

Basics for Computer Nerds!

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WINDOWS: RUN COMMANDS TO START CONTROL PANEL ITEMS

19. JUNE 2013 | ADMIN | 10 COMMENTS

Sometimes it is faster to access Control Panel items via command line than clicking and searching in the UI. To use a command, just press <Windows-Key>-R, which will open the Run window. Then just type the command and press <Enter>.

For the .cpl files, the "control" command can even be left out, so that is even less to type.

Control Panel Applet	Command	OS
Accessibility Options	control access.cpl	XP
Action Center	control /name Microsoft.ActionCenter	8, 7
	control wscui.cpl	8, 7
Add Features to Windows 8	control /name Microsoft.WindowsAnytimeUpgrade	8
Add Hardware	control /name Microsoft.AddHardware	Vista
	control hdwwiz.cpl	XP
Add or Remove Programs	control appwiz.cpl	XP
Administrative Tools	control /name Microsoft.AdministrativeTools	10, 8, 7, Vista
	control admintools	10, 8, 7, Vista, XP
Automatic Updates	control wuauclpl.cpl	XP
AutoPlay	control /name Microsoft.AutoPlay	8, 7, Vista
Backup and Restore Center	control /name Microsoft.BackupAndRestoreCenter	Vista
Backup and Restore	control /name Microsoft.BackupAndRestore	7
Biometric Devices	control /name Microsoft.BiometricDevices	8, 7
BitLocker Drive Encryption	control /name Microsoft.BitLockerDriveEncryption	8, 7, Vista

Bluetooth Devices	control bthprops.cpl ¹³	8, 7, Vista
	control /name Microsoft.BluetoothDevices	Vista
Color Management	control /name Microsoft.ColorManagement	8, 7, Vista
Color ¹	WinColor.exe ²	XP
Credential Manager	control /name Microsoft.CredentialManager	8, 7
Client Service for NetWare	control nwc.cpl	XP
Date and Time	control /name Microsoft.DateAndTime	8, 7, Vista
	control timedate.cpl	8, 7, Vista
	control date/time	8, 7, Vista, XP
Default Location	control /name Microsoft.DefaultLocation	7
Default Programs	control /name Microsoft.DefaultPrograms	8, 7, Vista
Desktop Gadgets	control /name Microsoft.DesktopGadgets	7
Device Manager	control /name Microsoft.DeviceManager	8, 7, Vista
	control hdwwiz.cpl	8, 7, Vista
	devmgmt.msc	8, 7, Vista, XP
Devices and Printers	control /name Microsoft.DevicesAndPrinters	8, 7
	control printers	8, 7
Display	control /name Microsoft.Display	8, 7
	control desk.cpl	XP
	control desktop	XP
Ease of Access Center	control /name Microsoft.EaseOfAccessCenter	10, 8, 7, Vista
	control access.cpl	10, 8, 7, Vista
Family Safety	control /name Microsoft.ParentalControls	8
File History	control /name Microsoft.FileHistory	8
Flash Player Settings Manager	control flashplayercplapp.cpl	8
Folder Options	control /name Microsoft.FolderOptions	8, 7, Vista
	control folders	8, 7, Vista, XP
Fonts	control /name Microsoft.Fonts	8, 7, Vista
	control fonts	8, 7, Vista, XP
Game Controllers	control /name Microsoft.GameControllers	8, 7, Vista

	control joy.cpl	8, 7, Vista, XP
Get Programs	control /name Microsoft.GetPrograms	8, 7, Vista
Getting Started	control /name Microsoft.GettingStarted	7
Home Group	control /name Microsoft.HomeGroup	8, 7
Indexing Options	control /name Microsoft.IndexingOptions	8, 7, Vista
	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL srchadmin.dll	8, 7, Vista, XP
Infrared	control /name Microsoft.Infrared	8, 7
	control irprops.cpl	8, 7, Vista
	control /name Microsoft.InfraredOptions	Vista
Internet Options	control /name Microsoft.InternetOptions	8, 7, Vista
	control inetcp.cpl	8, 7, Vista, XP
iSCSI Initiator	control /name Microsoft.iSCSIInitiator	8, 7, Vista
Keyboard	control /name Microsoft.Keyboard	8, 7, Vista
	control keyboard	8, 7, Vista, XP
Language	control /name Microsoft.Language	8
Location and Other Sensors	control /name Microsoft.LocationAndOtherSensors	7
Location Settings	control /name Microsoft.LocationSettings	8
Mail ⁴	control mlcfg32.cpl ⁵	8, 7, Vista, XP
Mouse	control /name Microsoft.Mouse	8, 7, Vista
	control main.cpl	8, 7, Vista
	control mouse	8, 7, Vista, XP
Network and Sharing Center	control /name Microsoft.NetworkAndSharingCenter	8, 7, Vista
Network Connections	control ncpa.cpl	8, 7, Vista
	control netconnections	8, 7, Vista, XP
Network Setup Wizard	control netsetup.cpl	8, 7, Vista, XP
Notification Area Icons	control /name Microsoft.NotificationAreaIcons	8, 7
ODBC Data Source Administrator	control odbccp32.cpl	XP
Offline Files	control /name Microsoft.OfflineFiles	8, 7, Vista
Parental Controls	control /name Microsoft.ParentalControls	7, Vista

Pen and Input Devices	control /name Microsoft.PenAndInputDevices	Vista
	control tabletpc.cpl	Vista
Pen and Touch	control /name Microsoft.PenAndTouch	8, 7
	control tabletpc.cpl	8, 7
People Near Me	control /name Microsoft.PeopleNearMe	7, Vista
	control collab.cpl	7, Vista
Performance Information and Tools	control /name Microsoft.PerformanceInformationAndTools	8, 7, Vista
Personalization	control /name Microsoft.Personalization	8, 7, Vista
	control desktop	8, 7, Vista
Phone and Modem Options	control /name Microsoft.PhoneAndModemOptions	Vista
	control telephon.cpl	Vista, XP
Phone and Modem	control /name Microsoft.PhoneAndModem	8, 7
	control telephon.cpl	8, 7
Power Options	control /name Microsoft.PowerOptions	8, 7, Vista
	control powercfg.cpl	8, 7, Vista, XP
Printers and Faxes	control printers	XP
Printers	control /name Microsoft.Printers	Vista
	control printers	Vista
Problem Reports and Solutions	control /name Microsoft.ProblemReportsAndSolutions	Vista
Programs and Features	control /name Microsoft.ProgramsAndFeatures	8, 7, Vista
	control appwiz.cpl	8, 7, Vista
Recovery	control /name Microsoft.Recovery	8, 7
Region	control /name Microsoft.RegionAndLanguage	8
	control intl.cpl	8
	control international	8
Region and Language	control /name Microsoft.RegionAndLanguage	7
	control intl.cpl	7
	control international	7
Regional and Language Options	control /name Microsoft.RegionalAndLanguageOptions	Vista

	control intl.cpl	Vista
	control international	Vista, XP
RemoteApp and Desktop Connections	control /name Microsoft.RemoteAppAndDesktopConnections	8, 7
Scanners and Cameras	control /name Microsoft.ScannersAndCameras	8, 7, Vista
	control sticpl.cpl	XP
Scheduled Tasks	control schedtasks	XP
Screen Resolution	control desk.cpl	8, 7
Security Center	control /name Microsoft.SecurityCenter	Vista
	control wscui.cpl	XP
Software Explorers ⁸	msascui.exe ⁹	XP
Sound	control /name Microsoft.Sound	8, 7
	control /name Microsoft.AudioDevicesAndSoundThemes	Vista
	control mmsys.cpl	8, 7, Vista
Sounds and Audio Devices	control mmsys.cpl	XP
Speech Recognition Options	control /name Microsoft.SpeechRecognitionOptions	Vista
Speech Recognition	control /name Microsoft.SpeechRecognition	8, 7
Speech	control sapi.cpl ¹⁰	XP
Storage Spaces	control /name Microsoft.StorageSpaces	8
Sync Center	control /name Microsoft.SyncCenter	8, 7, Vista
System	control /name Microsoft.System	8, 7, Vista
	control sysdm.cpl	XP
System Properties	control sysdm.cpl	8, 7, Vista
Tablet PC Settings	control /name Microsoft.TabletPCSettings	8, 7, Vista
Task Scheduler ⁷	control schedtasks	8, 7, Vista
Taskbar	control /name Microsoft.Taskbar	8
	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Options_RunDLL 1	8
Taskbar and Start Menu	control /name Microsoft.TaskbarAndStartMenu	7, Vista
	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Options_RunDLL 1	7, Vista, XP
Text to Speech	control /name Microsoft.TextToSpeech	8, 7, Vista

Troubleshooting	control /name Microsoft.Troubleshooting	8, 7
User Accounts	control /name Microsoft.UserAccounts	8, 7, Vista
	control userpasswords control userpasswords2	8, 7, Vista, XP
Welcome Center	control /name Microsoft.WelcomeCenter	Vista
Windows 7 File Recovery	control /name Microsoft.BackupAndRestore	8
Windows Anytime Upgrade	control /name Microsoft.WindowsAnytimeUpgrade	7, Vista
Windows CardSpace	control /name Microsoft.CardSpace	7, Vista
	control infocardcpl.cpl	7, Vista
Windows Defender	control /name Microsoft.WindowsDefender	8, 7, Vista
Windows Firewall	control /name Microsoft.WindowsFirewall	8, 7, Vista
	control firewall.cpl	8, 7, Vista, XP
Windows Marketplace	control /name Microsoft.GetProgramsOnline	Vista
Windows Mobility Center	control /name Microsoft.MobilityCenter	10, 8, 7, Vista
Windows Sidebar Properties	control /name Microsoft.WindowsSidebarProperties	Vista
Windows SideShow	control /name Microsoft.WindowsSideShow	8,7, Vista
Windows Update	control /name Microsoft.WindowsUpdate	10, 8, 7, Vista
Wireless Link	control irprops.cpl	XP

10 THOUGHTS ON “WINDOWS: RUN COMMANDS TO START CONTROL PANEL ITEMS”



Cata

8. MARCH 2017 AT 14:45

I'm trying to find the command line to open the screen "Add a Device".

Thanks in advance



★ **Admin**

9. MARCH 2017 AT 15:01

Use

control /name Microsoft.AddHardware

**AndyAdmin**

17. NOVEMBER 2016 AT 20:00

What "mail" in Windows 10 control panel? The command listed here (control mlcfg32.cpl) does not work.

**★ Admin**

18. NOVEMBER 2016 AT 09:46

As it says in the right colum, this command only works for Windows 8, 7, Vista and XP. It does not work for Windows 10.

**Kenny Chu**

27. OCTOBER 2016 AT 05:40

Love your blog this is very useful list of command.
Thankyou

**Deanna**

16. JUNE 2016 AT 19:47

appwiz.cpl also works in Windows 7 (you only have XP listed). Also the use of the word control isn't needed for .cpl items. eg: this works just as we using "appwiz.cpl" as it does using "control appwiz.cpl"

**★ Admin**

16. JUNE 2016 AT 21:42

Deanna

Thanks for this. In Windows 7, "Add/Remove Programs" has been renamed to "Programs and Features", appwiz.cpl is also listed there.

It is correct, "control" can be left out for the .cpl files. I have updated the text to note that.
Thanks.

**Nouredine**

29. DECEMBER 2015 AT 19:44

Thanks for your help, how long you been doing Server and Network Administration?

**Jack Brouwer**

13. NOVEMBER 2015 AT 10:49

Nicely cypasted, as appears from the lacking of the footnotes, corresponding with those of <http://pcsupport.about.com/od/tipstricks/a/control-panel-command-line.htm!>

**★ Admin**

24. NOVEMBER 2015 AT 08:49

There are many pages listing this, and I copied it from somewhere. I do this sometimes as this blog is my private collection of technical information I personally use often, so I have everything on one place.