

# Windows 10 Run Commands You May Want to Have in Your “Toolbox”

Windows 10 run commands will allow you to access the features and applications that you want to customize. With simple keystrokes, you can reach deep down into your operating system files.

Here are ten frequently used commands that you may want to place in your Windows “tool box.”.

## Open Run Command Dialog Box

The first thing you should know is how to access the Run Command Dialog box.

We can do this in one of three ways.

First is just press **Windows + R** together. The second way is to type **Run** in the search bar and then click on the Run application. The third method is to right-click on the Windows start icon and then click on the Run option there.

Since we have our Run Dialog Box ready, we can now start shooting the commands on it.

### 1. Opening the Home folder of the current user (.)

This command is quite handy in better controlling the File Explorer. Just type a single period (.) , and you will land on the home folder of your File Explorer.

### (2) Opening the Windows 10 drive (\)

Sometimes you want to explore your root Windows 10 drive (usually “C” drive). So instead of navigating using your mouse, use backslash (\) to jump to the root Windows 10 drive directly.

This (\) command can also be used to navigate towards a specific folder of the drive, by appending that folder name; for example, (\**Program Files**) will take you to the folder named Program Files in your Windows 10 drive.

### (3) Opening the Users folder (..)

If you want to reach all the users folder, type (..) on the Run Dialog and hit OK. This command is quite beneficial while performing the system administrative tasks.

### (4) Opening the System Configuration (**msconfig**)

The Microsoft Configuration application is handy for setting the Startup method and grants you permission to block or stop certain services to load during the boot sequence. To get access to this application, type msconfig.

### (5) Opening Control Panel (**control**)

This command can be the most useful for you. You might need the Control Panel most of the time for various purposes like Uninstalling/ Repairing an application, Security Settings, Hardware & Sound settings, and much more. For quickly accessing the Control Panel type (Control) on the Run Window and hit OK.

### (6) Opening Resource Monitor (**resmon**)

Resource Monitor is one of the most important features of Windows 10. Most users simply ignore it or don't know about it. It helps users to know which running process is using their resources like CPU or RAM usage. This feature can be handy when your system gets hanged, and you want to catch the application, which is causing it. Getting to this feature is easy by run commands. Type (resmon) on Run Dialog Window and click OK to launch it.

### (7) Opening Programs and Features (**appwiz.cpl**)

There may be a time when you want to uninstall an application. Typically, you would normally go to the Control Panel and then look for **Programs and Features** option. As an alternative, you can type the (appwiz.cpl)

command on the Run Dialog Box, and you will go directly to the Programs and Features Window.

**(8) Opening common Microsoft apps (`calc`, `notepad`, `mspaint`, etc.)**

The Run Commands can launch some basic Microsoft apps whose shortcuts are generally not present on your desktop. Like Calculator, Notepad, or MSPaint. Open the Run Dialog Box and use the commands to launch the apps.

**(9) Opening Disk Cleanup Utility (`cleanmgr`)**

Windows 10 is much advanced in Disk Cleanup than its previous versions. Most of the cleaning process is done automatically in the background. However, there may be some times when you want to perform disk cleanup manually. Use (`cleanmgr`) run command instead of searching for Cleanup Utility.

**(10) Open Remote Desktop (`mstsc`)**

Remote Desktop is another lesser-known application of Windows 10. It is used when you remotely want to access any other system from your Windows 10 computer. This app can be launched directly from Run Command Dialog Box. Type (`mstsc`) and click OK.