FLUSH THAT DNS & GET THE CACHE OUT
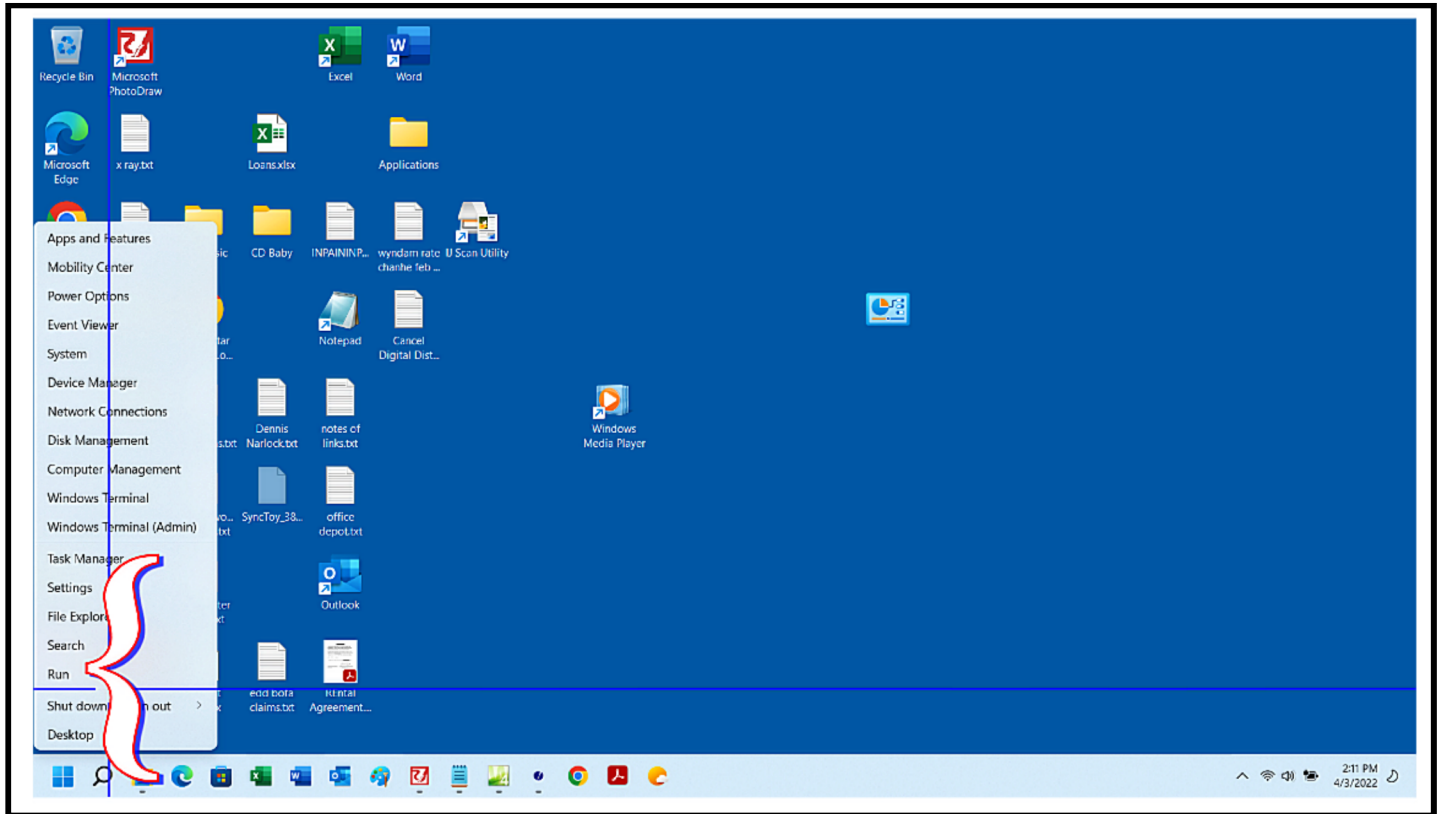
Our systems tend be a lot like felt: things just stick it. Operating systems like to store web addresses and other errata for quicker loading next time around. Except over time, the cache of random data can become corrupted or the information may have changed and no longer valid. So from time to time, we need to flush this collection of digital dust bunnies away. Click **here** for an indepth discussion of the Domain Naming System (DNS) and the many reasons why to periodically flush the DNS.
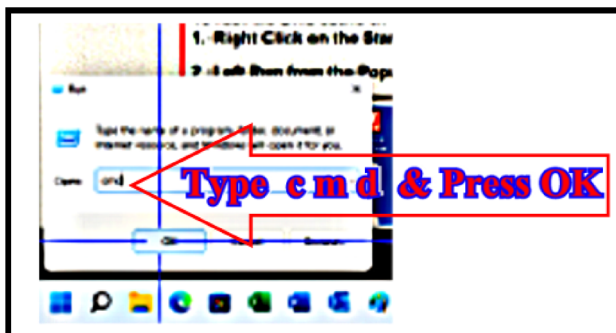
To flush the DNS cache on Windows, we must first open a **Command Prompt**. We do this by a
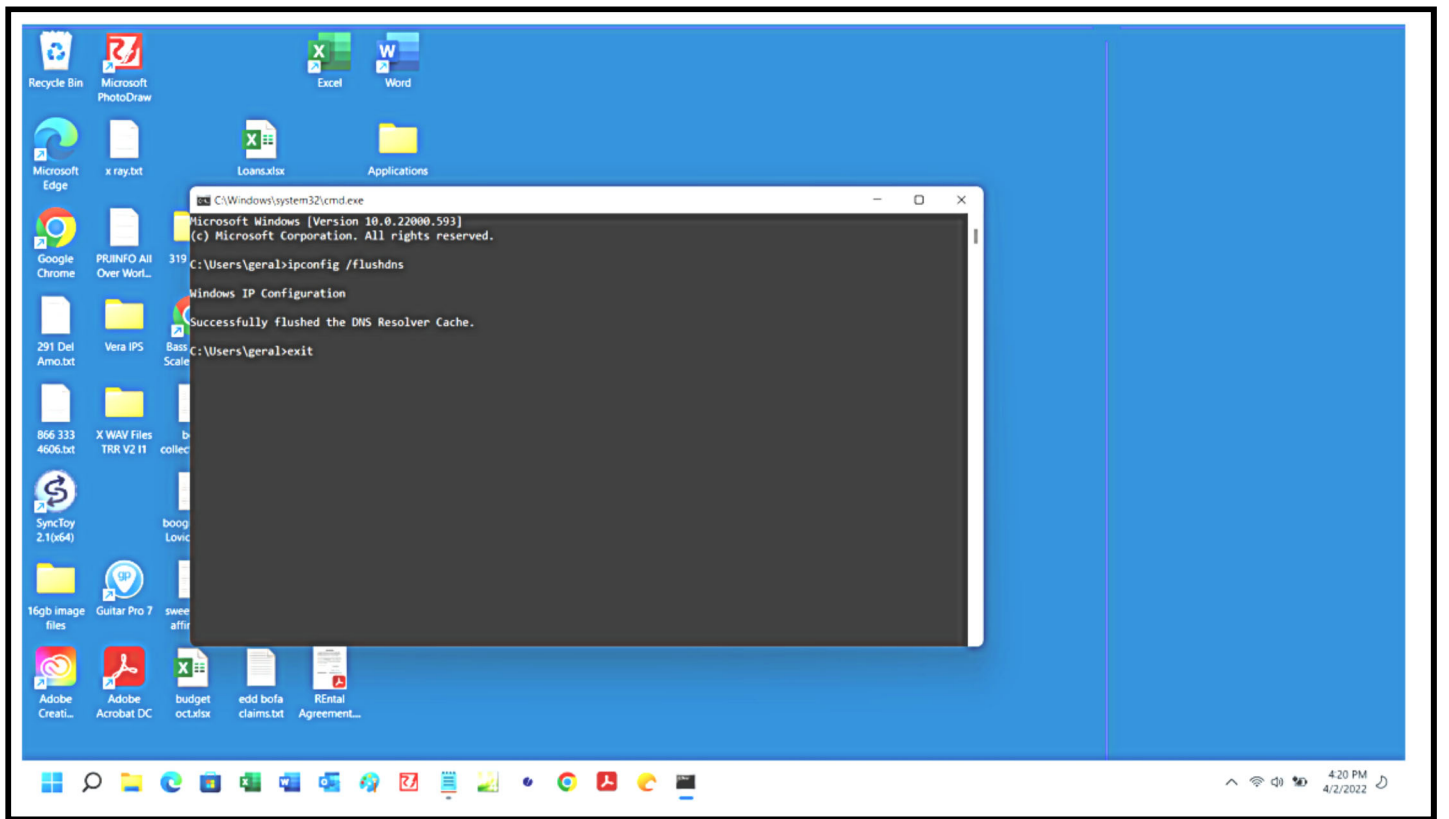**1. Right Click on the Start Button.**

2. Left Run from the Popup Menu

When you click Run, the Command Dialogue box will open. Type **cmd** in the text box and press Enter.   This will open the Command Screen.

Next, from the Command Prompt Copy (Control-C) & Paste (Control-V)the following text: **ipconfig /flushdns** If you chose to type this into the command prompt yourself, take care to type the command exactly as you see it here. After you type the command, push ENTER on the KB. You will see verification that the DNS cache was flushed. Now type "**exit**" to close the COMMAND WINDOW.

Whew! We are the Power User now, aren't we? Opening and closing Command Prompts just like the Pros. I knew you had it in you. Now let's clean out the browser cache.

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