

LESSON 84

CONTROL PANEL ACCESS VIA THE START MENU'S RUN COMMAND

There are several steps involved in opening a Control Panel item. First, you'll have to open Control Panel by clicking on Start and then opening Settings. From there, you'll have to open Control Panel and finally, you'll double-click in the applet (item) you want to open, e.g. Mouse or Networks. Of course, you can get through this a little bit faster by double-clicking My Computer and then double-clicking Control Panel. You'll still have to double-click the applet you want to open. Is there a faster way? Yes, and here it is: By making a simple modification to one of the Windows Registry files, you can bring up any control panel applet by pressing the Windows key and the letter R on the keyboard at the same time, typing the applet's Run command in the Open: dialog box, and pressing Enter. Don't worry! I'll list the Control Panel item names later in this lesson.

To make the Registry change, click Start and then Run. Type in "REGEDIT" (without the quotes) and press Enter or click OK. Double-click on HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT. Scroll all the way down to CPROFILE. Double-click on the CPLFILE folder and then double-click on SHELL. Under SHELL you will find a folder named CPLOPEN. Highlight CPLOPEN, click Edit, and then click Rename. Replace "CPLOPEN" by typing "open" (without the quotes) and press Enter. Close the REGEDIT window by clicking the X at the top right corner of that window. The Registry changes are now complete. Don't fret if your keyboard doesn't have a Windows key. You can press and hold down the CTL key and at the same time the Esc key. Now press the letter R. Now you can type in the Run command for any Control Panel applet and click OK or press Enter to open it. Here are the various Run commands. You can use either upper or lower case for the command.

CONTROL PANEL APPLLET	RUN COMMAND
Accessibility Options	ACCESS.CPL
Add/Remove Programs	APPWIZ.CPL
Date/Time	TIMEDATE.CPL
Desktop Themes	THEMES.CPL
Display	DESK.CPL
Find Fast	FINDFAST.CPL
H/P JetAdmin)	JETADMIN.CPL
Internet	INETCPL.CPL
Joy Stick	JOY.CPL
Messaging Settings	MAIN.CPL
Multimedia	MLCFG32.CPL
Modem	MODEM.CPL



Network	NETCPL.CPL
Password	PASSWORD.CPL
System	SYSDM.CPL
Tweak UI (Windows 98)	TWEAKUI.CPL
Workgroup Post Office Admin	WGPOCPL.CPL

Note that the files associated with the above-listed Run commands must be in the C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory.

