

How to run Control Panel tools by typing a command

Summary

This article describes how to run Control Panel tools in Windows by typing a command at a command prompt or in the Open box.

More Information

To run a Control Panel tool in Windows, type the appropriate command in the Open box or at a command prompt.

NOTE: If you want to run a command from a command prompt, you must do so from the Windows folder. Also, note that your computer may not have all of the tools listed in this article, as your Windows installation may not include all of these components.

Control panel tool	Command
Accessibility Options	control access.cpl
Add New Hardware	control sysdm.cpl add new hardware
Add/Remove Programs	control appwiz.cpl
Date/Time Properties	control timedate.cpl
Display Properties	control desk.cpl
FindFast	control findfast.cpl
Fonts Folder	control fonts
Internet Properties	control inetcpl.cpl
Joystick Properties	control joy.cpl
Keyboard Properties	control main.cpl keyboard
Microsoft Exchange (or Windows Messaging)	control mlcfg32.cpl
Microsoft Mail Post Office	control wgpocpl.cpl
Modem Properties	control modem.cpl
Mouse Properties	control main.cpl
Multimedia Properties	control mmsys.cpl
Network Properties	control netcpl.cpl
	NOTE: In Windows NT 4.0, Network properties is Ncpa.cpl, not Netcpl.cpl
Password Properties	control password.cpl
PC Card	control main.cpl pc card (PCMCIA)
Power Management (Windows 95)	control main.cpl power
Power Management (Windows 98)	control powercfg.cpl
Printers Folder	control printers
Regional Settings	control intl.cpl
Scanners and Cameras	control sticpl.cpl
Sound Properties	control mmsys.cpl sounds
System Properties	control sysdm.cpl

NOTE: The Scanners and Cameras applet (sticpl.cpl) cannot be run in Windows Millennium. It has been replaced by the Scanners and Cameras Folder, which is similar in function to folders like Printers and Dial-up Networking.

Windows substitutes the name of the tool you want to run for %1%. For example:

"rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL appwiz.cpl".

To run the Users tool in Control Panel, type control Ncpa.cpl users, and then press ENTER.

To run the Users tool for Windows 95/98/Me, type "control inetcpl.cpl users" (without the quotation marks) and then press ENTER.

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