



List of Commands to Open Control Panel Items in Windows 10

How to Create Shortcuts to Open Control Panel Items in Windows 10

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Information

In Windows 10, there are a few different ways to find and change your settings: [Settings](#) app, Control Panel, [app settings](#), and [search](#). Most of the settings that you'll want to change can be found in the Settings app.

The **Control Panel** allows you to view and change settings (controls) for Windows via applets.

[Settings](#) is a modern touch friendly version of the Control Panel that will eventually replace the Control Panel in Windows 10.

This tutorial will provide a list of commands to open or create shortcuts to **Control Panel** items in **Windows 10**.

Note

To create a shortcut:

- 1) Right click or press and hold on your desktop, click/tap on **New**, and click/tap on **Shortcut**.
- 2) Copy the **command** you want from the table below as the "location", and click/tap on **Next**.
- 3) Type a name you want for this shortcut, and click/tap on **Finish**.
- 4) If you like, you can [Pin to Start](#), [Pin to taskbar](#), add to [All apps](#), add to [Quick Launch](#), [assign a keyboard shortcut](#) to, or move this shortcut to where you like for easy use.

Control Panel Item	Commands
Add a Device wizard	%windir%\System32\DevicePairingWizard.exe
Add Hardware wizard	%windir%\System32\hdwwiz.exe
Add a Printer wizard	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,SHHelpShortcuts_RunDLL AddPrinter
Additional Clocks	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL timedate.cpl,,1
Administrative Tools	control /name Microsoft.AdministrativeTools control admintools
AutoPlay	control /name Microsoft.AutoPlay
Backup and Restore (Windows 7)	control /name Microsoft.BackupAndRestoreCenter
BitLocker Drive Encryption	control /name Microsoft.BitLockerDriveEncryption
Color and Appearance	explorer shell:::{ED834ED6-4B5A-4bfe-8F11-A626DCB6A921} -Microsoft
Color Management	control /name Microsoft.ColorManagement
Credential Manager	control /name Microsoft.CredentialManager
Date and Time (Date and Time)	control /name Microsoft.DateAndTime control timedate.cpl control date/time rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL timedate.cpl,,0
Date and Time (Additional Clocks)	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL timedate.cpl,,1
Default Programs	control /name Microsoft.DefaultPrograms
Desktop Background	explorer shell:::{ED834ED6-4B5A-4bfe-8F11-A626DCB6A921} -Microsoft
Desktop Icon Settings	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL desk.cpl,,0
Device Manager	control /name Microsoft.DeviceManager control hdwwiz.cpl devmgmt.msc
Device and Drivers	control /name Microsoft.DeviceManager

	control printers
Ease of Access Center	control /name Microsoft.EaseOfAccessCenter control access.cpl
File Explorer Options (General tab)	control /name Microsoft.FolderOptions control folders rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Options_RunDLL 0
File Explorer Options (View tab)	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Options_RunDLL 7
File Explorer Options (Search tab)	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Options_RunDLL 2
File History	control /name Microsoft.FileHistory
Fonts	control /name Microsoft.Fonts control fonts
Game Controllers	control /name Microsoft.GameControllers control joy.cpl
Get Programs	control /name Microsoft.GetPrograms rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL appwiz.cpl,,1
HomeGroup	control /name Microsoft.HomeGroup
Indexing Options	control /name Microsoft.IndexingOptions rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL srchadmin.dll
Infrared	control /name Microsoft.Infrared control irprops.cpl control /name Microsoft.InfraredOptions
Internet Properties (General tab)	control /name Microsoft.InternetOptions control inetcp1.cpl rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcp1.cpl,,0
Internet Properties (Security tab)	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcp1.cpl,,1
Internet Properties (Privacy tab)	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcp1.cpl,,2
Internet Properties (Content tab)	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcp1.cpl,,3
Internet Properties (Connections tab)	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcp1.cpl,,4
Internet Properties (Programs tab)	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcp1.cpl,,5
Internet Properties (Advanced tab)	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcp1.cpl,,6
iSCSI Initiator	control /name Microsoft.iSCSIInitiator
Keyboard	control /name Microsoft.Keyboard control keyboard
Language	control /name Microsoft.Language
Mouse Properties (Buttons tab 0)	control /name Microsoft.Mouse control main.cpl control mouse rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL main.cpl,,0
Mouse Properties (Pointers tab 1)	control main.cpl,,1 rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL main.cpl,,1
Mouse Properties (Pointer Options tab 2)	control main.cpl,,2 rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL main.cpl,,2
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Mouse Properties (Hardware tab 4)	control main.cpl,,4 rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL main.cpl,,4
Network and Sharing Center	control /name Microsoft.NetworkAndSharingCenter

Network Connections	control ncpa.cpl control netconnections
Network Setup Wizard	control netsetup.cpl
Notification Area Icons	explorer shell:::{05d7b0f4-2121-4eff-bf6b-ed3f69b894d9}
ODBC Data Source Administrator	control odbccp32.cpl
Offline Files	control /name Microsoft.OfflineFiles
Performance Options (Visual Effects)	%windir%\system32\SystemPropertiesPerformance.exe
Performance Options (Data Execution Prevention)	%windir%\system32\SystemPropertiesDataExecutionPrevention.exe
Personalization	explorer shell:::{ED834ED6-4B5A-4bfe-8F11-A626DCB6A921}
Phone and Modem	control /name Microsoft.PhoneAndModem control telephon.cpl
Power Options	control /name Microsoft.PowerOptions control powercfg.cpl
Power Options - Advanced settings	control powercfg.cpl,,1
Power Options - Create a Power Plan	control /name Microsoft.PowerOptions /page pageCreateNewPlan
Power Options - Edit Plan Settings	control /name Microsoft.PowerOptions /page pagePlanSettings
Power Options - System Settings	control /name Microsoft.PowerOptions /page pageGlobalSettings
Presentation Settings	%windir%\system32\PresentationSettings.exe
Programs and Features	control /name Microsoft.ProgramsAndFeatures control appwiz.cpl
Recovery	control /name Microsoft.Recovery
Region (Formats tab)	control /name Microsoft.RegionAndLanguage control /name Microsoft.RegionalAndLanguageOptions /page /p:"Format" control intl.cpl control international
Region (Location tab)	control /name Microsoft.RegionalAndLanguageOptions /page /p:"Location"
Region (Administrative tab)	control /name Microsoft.RegionalAndLanguageOptions /page /p:"Administrative"
RemoteApp and Desktop Connections	control /name Microsoft.RemoteAppAndDesktopConnections
Scanners and Cameras	control /name Microsoft.ScannersAndCameras control sticpl.cpl
Screen Saver Settings	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL desk.cpl,,1
Security and Maintenance	control /name Microsoft.ActionCenter control wscui.cpl
Set Associations	control /name Microsoft.DefaultPrograms /page pageFileAssoc
Set Default Programs	control /name Microsoft.DefaultPrograms /page pageDefaultProgram
Set Program Access and Computer Defaults	rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL appwiz.cpl,,3
Sound (Playback tab)	control /name Microsoft.Sound control mmsys.cpl %windir%\System32\rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL mmsys.cpl
Sound (Recording tab)	%windir%\System32\rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL mmsys.cpl
Sound (Sounds tab)	%windir%\System32\rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL mmsys.cpl
Sound (Communications tab)	%windir%\System32\rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL mmsys.cpl
Speech Recognition	control /name Microsoft.SpeechRecognition
Storage Spaces	control /name Microsoft.StorageSpaces
Sync Center	control /name Microsoft.SyncCenter
System	control /name Microsoft.System control sysdm.cpl

System Properties (Computer Name)	%windir%\System32\SystemPropertiesComputerName.exe
System Properties (Hardware)	%windir%\System32\SystemPropertiesHardware.exe
System Properties (Advanced)	%windir%\System32\SystemPropertiesAdvanced.exe
System Properties (System Protection)	%windir%\System32\SystemPropertiesProtection.exe
System Properties (Remote)	%windir%\System32\SystemPropertiesRemote.exe
Tablet PC Settings	control /name Microsoft.TabletPCSettings
Text to Speech	control /name Microsoft.TextToSpeech
Troubleshooting	
User Accounts	control /name Microsoft.UserAccounts control userpasswords
User Accounts (netplwiz)	netplwiz control userpasswords2
Windows Defender Antivirus	"%ProgramFiles%\Windows Defender\MSASCui.exe"
Windows Defender Firewall	control /name Microsoft.WindowsFirewall control firewall.cpl
Windows Features	%windir%\System32\OptionalFeatures.exe rundll32.exe shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL appwiz.cpl,,2
Windows Mobility Center	control /name Microsoft.MobilityCenter
Windows To Go	%windir%\System32\pwcreator.exe
Work Folders	%windir%\System32\WorkFolders.exe

That's it,
Shawn

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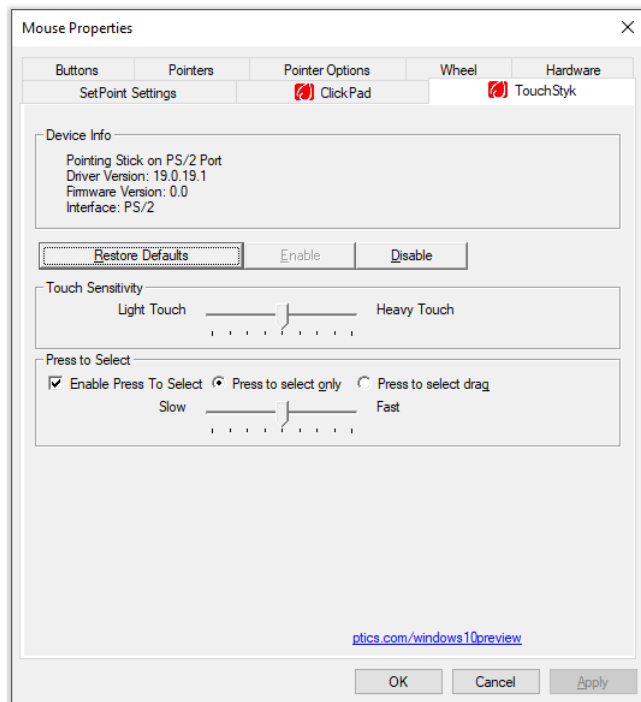
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Launching to a given Mouse Properties tab doesn't seem to work when you have 3rd party drivers installed. It always opens to the last tab:



Any idea how to get around this?

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Hello Michael, :)

Which command did you use?

Which tab in Mouse Properties did you want to have it open to?

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I'm hoping to get to Pointer Options, but neither command has any effect.

Thanks for your help!

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#4

I just tested on my laptop that also has 3rd party Synaptics touchpad drivers installed, and I get the same thing.

No matter which Mouse Properties command I use, it will always open to the 3rd party tab. I don't remember it doing this in Windows 7/8.

I haven't found a way around it yet either. 😞

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Jack

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