

# Windows Start | Run commands

Description ↕	Run Command ↕
Accessibility Options	utilman or control access.cpl
Add Hardware Wizard	hdwwiz
Programs and Features (Add New Programs) (Add Remove Windows Components) (Set Program Access & Defaults )	appwiz.cpl control appwiz.cpl,,1 control appwiz.cpl,,2 control appwiz.cpl,,3
Administrative Tools	control admintools
Advanced User Accounts Control Panel	netplwiz
Authorization Manager	azman.msc
Automatic Update	control wuauclt.cpl
Backup and Restore Utility	sdclt
Bluetooth Transfer Wizard	fsquirt
Calculator	calc
Certificate Manager	certmgr.msc
Character Map	charmap
Check Disk Utility	chkdsk
Clear Type (tune or turn off)	cttune
Color Management	colorcpl.exe
Command Prompt	cmd
Component Services	dcomcnfg or comexp.msc
Computer Management	CompMgmtLauncher.exe or compmgmt.msc
Control Panel	control

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Credential (passwords) Backup and Restore Wizard	credwiz
Data Execution Prevention	SystemPropertiesDataExecutionPrevention
Date and Time Properties	timedate.cpl
Device Manager	hdwwiz or devmgmt.msc
Device Pairing Wizard	DevicePairingWizard
Digitizer Calibration Tool (Tablets/Touch screens)	tabcal
Direct X Control Panel (if installed)	directx.cpl
Direct X Troubleshooter	dxdiag
Disk Cleanup Utility	cleanmgr
Disk Defragmenter	dfrgui defrag
Disk Management	diskmgmt.msc
Disk Partition Manager	diskpart
Display Color Calibration	dccw
Display DPI / Text size	dpiscaling
Display Properties (Themes, Desktop, Screensaver)	control desktop
Display Properties (Resolution, Orientation)	desk.cpl
Display Properties (Color & Appearance)	control color
Documents (open 'My Documents' folder)	documents
Downloads (open 'Downloads' folder)	downloads
Driver Verifier Utility	verifier
DVD Player	dvdplay
Edit Environment Variables	rundll32.exe sysdm.cpl,EditEnvironmentVariables
Encrypting File System Wizard (EFS)	rekeywiz
Event Viewer	eventvwr.msc
File Signature Verification Tool (Device drivers)	sigverif
Files and Settings Transfer Tool	%systemroot%\system32\migwiz\migwiz.exe

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Firewall Control Panel	<code>firewall.cpl</code>
Folders Properties	<code>control folders</code>
Fonts list	<code>control fonts</code>
Font preview	<code>fontview arial.ttf</code>
Game Controllers	<code>joy.cpl</code>
Local Group Policy Editor	<code>gpedit.msc</code>
Internet Properties	<code>inetcpl.cpl</code>
IP Configuration	<code>ipconfig</code>
iSCSI Initiator configuration	<code>iscsicpl</code>
Keyboard Properties	<code>control keyboard</code>
Language Pack Installer	<code>lpksetup</code>
Local Security Policy	<code>secpol.msc</code>
Local Users and Groups	<code>lusrmgr.msc</code>
Log out	<code>logoff</code>
Microsoft Malicious Software Removal Tool	<code>mrt</code>
Microsoft Management Console	<code>mmc</code>
Access (Microsoft Office)	<code>msaccess</code>
Excel (Microsoft Office)	<code>Excel</code>
Powerpoint (Microsoft Office)	<code>powerpnt</code>
Word (Microsoft Office)	<code>winword</code>
Microsoft Paint	<code>mspaint</code>
Microsoft Support Diagnostic Tool	<code>msdt</code>
Mouse Properties	<code>control mouse</code> or <code>main.cpl</code>
Network Connections	<code>control netconnections</code> or <code>ncpa.cpl</code>
Projector: Connect to Network Projector Switch projector display	<code>netproj</code>  <code>displayswitch</code>

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Notepad	notepad
ODBC Data Source Admin Default ODBC driver: 32-bit ODBC driver under 64-bit platform:	C:\windows\system32\odbcad32.exe C:\windows\sysWOW64\odbcad32.exe
ODBC configuration - Install/configure MDAC drivers	odbcconf
On Screen Keyboard	osk
OOB Getting Started	gettingstarted
Password - Create a Windows Password Reset Disk (USB)	"C:\Windows\system32\rundll32.exe" keymgr.dll,PRShowSaveWizardExW
Password - Change Password	C:\Windows\explorer.exe shell:::{2559a1f2-21d7-11d4-bdaf-00c04f60b9f0}
Pen and Touch (Tablet/Pen input configuration)	tabletpc.cpl
Performance Monitor	perfmon.msc ('perfmon /rel' for the Reliability Monitor)
Phone and Modem Options	telephon.cpl
Phone Dialer	dialer
Power Configuration	powercfg.cpl and <a href="#">powercfg.exe</a>
Presentation Settings	PresentationSettings
<b>Problem Steps Recorder</b>	<a href="#">psr</a>
Program Access and Computer Defaults - browser / email / media	computerdefaults
Printers and Faxes	control printers
Print Management (.msc)	PrintManagement
Printer Migration (backup/restore)	printbrmui and <a href="#">printbrm.exe</a>
Printer user interface (List all printui.dll options)	printui
Private Character Editor	eudcedit
Regional Settings - Language, Date/Time format, keyboard locale.	intl.cpl
Registry Editor	<a href="#">regedit</a>
Remote Assistance	msra
<b>Remote Desktop</b>	<a href="#">mstsc</a>
Resource Monitor	resmon

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Resultant Set of Policy	rsop.msc
Settings (Windows 10)	ms-settings:
Scheduled Tasks	control schedtasks
Screenshot Snipping Tool	snippingtool
Security Center	wscui.cpl
Services	services.msc
Shared Folder Wizard	shrpwbw
Shared Folders	fsmgmt.msc
Shut Down Windows	shutdown
Software Licensing/Activation	slui
Sounds and Audio	mmsys.cpl
Sound Recorder	soundrecorder
Sound Volume	sndvol
Synchronization Tool (Offline files)	mobsync
System Configuration Utility	msconfig
System File Checker Utility (Scan/Purge)	sfc
System Information	msinfo32
System Properties	sysdm.cpl SystemProperties or sysdm.cpl DisplaySYSDMCPL
System Properties - Performance	SystemPropertiesPerformance
System Properties - Hardware	SystemPropertiesHardware
System Properties - Advanced	SystemPropertiesAdvanced
System Repair - Create a System Repair Disc	recdisc
System Restore	rstrui.exe
Task Manager	taskmgr
Task Scheduler	taskschd.msc
Telnet Client	telnet
Trusted Platform Module Initialization Wizard	tpmInit

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User Accounts (Autologon)	<code>control userpasswords2</code>
User Account Control (UAC) Settings	<code>UserAccountControlSettings</code>
User Profiles - Edit/Change type	<code>C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe sysdm.cpl,EditUserProfiles</code>
Windows Disc Image Burning Tool	<code>isoburn C:\movies\madmax.iso</code>
Windows Explorer	<code>explorer.exe</code> <code>explorer.exe .</code> Will open at the current directory
Windows Features	<code>optionalfeatures</code>
Windows Firewall	<code>firewall.cpl</code>
Windows Firewall with Advanced Security	<code>wf.msc</code>
Windows Image Acquisition (scanner)	<code>wiaacmgr</code>
Windows Magnifier	<code>magnify</code>
Windows Management Infrastructure	<code>wmimgmt.msc</code>
Windows Memory Diagnostic Scheduler	<code>mdsched</code>
Windows Mobility Center (Mobile PCs only)	<code>mblctr</code>
Windows PowerShell	<code>powershell</code>
Windows PowerShell ISE	<code>powershell_ise</code>
Windows Security Action Center	<code>wscui.cpl</code>
Windows Script Host(VBScript)	<code>wscript NAME_OF_SCRIPT.VBS</code>
Windows System Security Tool. Encrypt the SAM database. (boot password.)	<code>syskey</code>
Windows Update	<code>wuapp</code>
Windows Update Standalone Installer	<code>wusa</code>
Windows Version (About Windows)	<code>winver</code>
WordPad	<code>write</code>

Unless indicated otherwise, all the commands above work in all versions of Windows from Vista upwards.  
Most of these utilities can be found in `%systemroot%\System32\`

*“The Macintosh uses an experimental pointing device called a 'mouse.' There is no evidence that people want to use these things” ~ John Dvorak*

**Related commands:**

[ms-settings](#) - Shortcuts to settings.  
[Keyboard shortcuts](#) For CMD, PowerShell and Windows.  
[MMC Snap-ins](#) - Admin commands.  
[Shell: folder](#) - Shortcuts to key folders.  
[ProfileFolders](#) - Location of user profile folders.  
[Run a script](#) - How to create and run a batch file.  
[START](#) - Start a program, command or batch file.  
[EXPLORER](#) - Open Windows Explorer.