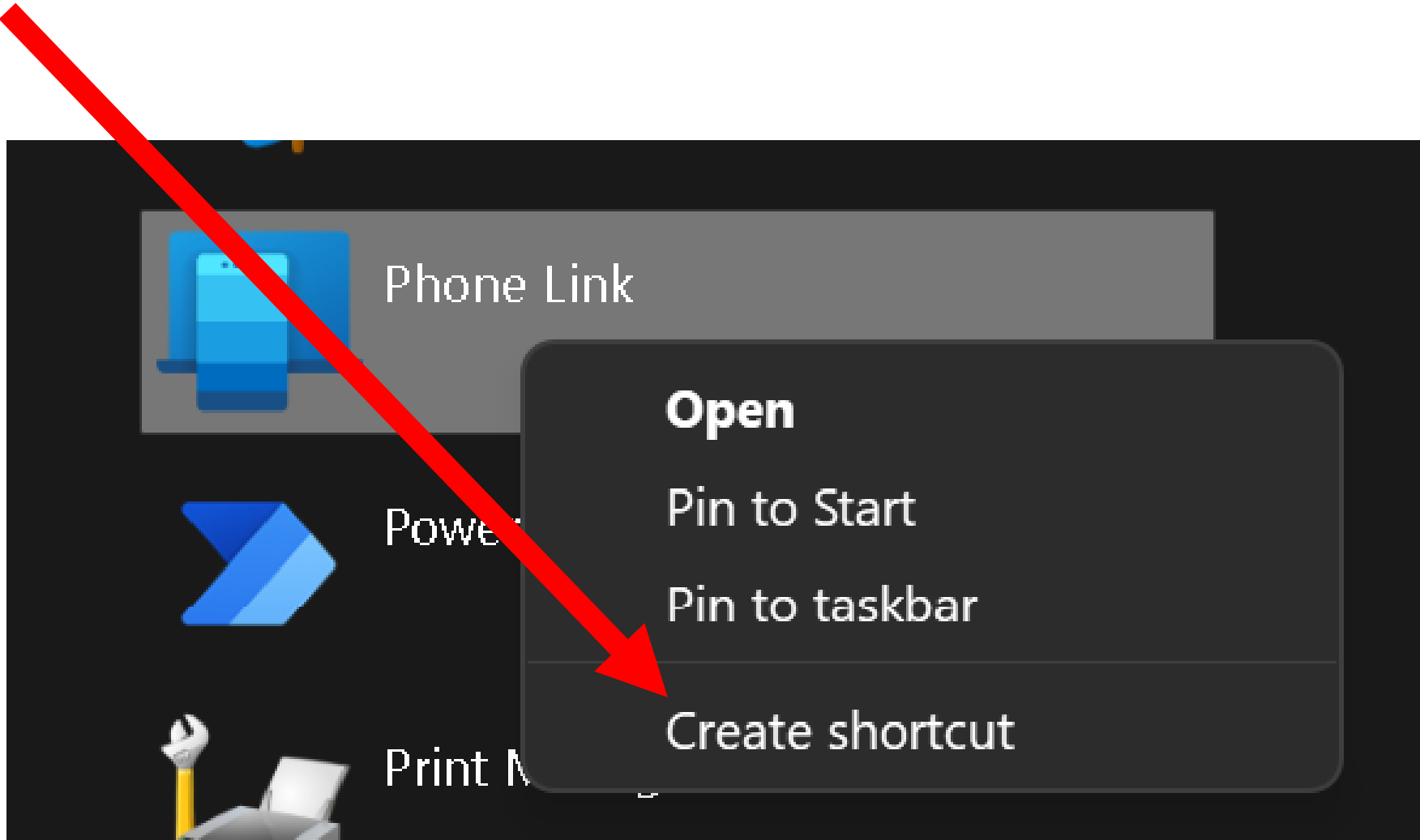
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Open

Pin to Start

Pin to taskbar

Create shortcut



Shortcut



Windows can't create a shortcut here.
Do you want the shortcut to be placed on the desktop instead?

Yes

No

New

Shortcut



Windows can't create a shortcut here.

Do you want the shortcut to be placed on the desktop instead?

Yes

No





Phone Link -
Shortcut

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- <https://www.techrepublic.com/article/how-to-use-the-shell-command-to-view-all-your-applications-in-file-explorer/>

