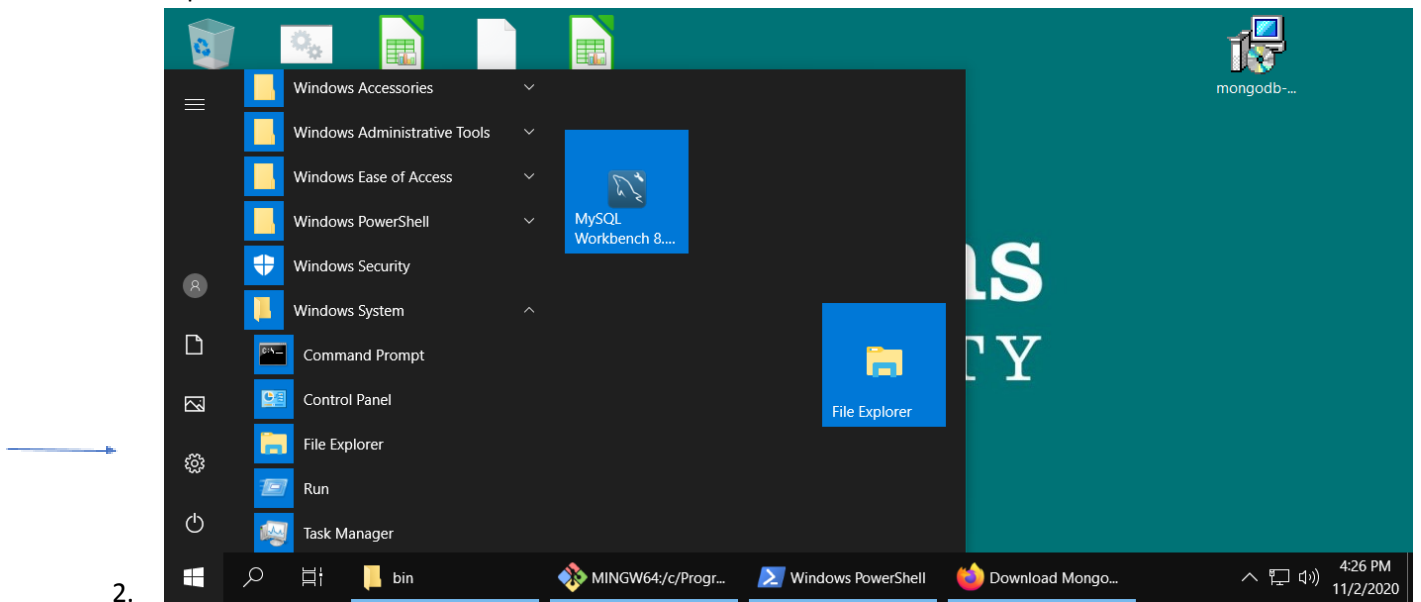


The process for starting up mongo --- how I do it.

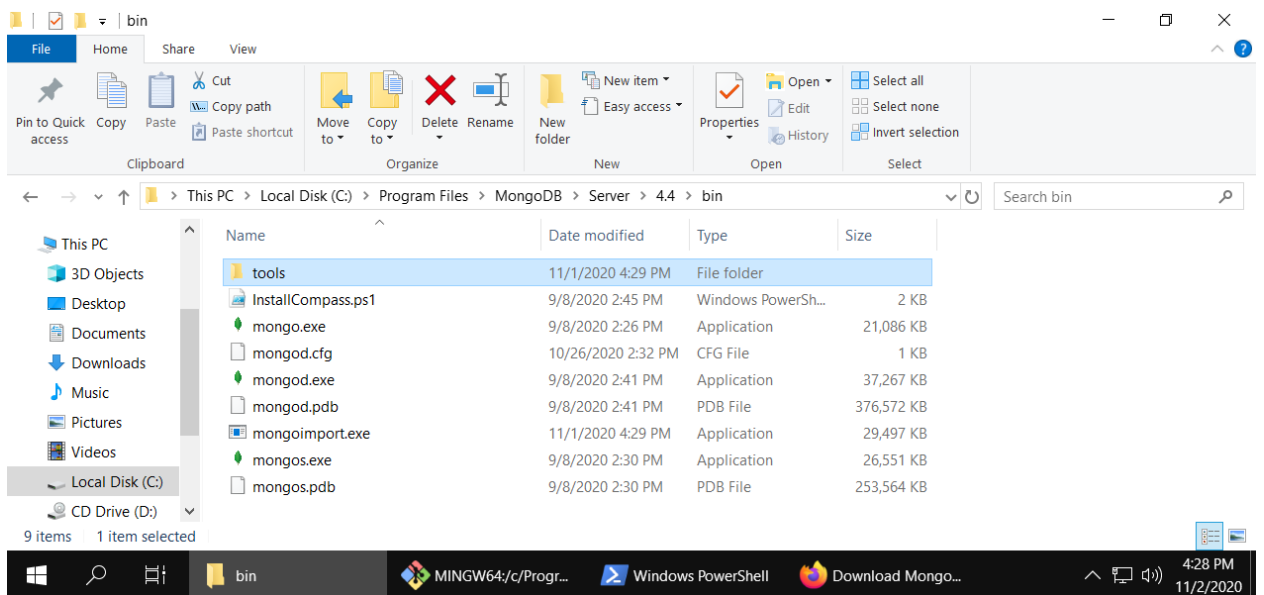
1. Open File Explorer and navigate over to C:\Program File\MongoDB\Server\4.4\bin

If you are using the VM then you can find File Explorer by going to the Start menu (windows icon in the lower right) and scrolling down to Windows System and looking in the sub-menu for File Explorer:

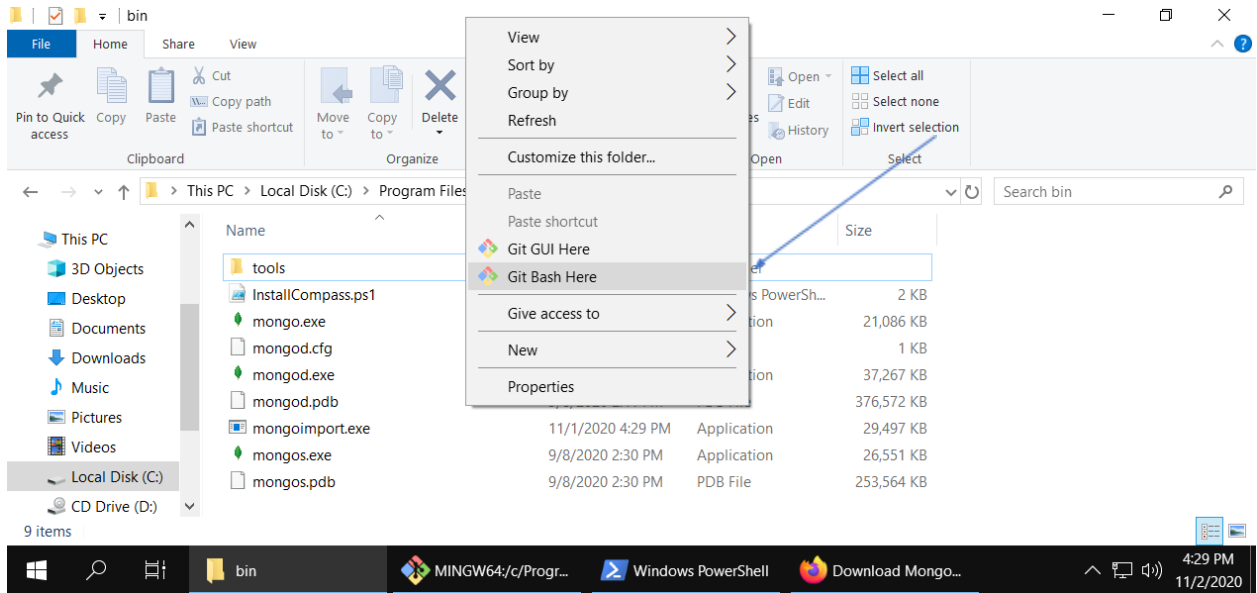


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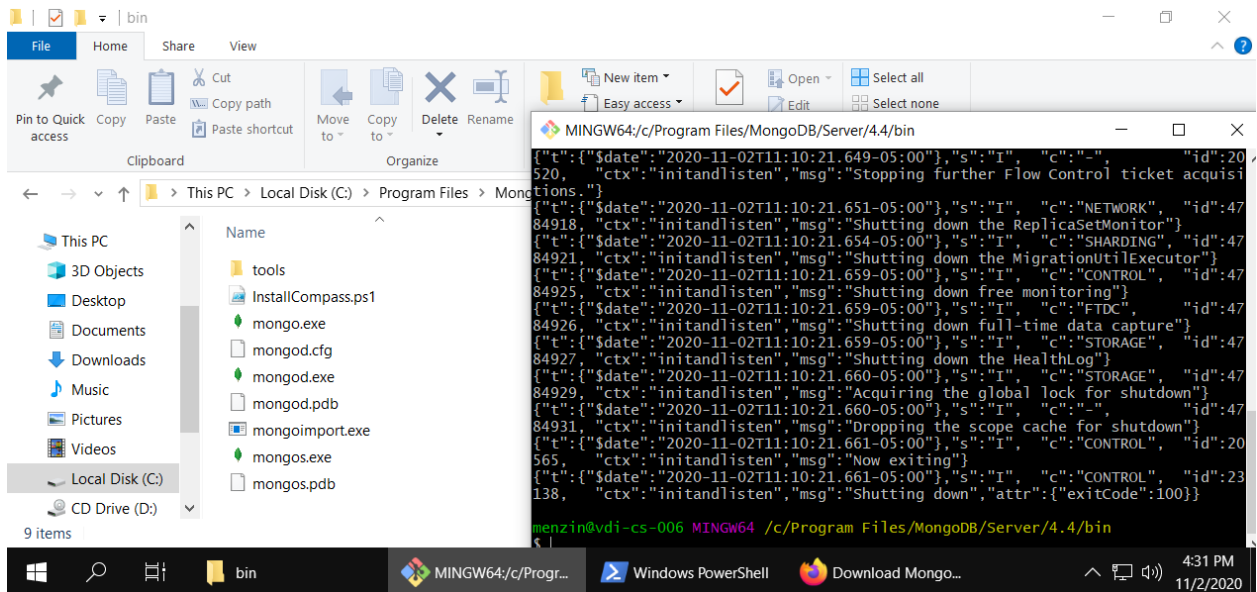
3. When you navigate over to bin it should look like:



- In a blank space on that window ---- NOT on top of a file name --- **right click** and choose **Git Bash here**

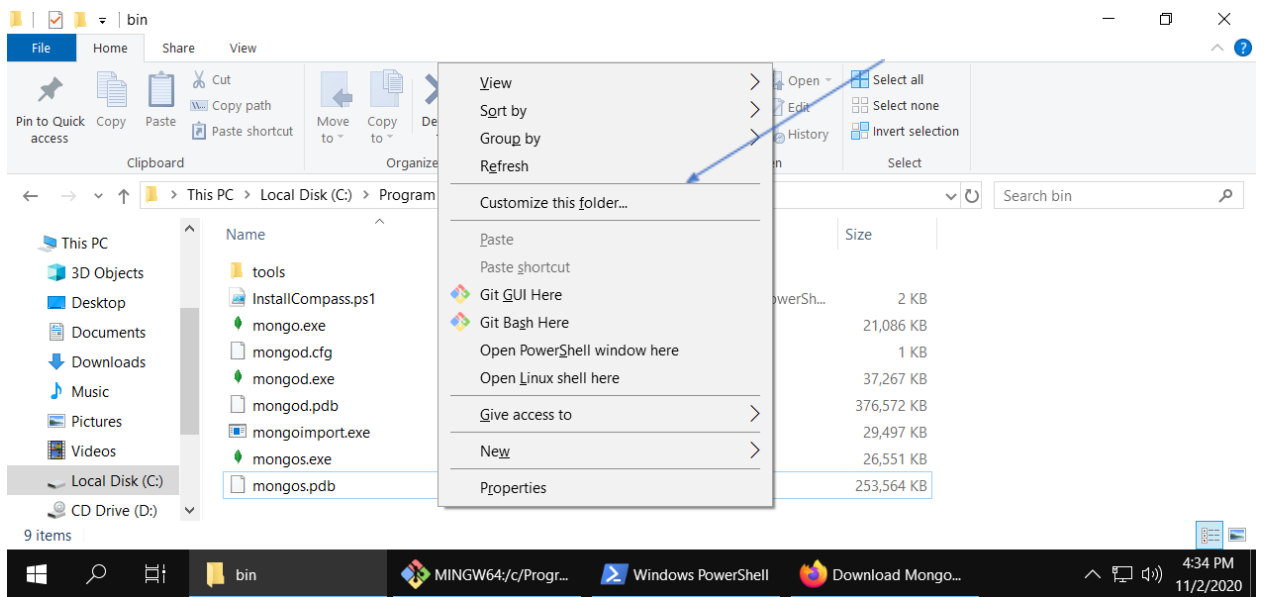


- That will open up the Bash (black) window. In it type **./mongod**
You have now started the database server.
- It looks something like

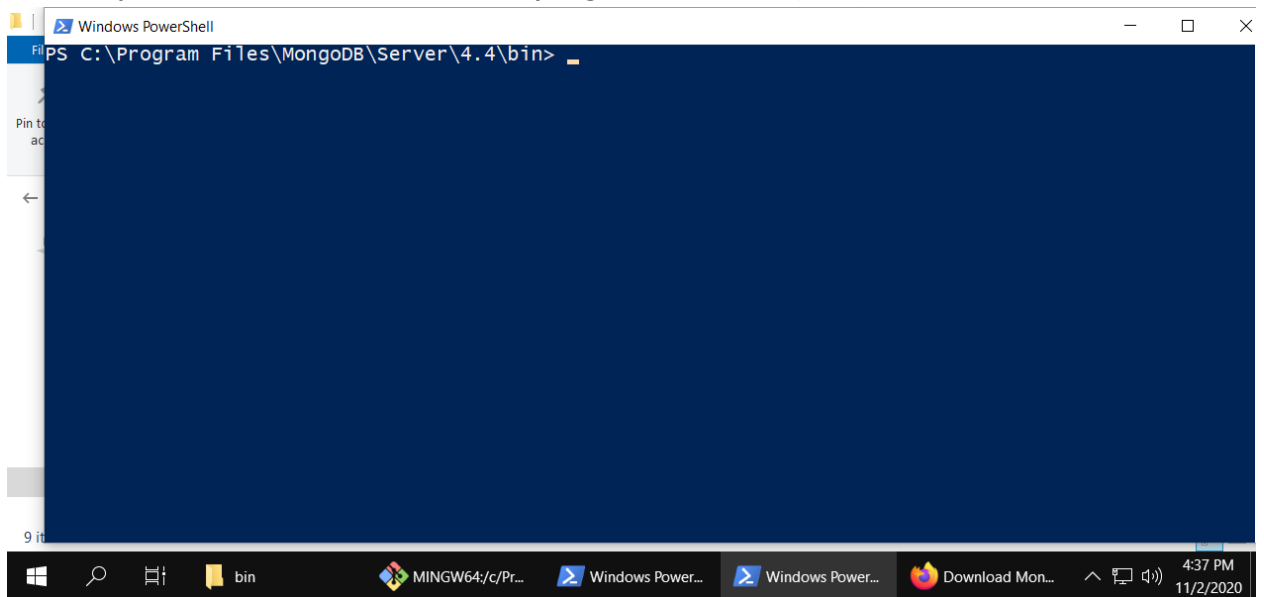


- Minimize the bash (black window)
- Go back to the bin folder and **hold down the shift key while you again right click on a blank area:**
This time choose the Open PowerShell window here. (If you don't see the PowerShell option

then you didn't hold down the shift key when you right-clicked.)



10. Choose **Open PowerShell window here** and you get a PowerShell (blue) screen.



11. Type **./mongo**

You now have the mongo shell running.

12. **If you want to use mongoimport, you must quit the mongo shell by typing quit() in the PowerShell, but staying in the bin folder and leaving the database server mongod running.**

For example you might type
`./mongoimport -db= etc.`

Then when you are done importing, you will again start mongo by typing **./mongo**