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**Windows XP Run Commands and Shortcuts**

Windows XP Home / Pro Run Commands and Short Cuts  
  
How To - Click Start, Click Run and enter the command Click OK  
  
**Run commands**  
  
Calc - Calculator   
Cfgwiz32 - ISDN Configuration Wizard   
Charmap - Character Map   
Chkdisk - Repair damaged files   
Cleanmgr - Cleans up hard drives   
Clipbrd - Windows Clipboard viewer   
Cmd - Opens a new Command Window (cmd.exe)   
Control - Displays Control Panel   
Dcomcnfg - DCOM user security   
Debug - Assembly language programming tool   
Defrag - Defragmentation tool   
Drwatson - Records programs crash & snapshots   
Dxdiag - DirectX Diagnostic Utility   
Explorer - Windows Explorer   
Fontview - Graphical font viewer   
Ftp - ftp.exe program   
Hostname - Returns Computer's name   
Ipconfig - Displays IP configuration for all network adapters   
Jview - Microsoft Command-line Loader for Java classes   
MMC - Microsoft Management Console   
Msconfig - Configuration to edit startup files   
Msinfo32 - Microsoft System Information Utility   
Nbtstat - Displays stats and current connections using NetBios over TCP/IP   
Netstat - Displays all active network connections   
Nslookup- Returns your local DNS server   
Ping - Sends data to a specified host/IP   
Regedit - registry Editor   
Regsvr32 - register/de-register DLL/OCX/ActiveX   
Regwiz - Reistration wizard   
Sfc /scannow - Sytem File Checker   
Sndrec32 - Sound Recorder  
Sndvol32 - Volume control for soundcard   
Sysedit - Edit system startup files (config.sys, autoexec.bat, win.ini, etc.)   
Systeminfo - display various system information in text console   
Taskmgr - Task manager   
Telnet - Telnet program   
Taskkill - kill processes using command line interface   
Tskill - reduced version of Taskkill from Windows XP Home   
Tracert - Traces and displays all paths required to reach an internet host   
Winchat - simple chat program for Windows networks   
Winipcfg - Displays IP configuration   
  
**Management Consoles**  
  
certmgr.msc - Certificate Manager   
ciadv.msc - Indexing Service   
compmgmt.msc - Computer management   
devmgmt.msc - Device Manager   
dfrg.msc - Defragment   
diskmgmt.msc - Disk Management   
fsmgmt.msc - Folder Sharing Management   
eventvwr.msc - Event Viewer   
gpedit.msc - Group Policy -XP Pro only   
iis.msc - Internet Information Services   
lusrmgr.msc - Local Users and Groups   
mscorcfg.msc - Net configurations   
ntmsmgr.msc - Removable Storage   
perfmon.msc - Performance Manager   
secpol.msc - Local Security Policy   
services.msc - System Services   
wmimgmt.msc - Windows Management   
  
**Shortcuts**  
  
access.cpl - Accessibility Options   
hdwwiz.cpl - Add New Hardware Wizard   
appwiz.cpl - dd/Remove Programs   
timedate.cpl - Date and Time Properties   
desk.cpl - Display Properties   
inetcpl.cpl - Internet Properties   
joy.cpl - Joystick Properties   
main.cpl keboard - Keyboard Properties   
main.cpl - Mouse Properties   
ncpa.cpl - Network Connections   
ncpl.cpl - Network Properties   
telephon.cpl - Phone and Modem options   
powercfg.cpl - Power Management   
intl.cpl - Regional settings   
mmsys.cpl sounds - Sound Properties   
mmsys.cpl - Sounds and Audio Device Properties   
sysdm.cpl - System Properties   
nusrmgr.cpl - User settings   
firewall.cpl - Firewall Settings (sp2)   
wscui.cpl - Security Center (sp2)  
  
**Windows Environment Commands**  
  
%ALLUSERSPROFILE% - Open the All User's Profile   
%HomeDrive% - Opens your home drive e.g. C:\   
%UserProfile% - Opens you User's Profile   
%temp% Opens - temporary file Folder   
%systemroot% - Opens Windows folder   
  
Wupdmgr - Takes you to Microsoft Windows Update   
  
**General keyboard shortcuts**  
  
CTRL+C(Copy)  
CTRL+X (Cut)  
CTRL+Z (Undo)  
DELETE (Delete)   
SHIFT+DELETE (Delete the selected item permanently without placing the item in the Recycle Bin)   
CTRL while dragging an item (Copy the selected item)   
CTRL+SHIFT while dragging an item (Create a shortcut to the selected item)  
F2 key (Rename the selected item)  
CTRL+RIGHT ARROW (Move the insertion point to the beginning of the next word)   
CTRL+LEFT ARROW (Move the insertion point to the beginning of the previous word)   
CTRL+DOWN ARROW (Move the insertion point to the beginning of the next paragraph)   
CTRL+SHIFT with any of the arrow keys (Highlight a block of text)   
CTRL+UP ARROW (Move the insertion point to the beginning of the previous paragraph)  
SHIFT with any of the arrow keys (Select more than one item in a window or on the desktop, or select text in a document)   
CTRL+A (Select all)   
F3 key (Search for a file or a folder)   
ALT+ENTER (View the properties for the selected item)   
ALT+F4 (Close the active item, or quit the active program)   
ALT+ENTER (Display the properties of the selected object)   
ALT+SPACEBAR (Open the shortcut menu for the active window)   
CTRL+F4 (Close the active document in programs that enable you to have multiple documents open simultaneously)  
ALT+TAB (Switch between the open items)   
ALT+ESC (Cycle through items in the order that they had been opened)   
F6 key (Cycle through the screen elements in a window or on the desktop)   
F4 key (Display the Address bar list in My Computer or Windows Explorer)   
SHIFT+F10 (Display the shortcut menu for the selected item)   
ALT+SPACEBAR (Display the System menu for the active window)   
CTRL+ESC (Display the Start menu)   
ALT+Underlined letter in a menu name (Display the corresponding menu)  
Underlined letter in a command name on an open menu (Perform the corresponding command)  
F10 key (Activate the menu bar in the active program)  
RIGHT ARROW (Open the next menu to the right, or open a submenu)  
LEFT ARROW (Open the next menu to the left, or close a submenu)  
F5 key (Update the active window)  
BACKSPACE (View the folder one level up in My Computer or Windows Explorer)   
ESC (Cancel the current task)  
SHIFT when you insert a CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive (Prevent the CD-ROM from automatically playing)  
CTRL+SHIFT+ESC (Open Task Manager) **Dialog box keyboard shortcuts**  
  
If you press SHIFT+F8 in extended selection list boxes, you enable extended selection mode. In this mode, you can use an arrow key to move a cursor without changing the selection. You can press CTRL+SPACEBAR or SHIFT+SPACEBAR to adjust the selection. To cancel extended selection mode, press SHIFT+F8 again. Extended selection mode cancels itself when you move the focus to another control.  
  
CTRL+TAB (Move forward through the tabs)  
CTRL+SHIFT+TAB (Move backward through the tabs)  
TAB (Move forward through the options)  
SHIFT+TAB (Move backward through the options)  
ALT+Underlined letter (Perform the corresponding command or select the corresponding option)  
ENTER (Perform the command for the active option or button)  
SPACEBAR (Select or clear the check box if the active option is a check box)  
Arrow keys (Select a button if the active option is a group of option buttons)  
F1 key (Display Help)  
F4 key (Display the items in the active list)  
BACKSPACE (Open a folder one level up if a folder is selected in the **Save As** or **Open** dialog box)   
  
**Microsoft natural keyboard shortcuts**  
  
Windows Logo+BREAK (Display the **System Properties** dialog box)  
Windows Logo+D (Display the desktop)  
Windows Logo+M (Minimize all of the windows)  
Windows Logo+SHIFT+M (Restore the minimized windows)  
Windows Logo+E (Open My Computer)  
Windows Logo+F (Search for a file or a folder)  
CTRL+Windows Logo+F (Search for computers)  
Windows Logo+F1 (Display Windows Help)  
Windows Logo+ L (Lock the keyboard)  
Windows Logo+R (Open the **Run** dialog box)  
Windows Logo+U (Open Utility Manager)   
  
**Accessibility keyboard shortcuts**  
  
Right SHIFT for eight seconds (Switch FilterKeys either on or off)  
Left ALT+left SHIFT+PRINT SCREEN (Switch High Contrast either on or off)  
Left ALT+left SHIFT+NUM LOCK (Switch the MouseKeys either on or off)  
SHIFT five times (Switch the StickyKeys either on or off)  
NUM LOCK for five seconds (Switch the ToggleKeys either on or off)  
Windows Logo +U (Open Utility Manager)  
  
**Windows Explorer keyboard shortcuts**  
  
END (Display the bottom of the active window)  
HOME (Display the top of the active window)  
NUM LOCK+Asterisk sign (\*) (Display all of the subfolders that are under the selected folder)  
NUM LOCK+Plus sign (+) (Display the contents of the selected folder)  
NUM LOCK+Minus sign (-) (Collapse the selected folder)  
LEFT ARROW (Collapse the current selection if it is expanded, or select the parent folder)  
RIGHT ARROW (Display the current selection if it is collapsed, or select the first subfolder)  
  
**Shortcut keys for Character Map**  
  
After you double-click a character on the grid of characters, you can move through the grid by using the keyboard shortcuts  
RIGHT ARROW (Move to the right or to the beginning of the next line)  
LEFT ARROW (Move to the left or to the end of the previous line)  
UP ARROW (Move up one row)  
DOWN ARROW (Move down one row)   
PAGE UP (Move up one screen at a time)  
PAGE DOWN (Move down one screen at a time)  
HOME (Move to the beginning of the line)  
END (Move to the end of the line)  
CTRL+HOME (Move to the first character)  
CTRL+END (Move to the last character)   
SPACEBAR (Switch between Enlarged and Normal mode when a character is selected)  
  
**Microsoft Management Console (MMC) main window keyboard shortcuts**   
  
â€¢ CTRL+O (Open a saved console)  
CTRL+N (Open a new console)  
CTRL+S (Save the open console)  
CTRL+M (Add or remove a console item)  
CTRL+W (Open a new window)   
F5 key (Update the content of all console windows)   
ALT+SPACEBAR (Display the MMC window menu)   
ALT+F4 (Close the console) â€¢ ALT+A (Display the Action menu)   
ALT+V (Display the View menu)   
ALT+F (Display the File menu)   
ALT+O (Display the Favorites menu)  
  
**MMC console window keyboard shortcuts**  
  
CTRL+P (Print the current page or active pane)   
ALT+Minus sign (-) (Display the window menu for the active console window)   
SHIFT+F10 (Display the Action shortcut menu for the selected item)   
F1 key (Open the Help topic, if any, for the selected item)   
F5 key (Update the content of all console windows)   
CTRL+F10 (Maximize the active console window)   
CTRL+F5 (Restore the active console window)   
ALT+ENTER (Display the **Properties** dialog box, if any, for the selected item)   
F2 key (Rename the selected item)   
CTRL+F4 (Close the active console window. When a console has only one console window, this shortcut closes the console)  
  
**Remote desktop connection navigation**  
  
CTRL+ALT+END (Open the Microsoft Windows NT **Security** dialog box)   
ALT+PAGE UP (Switch between programs from left to right)   
ALT+PAGE DOWN (Switch between programs from right to left)  
ALT+INSERT (Cycle through the programs in most recently used order)   
ALT+HOME (Display the Start menu)   
CTRL+ALT+BREAK (Switch the client computer between a window and a full screen)   
ALT+DELETE (Display the Windows menu)   
CTRL+ALT+Minus sign (-) (Place a snapshot of the entire client window area on the Terminal server clipboard and provide the same functionality as pressing ALT+PRINT SCREEN on a local computer.)   
CTRL+ALT+Plus sign (+) (Place a snapshot of the active window in the client on the Terminal server clipboard and provide the same functionality as pressing PRINT SCREEN on a local computer.)  
  
**Microsoft Internet Explorer navigation**  
  
CTRL+B (Open the **Organize Favorites** dialog box)   
CTRL+E (Open the Search bar)  
CTRL+F (Start the Find utility)  
CTRL+H (Open the History bar)  
CTRL+I (Open the Favorites bar)  
CTRL+L (Open the **Open** dialog box)  
CTRL+N (Start another instance of the browser with the same Web address)  
CTRL+O (Open the **Open** dialog box, the same as CTRL+L)  
CTRL+R (Update the current Web page)  
CTRL+ CTRL+P (Open the **Print** dialog box)  
W (Close the current window)  
  
Note Some keyboard shortcuts may not work if StickyKeys is turned on in Accessibility Options, Some of the Terminal Services client shortcuts that are similar to the shortcuts in Remote Desktop Sharing are not available when you use Remote Assistance in Windows XP Home Edition.

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1. [01](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-18928)  
   

good utility

biswanath at April 21st, 2008 around 6:48 am

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1. [02](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-21037)  
   

How to send a file “deletion” command through Run Command?

Brewster Chang at June 27th, 2008 around 10:22 pm

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1. [03](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-21049)  
   

I don’t think that it’s possible to delete files via Run Command. You probably will need to use Command Prompt (cmd in Run) and there you just type “del filename”. If filename is with white space (e.g. Program Files) use double quotes (“”) to encapsulate the filename.

peter at July 4th, 2008 around 2:06 am

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1. [04](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-21074)  
   

These are very useful commands. Thanks.

lokesh at July 22nd, 2008 around 6:09 am

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1. [05](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22077)  
   

i think to delete a file from the run box you can if you like cheat by trying cmd.exe /k del filename /q  
i hope im right and that it helps

bob at October 15th, 2008 around 1:57 pm

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1. [06](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22147)  
   

Does anyone know how you setup new commands in the Run menu?

ie. you can type “firefox”, “winword” or “excel” into the Run box and the applications open, but others won’t.

There must be some way of linking applications with this path, maybe in the system registry?

There’s no firefox.\* files in my system path directories:  
Path=C:\WINDOWS\system32;C:\WINDOWS;C:\WINDOWS\System32\Wbem;C:\Program Files\Subversion\bin;c:\Program Files\Microsoft  
SQL Server\90\Tools\binn\

Does anyone have any ideas?

Thanks

[Glenn](http://kentwell.net/work.computing/) at November 22nd, 2008 around 9:27 am

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1. [07](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22154)  
   

Hello Glenn,

it’s quite simple. All you have to do is add a new key into Windows registry under

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths

with name of the command with .exe at the end. Into this key create a new string variable named “Path” and put as value path to directory with your executable. To a “(Default)” variable insert as value path to executable.

Now just type name of your command (can be without .exe at the end) and enjoy. You even don’t have to restart the computer.

peter at November 28th, 2008 around 2:04 am

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1. [08](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22258)  
   

This each every lines are helped me thank u

Muthu-manoj at February 9th, 2009 around 9:22 pm

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1. [09](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22285)  
   

This is awesome, thanks very much.

Nick at February 18th, 2009 around 4:18 pm

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1. [10](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22328)  
   

thanxz

buddhi at March 10th, 2009 around 11:28 pm

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1. [11](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22329)  
   

Really gr8 work done!!!!  
Thnx

Vishal Chib at March 11th, 2009 around 6:07 am

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1. [12](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22331)  
   

I was searching for Xp shortcuts. Luckily i got all the shortcuts in single place.

That was superb n nice..

great going..

kiruba at March 13th, 2009 around 9:43 am

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1. [13](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22358)  
   

Anyone Know The Key In Command To See Everything Ever Done On Your PC

Andrew Patey at March 24th, 2009 around 6:13 pm

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1. [14](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22366)  
   

thanks

Piyush at March 29th, 2009 around 2:46 am

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1. [15](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22416)  
   

Hey Peter ……  
thanks for that !

satish at April 4th, 2009 around 10:57 pm

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1. [16](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22419)  
   

thanx…really which is usefull

[niyaz](http://www.niyazahamed.co.cc) at April 7th, 2009 around 4:00 am

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1. [17](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22511)  
   

thanks a lot for these commands.

kyaw swar at May 16th, 2009 around 7:52 am

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1. [18](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22523)  
   

what is the run command to open out look express

deepak at May 19th, 2009 around 8:47 pm

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1. [19](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22544)  
   

Thank u, all the commands are so good. If any new commands related to Unix and any windows related please send to the above mentioned mail.

[NareshKumar](http://foliovision.com) at June 12th, 2009 around 2:33 am

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1. [20](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22572)  
   

Thanks!

slabster at July 7th, 2009 around 2:29 am

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1. [21](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22576)  
   

There are two important commands those are not listed in <http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands/> . They are Winchat.exe and Cmd>Systeminfo . Thus, the list is incomplete. Thank you!

[TienChieh Lim](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands/) at July 9th, 2009 around 11:24 pm

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1. [22](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22579)  
   

This is the most useful thing I’ve ever found on net……….Thanx Pal

Pakaj D King at July 11th, 2009 around 11:17 am

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1. [23](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22606)  
   

is there a “Run Command” code that allows to instantly shut every program that is running?

david h at July 24th, 2009 around 2:37 pm

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1. [24](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-22607)  
   

Hello David,

use taskkill.

taskkill /?

will get you all the information. You can create all kinds of selections using /FI filters specifying which processes will be killed.

It’s hard to create a rule which will kill all the processes and not kill your whole Windows, though.

This feature does not apply to Windows XP Home. You have to use more simple tskill there.

Use it carefully!  
M.

martinv at July 25th, 2009 around 1:08 am

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1. [25](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-23141)  
   

Thanks – you helped me find my Character Map!!

[Shannon Wagner](http://blog.munkywurkz.com/) at January 6th, 2010 around 8:39 am

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1. [26](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-23224)  
   

Thanks – you helped me

kannan at January 18th, 2010 around 4:48 am

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1. [27](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-23244)  
   

Sweet list. Thanks!

Jason at January 20th, 2010 around 3:36 pm

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1. [28](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-23303)  
   

Is there any “run command” to open Interner Explorer.

Naresh at January 30th, 2010 around 7:02 am

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1. [29](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-23319)  
   

Hi Naresh,

I tested this one on IE6 and IE7:

“C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\iexplore.exe”

Don’t forget to include the quotes.

Thank you,  
M.

Martin at February 1st, 2010 around 8:57 am

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1. [30](http://foliovision.com/seo-tools/computers/windows/xp-run-commands#comment-23372)  
   

Does anyone know how to run the setup file for a CD if it doesn’t run automatically?

[Chris](http://www.seductionheadquarters.com) at February 8th, 2010 around 8:27 pm

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