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[156 Useful Run Commands](#)



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About a year ago now, I wrote an article on my old site, FixMyXP, called 99 Useful Run Commands. Over the course of the year, this article has brought in an enormous amount of traffic and really put FixMyXP on the map, over **800,000 hits!** This article even has been plagerized numerous times (other websites copying and pasting into their websites, and claiming it as their own)...(Continued)

... Because there was so much interest in this topic, I revisited it a few times (raising the total number of Run Commands from 99 to 113). I felt it was time again, to update. I was suprised that I was able to add an addtional 43 more Run Commands, bringing the total to 156! I hope you enjoy!

11/27/05

Added 16 Additional Run Commands

Removed 2 Duplicates.

Total : 113 Run Commands

3/18/06

Added 2 Additional Run Commands

Removed 1 Duplicate.

Total : 114 Run Commands

3/27/06

Added 42 Additional Run Commands,

Total : 156 Run Commands

Do you use the Run feature in Windows XP? For most, this feature remains unused (or rarely used). Why is that? Well, First off nearly all of the Run Commands Correspond to a particular Control Panel Item or a Utility, Tool or Task that can be accessed through Windows. There are, however, tools and utilities that I bet you never knew you had that can be accessed through the Run feature. The main reason most people don't use the Run feature is because they don't know the Commands. So, to solve that problem, I decided to put together the following listing, which lists 99 Run Commands and what they correspond too...

To Access...	Run Command
Accessibility Controls	access.cpl
Accessibility Wizard	accwiz
Add Hardware Wizard	hdwwiz.cpl
Add/Remove Programs	appwiz.cpl
Administrative Tools	control admintools
Adobe Acrobat (if installed)	acrobat
Adobe Designer (if installed)	formdesigner
Adobe Distiller (if installed)	acrodist
Adobe ImageReady (if installed)	imageready
Adobe Photoshop (if installed)	photoshop
Automatic Updates	wuauclpl.cpl
Bluetooth Transfer Wizard	fsquirt
Calculator	calc
Certificate Manager	certmgr.msc
Character Map	charmap
Check Disk Utility	chkdsk

Clipboard Viewer	clipbrd
Command Prompt	cmd
Component Services	dcomcnfg
Computer Management	compmgmt.msc
Control Panel	control
Date and Time Properties	timedate.cpl
DDE Shares	ddeshare
Device Manager	devmgmt.msc
Direct X Control Panel (if installed)*	directx.cpl
Direct X Troubleshooter	dxdiag
Disk Cleanup Utility	cleanmgr
Disk Defragment	dfrg.msc
Disk Management	diskmgmt.msc
Disk Partition Manager	diskpart
Display Properties	control desktop
Display Properties	desk.cpl
Display Properties (w/Appearance Tab Preselected)	control color
Dr. Watson System Troubleshooting Utility	drwtsn32
Driver Verifier Utility	verifier
Event Viewer	eventvwr.msc
Files and Settings Transfer Tool	migwiz
File Signature Verification Tool	sigverif
Findfast	findfast.cpl
Firefox (if installed)	firefox
Folders Properties	folders
Fonts	control fonts
Fonts Folder	fonts
Free Cell Card Game	freecell
Game Controllers	joy.cpl
Group Policy Editor (XP Prof)	gpedit.msc
Hearts Card Game	mshearts
Help and Support	helpctr
HyperTerminal	hypertrm
Iexpress Wizard	iexpress
Indexing Service	ciadv.msc
Internet Connection Wizard	icwconn1
Internet Explorer	iexplore
Internet Properties	inetcpl.cpl

Internet Setup Wizard	inetwiz
IP Configuration (Display Connection Configuration)	ipconfig /all
IP Configuration (Display DNS Cache Contents)	ipconfig /displaydns
IP Configuration (Delete DNS Cache Contents)	ipconfig /flushdns
IP Configuration (Release All Connections)	ipconfig /release
IP Configuration (Renew All Connections)	ipconfig /renew
IP Configuration (Refreshes DHCP & Re-Registers DNS)	ipconfig /registerdns
IP Configuration (Display DHCP Class ID)	ipconfig /showclassid
IP Configuration (Modifies DHCP Class ID)	ipconfig /setclassid
Java Control Panel (if installed)	jplicpl32.cpl
Java Control Panel (if installed)	javaws
Keyboard Properties	control keyboard
Local Security Settings	secpol.msc
Local Users and Groups	lusrmgr.msc
Logs You Out Of Windows	logoff
Malicious Software Removal Tool	mrt
Microsoft Access (if installed)	msaccess
Microsoft Chat	winchat
Microsoft Excel (if installed)	excel
Microsoft Frontpage (if installed)	frontpg
Microsoft Movie Maker	moviemk
Microsoft Paint	mspaint
Microsoft Powerpoint (if installed)	powerpnt
Microsoft Word (if installed)	winword
Microsoft Synchronization Tool	mobsync
Minesweeper Game	winmine
Mouse Properties	control mouse
Mouse Properties	main.cpl
Nero (if installed)	nero
Netmeeting	conf
Network Connections	control netconnections
Network Connections	ncpa.cpl
Network Setup Wizard	netsetup.cpl
Notepad	notepad
Nview Desktop Manager (if installed)	nvtuicpl.cpl
Object Packager	packager
ODBC Data Source Administrator	odbccp32.cpl
On Screen Keyboard	osk

Opens AC3 Filter (if installed)	ac3filter.cpl
Outlook Express	msimn
Paint	pbrush
Password Properties	password.cpl
Performance Monitor	perfmon.msc
Performance Monitor	perfmon
Phone and Modem Options	telephon.cpl
Phone Dialer	dialer
Pinball Game	pinball
Power Configuration	powercfg.cpl
Printers and Faxes	control printers
Printers Folder	printers
Private Character Editor	eudcedit
Quicktime (If Installed)	QuickTime.cpl
Quicktime Player (if installed)	quicktimeplayer
Real Player (if installed)	realplay
Regional Settings	intl.cpl
Registry Editor	regedit
Registry Editor	regedit32
Remote Access Phonebook	rasphone
Remote Desktop	mstsc
Removable Storage	ntmsmgr.msc
Removable Storage Operator Requests	ntmsoprq.msc
Resultant Set of Policy (XP Prof)	rsop.msc
Scanners and Cameras	sticpl.cpl
Scheduled Tasks	control schedtasks
Security Center	wscui.cpl
Services	services.msc
Shared Folders	fsmgmt.msc
Shuts Down Windows	shutdown
Sounds and Audio	mmsys.cpl
Spider Solitaire Card Game	spider
SQL Client Configuration	cliconfg
System Configuration Editor	sysedit
System Configuration Utility	msconfig
System File Checker Utility (Scan Immediately)	sfc /scannow
System File Checker Utility (Scan Once At The Next Boot)	sfc /scanonce
System File Checker Utility (Scan On Every Boot)	sfc /scanboot

System File Checker Utility (Return Scan Setting To Default)	sfc /revert
System File Checker Utility (Purge File Cache)	sfc /purgecache
System File Checker Utility (Sets Cache Size to size x)	sfc /cachesize=x
System Information	msinfo32
System Properties	sysdm.cpl
Task Manager	taskmgr
TCP Tester	tcptest
Telnet Client	telnet
Tweak UI (if installed)	tweakui
User Account Management	nusrmgr.cpl
Utility Manager	utilman
Windows Address Book	wab
Windows Address Book Import Utility	wabmig
Windows Backup Utility (if installed)	ntbackup
Windows Explorer	explorer
Windows Firewall	firewall.cpl
Windows Magnifier	magnify
Windows Management Infrastructure	wmimgmt.msc
Windows Media Player	wmplayer
Windows Messenger	msmsgs
Windows Picture Import Wizard (need camera connected)	wiaacmgr
Windows System Security Tool	syskey
Windows Update Launches	wupdmgr
Windows Version (to show which version of windows)	winver
Windows XP Tour Wizard	tourstart
Wordpad	write

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desparatemanagementstudenttolearnadvancedcomputer said:



this is probably one of the good things posted in the internet.

thank you for being one of the nice people. great post!

it would be very helpful to me because i really want to learn about the run command. all i know in the run command is the msconfig and the regedit.

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June 19, 2008

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YOU ROCK, *Lowly rated comment* [[Show](#)]

GG said:



Thanks for the good commands it's saving my lot of time. thanks a lot.

thanks

GG

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good, *Lowly rated comment* [[Show](#)]

nuthead said:



Fantastic!! thanks very much! 😊

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JaN... said:



Thanks,
it is the largiest list, which i found about run command.

It's allready in my flags.

Thanks

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U doing a create job..brother!, *Lowly rated comment* [[Show](#)]

Rnifexe said:



The windows run command is a very useful utility that a lot of people do not appreciate.
Sometimes it feels better navigating your computer through keyboard. Makes you like a professional.

Thanks for sharing man...

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FANTASTIC YAR I CANT THINK RUN COMAD VERY EASILY FOUND., *Lowly rated comment* [[Show](#)]

what about switches, *Lowly rated comment* [[Show](#)]

44.robot said:



this list is the s&^t, thank you,not till now have i discovered such a list.

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bugnar ciprian said:




i find this list very useful. i got a problem though: i need to create a timer to run a program periodically, every 20 minutes, because the setting for the program is to stop after 20 minutes of inactivity and the licences to run it once at a time are not to many...

can you help?

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Aaron said:

 Thanks for this great list of commands!
I use Microsoft Access regularly and I noticed one error...

Accessibility Controls | access.cpl
Microsoft Access (if installed) | access.cpl


The command access.cpl can only open one program or the other, lol 😏.

The actual shortcut for **Microsoft Access** is **msaccess**.

Just thought I would pass that along.


Thanks again!
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thedon said:

 you can add some more run commands
1)microsoft office communicator 2005 - communicator
2)Microsoft Remote Assistance - msra
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jimmyc said:

 Awesome list. If you are really into typing commands, check out Slickrun. It lets you basically create your own run commands, you can use it to open up websites (even google searches), directories, unc paths, and basically anything on your computer.
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David said:



Thanks for these; they're very useful.

Some of the special folder names can be typed in as run commands - you need to enclose the name in quotes if it has two words. The list is a bit arbitrary; for example, "My Documents" and "Local Settings" work, but not "My Computer" or "My Pictures". There are bound to be others.

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Billy said:



Wicked list, there will come in very handy

Cheers
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Votes: -1

Marius Seven said:



i think you mean msaccess not mscaccess in order to access ms Access.

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Ahamed Mydul Haque Chowdhury said:




Fantastic! superv!! mind blowing run commands..... 😎😎


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goodboy said:

 Great Work, but you have mistakenly repeated some commands. Hope you will correct them and write many other commands. Keep up the good work.
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July 30, 2008
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alex san jose said:


 This is a great sites... everything you need about run command is here!..
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August 03, 2008
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kamani Rupesh` said:

 hi i m kamani rupesh from rajkot.
this is good info. for me .

thanks
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Administrator said:

 Hi,
you're missing

- inetmgr (invokes IIS management)
- iisreset (stop and start IIS services)

in your list. Keep it up.
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August 05, 2008

Votes: +12

Sketch said:

 Hi all 😊


Can someone help me?? My computer starts a lot of programs when i run windows, i know there is a command so i get in a menu where i can turn those programs off. but i don't know this command :s (sorry for my bad english :p)

Jim 😊
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harun said:


 thanks 😊

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Revathi said:


 Fantastic!!!! very nice!!! It helps lot for me

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August 08, 2008

Votes: +0

praful gupta said:


 ? very good 🙌

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August 19, 2008

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ndoro said:


 ? Good man. Coming from unix background, this is really something. you are great. I think if you have ideas like these you should write a book.

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sameer said:


 ? i like these commands these command are very useful for hardware person which doesnt know any thing i like this commands very much if you have any more tips for computer basic then plz send it to my id my id is [\n '> sam_neharika@yahoo.co.in](mailto:sam_neharika@yahoo.co.in)

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pvsp said:

 ? Wow..mr, you have done a good job..excellent posting


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Tel to ask, *Lowly rated comment* [[Show](#)]



yuvaraj said:

 ? Fantastic!!!! very nice!!! It helps lot for me


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Lakku said:

 hey thanks for that man! may be u can add some more commands,plz do it.i know a few
 of them.have a great day 😊
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surenkumar said:

 I very happy for ur work.Thank u very mach..
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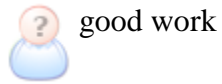
yogesh mahalle said:

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sameer said:

 good work.....
 keep it up 😊
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sameer said:



good work

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grigori said:



to Sketch

type the command in run "msconfig"

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gee said:



Is there a way to create a menu that would have all these options so you could run them without typing at the run command.

I have created a few of these to run in bat files, so that could be a starting point???

Thanks for any ideas

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ivan said:



☹️ Ang Galing ah.. subrang makakatulong to sa akin.. NICE!!! 😊

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o08neo said:



Great!

I searching for this a whole day and finally Thankyou 😊

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September 17, 2008

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C D V R said:



This is a very excellent posting! 😄😄😄

Keep these comming, not very strong on vista, thank you very much!!!

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Suresh Babu said:



Hi Boss ...

Excellent commands..... Kekaoooooooooooooo Kekaaaaaaaaaaaaa Very very very

Nice ..

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September 24, 2008

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Dinakaran said:



This run command is very usefull and excellent time saver.

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Floyd1 said:




&#xTE;MP% - jumps straight to your temp directory.

Plus you can set up your own system variables, wrap them in % signs and explore


straight there...
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October 03, 2008
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Ramanathan said:


 Thanks a lot... Which iam been searching for a long time.....

Thanks a lot..
GOOD work
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October 09, 2008
Votes: +0


awer said:

 Fantastic!!!! very nice!!! It helps lot for me [wow gold](#)
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jeba, *Lowly rated comment* [[Show](#)]

ben3242 said:


 guys i cant find my run i looked everywhere no joke i think its deleted. 😞
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Pachaiyappan said:


 Extremely Good !!! Not knew that it has huge list before !!!
Information is Wealth. Thanks to MyPCHell.com

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Meryl said:

 PREFETCH
is also another RUN command used to delete temp. files. 🤖
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Abhay said:

 were simply gr8
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XyCom said:

 Imagine? , Command Galaxy Shell defined // great insight!!
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sakhawath hossain said:

 its absolutely brilliant.using this i can use PC without mouse
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gssierra said:



Hi,

How do I look at the programs that are automatically started during my windows start up? using a run command?

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..., *Lowly rated comment* [[Show](#)]

Electr0 said:



What's the command to send a msg to the other pc's in the same LAN?

Gr8 list.. keep going

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Harold said:



To access an interactive menu to turn programs off (even those which start automatically) try this powerful shortcut:

\stemroot%system32services.msc /s

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simon said:



thanx. thats awesome! 😊 😄 😁

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hareesh said:


 very nice commands.....

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November 11, 2008

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hareesh said:


 super!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 😊

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November 11, 2008

Votes: +0

Nasir Husain said:


 GREAT!!!! very nice!!! It helps lot for me

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November 13, 2008

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Nasir Husain said:


 GREAT!!!! very nice!!! It helps lot for me

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k dineshbala said:

 very useful commands.
thank u very much.

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November 20, 2008

Votes: -1

Aldo said:



Does anyone have a command similar to "shutdown" but to RESTART Windows???

Thanks in advance for the help.

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November 22, 2008

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Cocoflipper said:



This is fantastic, but I didn't find the command I want. Anyone know the run command for My Documents Properties?

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syafiQ Adam said:



for Sketch:

write 'msconfig' in RUN. Under the tab startup, U unmark all the item. This way, your computer can startup faster. 😊

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November 26, 2008

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zahid afridi said:



thanks thanks thanks very very thanks

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November 29, 2008

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gopal said:



very useful run commands

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kwatery zakopane said:



Thanks for sharing!

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Prabhu Venkatesh said:



Great work 😊

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December 24, 2008

Votes: -1

Mullaiselvan .M said:



Good Job! 😊

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January 04, 2009

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Shuvankar Maitra said: