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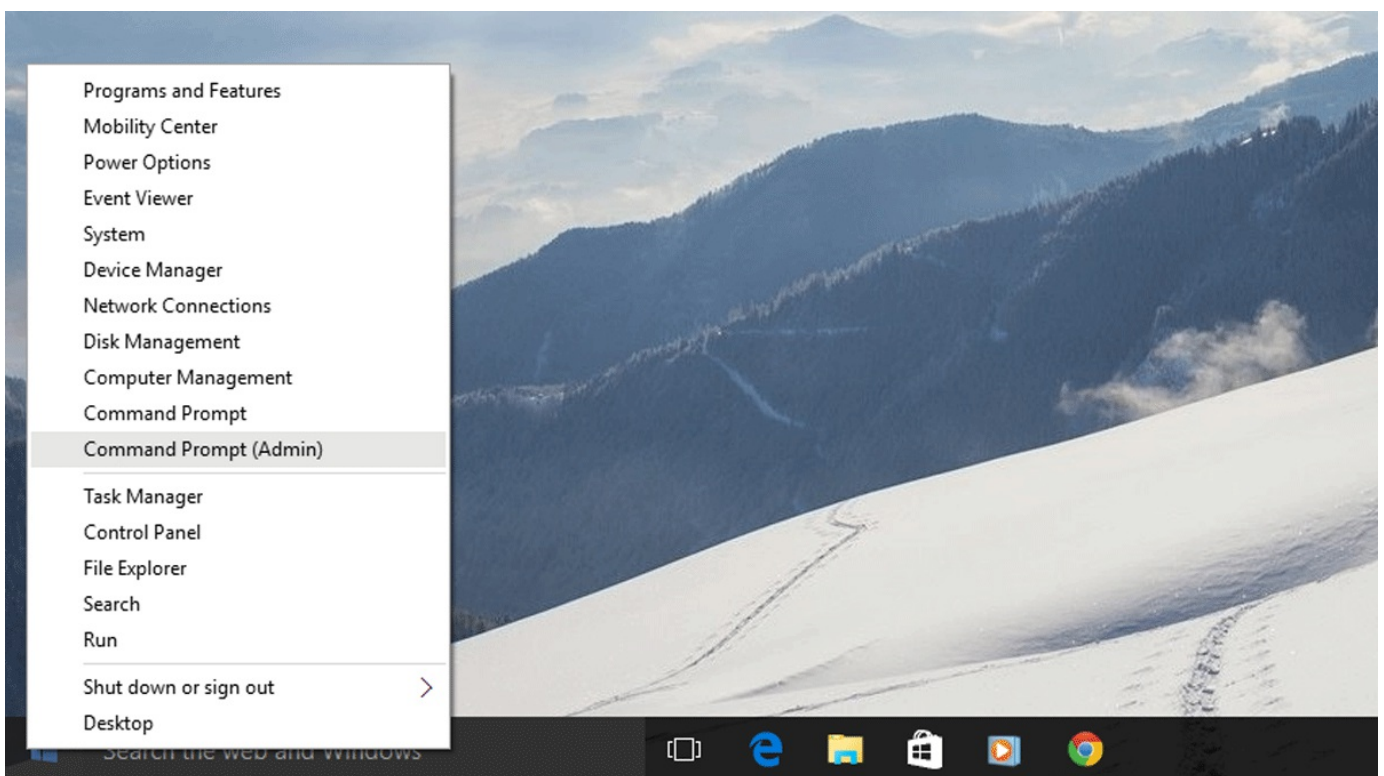
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If the thought of tinkering with code doesn't chill you to the bone, then there is a straightforward method of addressing the Start Menu problem. Go to the Start menu button and right click to open the contextual menu.

Help and Support

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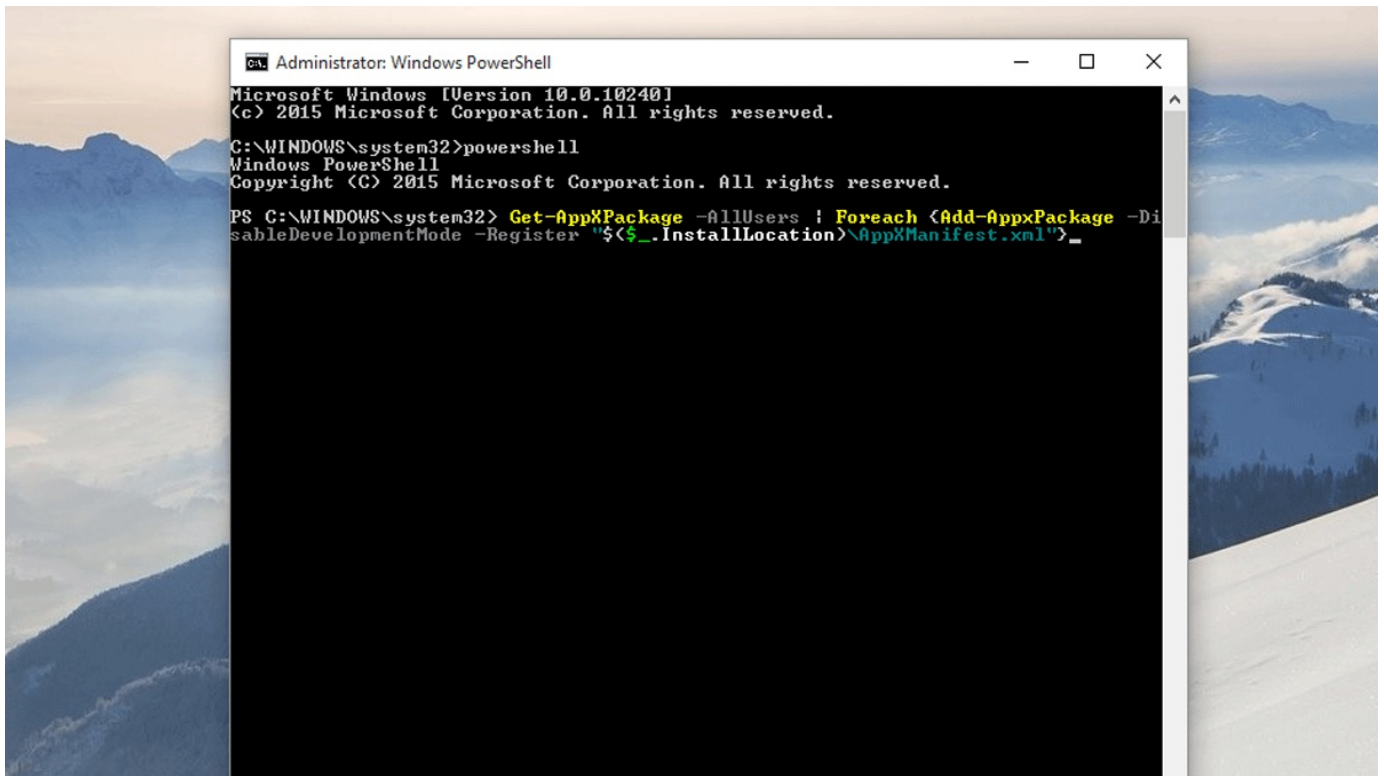


Here you'll see a long list of options, one of which

is Command Prompt (Admin). Select this and you'll see the terminal window appear. Enter

the word *powershell*, press enter and then copy and paste in the following command (yes, you can paste into the command line in Windows 10!);

Get-AppXPackage -AllUsers | Foreach {Add-AppxPackage -DisableDevelopmentMode -Register "\$(\$_.InstallLocation)\AppXManifest.xml"}

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell window titled "Administrator: Windows PowerShell". The window shows the following text:

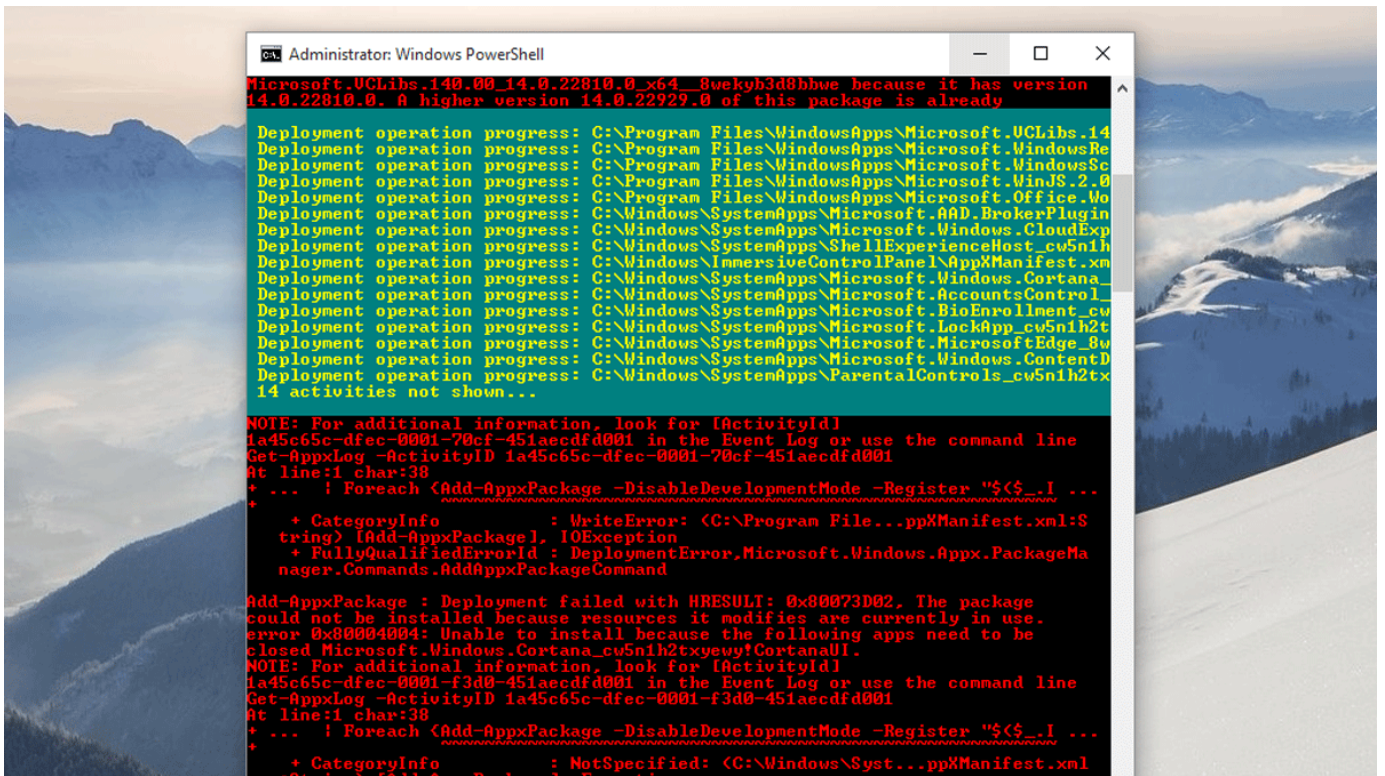
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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.10240]
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>powershell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Get-AppXPackage -AllUsers | Foreach {Add-AppxPackage -DisableDevelopmentMode -Register "$($_.InstallLocation)\AppXManifest.xml"}_
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The command is partially visible and ends with an underscore. The background of the window shows a scenic view of snow-capped mountains under a blue sky.

Press enter, the process will run. Don't be put off by the red error messages which might appear.



This is normal, if a little terrifying, but when the process has finished you'll see the prompt appear at the bottom of the panel. Close the window and hopefully your Start menu will be fully operational once more.