Windows Activation - User Friendly Version

1. First of all, if you are not already on campus, you will have to connect to the UT VPN, **this is an essential step. If you skip it, activation will not work**
   a. UT VPN - University of Texas Virtual Private Network. The UT VPN service is free for use by all current faculty, staff, and students. It provides an encrypted connection from an off-campus computer to the VPN server located on the UT campus. This is useful for ensuring your connection to a UT server is encrypted and secure when accessing it from an off-campus location. Some servers are configured to only allow access from off-campus computers if those computers are connected to the UT VPN service.
   b. On windows, there is a search bar in the lower left corner of your screen. Click on it and start typing Cisco AnyConnect Client, you should see something like this appear in the search results:
   c. Click on it, it will open a window that looks like this:
   d. It will give you different fields that you have to fill out:
      i. **username**: Your UT EID,
      ii. **password**: Your EID password,
      iii. **Second Password**: here you can type either phone (which will send a call to your registered phone number), sms (which will send an SMS to your registered cell phone) or type in temporary 6-digit code from your DUO App. Click **OK**.
   e. At this point you are connected to UT VPN and can go to the next step.

2. The next step would be to open a command prompt on your computer.
   a. In the lower left corner of your screen, in the search bar, type in **cmd**, you should see this pop up in the results:
b. Click **Run as Administrator** to the right:

c. If you do not see the bar on your right, you can **Right Click** on the search history result and choose the same option.

Because you clicked on **Run as Administrator**, it will ask you for Administrator user name and password, which, in this case:

i. **username**: This is your administrator username and you will have to type it **this specific way only**: `.\eid-admin` (where `eid` means your actual UT ISSUED EID, e.g. `.\aa0000-admin`).

ii. **password**: Your EID password.

g. This will launch an elevated command prompt:

h. Here you can type the following command: `cscript c:\windows\system32\slmgr.vbs -ato` and click **Enter** on your keyboard.

j. If you followed all the steps correctly, you should see the following:
Notice that your activation key might be different from the one on this screenshot.

Congratulations, your windows is now activated.