

What is Run Manager?

Windows 95 has a lot of great features but it also has a shortcoming or two. Like the fact that everything you start with the Run command is put in a permanent run list without a way to delete even duplicate commands.

Run Manager is a replacement utility to take care of this little problem. It allows you to:

- n Delete unused and duplicate items from the Run command list
- n Delete the entire Run command list
- n Make your own list of programs to run
- n Change your list at any time
- n Also remove items from or clear other lists

It gives you the control you want while still retaining the convenience you expect and enjoy with Windows 95.

Occasional users of the Run command can use it as a utility to clean up the Run list when it gets out of hand. More frequent users will find the program a convenient replacement for the standard Run command. Programs you normally start from Explorer can easily be started from Run Manager without having to locate them again and again.

Right click on the buttons and screen for tool tips to get started quickly.

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Customize the browse dialog box

The browse feature may be customized to return to your favorite directory (the default is Windows). You can also list all files in a directory (the default is only executable files).

To change the directory setting of the browse dialog box check the 'Return to this directory' check box and press <Select>. The browse dialog box will open in the selected directory until you check the 'Return to this directory' box and press <Select> again. The current setting of the 'List all files' box will be saved whenever you save a new directory setting.

You do not have to select a file to run to change the settings. The <Select> button will be enabled so it can be pressed by checking the "Return to this directory' box.

Remove items from the run list

Remove a single item from the run list by clicking on it to highlight and pressing <Remove>. The item will be deleted from the run list.

Clear the entire run list by pressing the <Clear list> button. Every item in the run list is deleted so you can start over with a clean slate.

Menu Bar

Lists

Run - The Run list will automatically load on start up. Items can be removed from the list, ran from the list or added to the list. Use this option to reload the Run list.

Find Files/Folders - This loads the Files or Folders list from the Find command. Individual items or the entire list can be removed.

Computer -If your computer is on a network this option will be available to you. The Computer list from the Find command will be loaded allowing you to remove individual items or the entire list.

Any...OtherFolder - If the Any Folder...Other Folder option is installed this option will be available. The Any Folder...Other Folder list from the Send To command will be loaded allowing you to remove items from it or clear the entire list. (Any Folder...Other Folder is part of the Windows 95 Addons released by the Microsoft Win95 programming team as Powertoys. It is available at no charge from major online services and BBS's.)

Options

Minimise on Run - Selecting this option causes Run Manager to minimise instead of closing when a program is run. This option is useful for those times when you are building a list or just running a lot of programs using Run Manager. The option stays selected until toggled off.

Help

Help - Displays this help file. You may also call the help file by pressing F1.

About - Displays registration, copyright and version information about Run Manager.

Displaying other lists

Other lists may be displayed and modified by selecting them under Lists on the Menu bar. If the option is not installed on your computer it will not be listed under the List menu. When you install the option it will become available.

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How to Register

Simply mail \$5.00 cash, check or money order in USA funds to:

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Register.txt may be printed from Notepad for your convenience.

Your support will encourage the development of other useful programs distributed using the shareware try-before-you-buy concept. All registered users will be notified of new program releases.

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Selecting a file to run

You select a file already in the run list by clicking on it to highlight and pressing the <Run> button.

A file not already in the list must be placed in the 'Run file' edit line. With a Windows program typing in just the name such as Notepad will do. Otherwise the full path is needed. Type in the full path or use the <Browse> button to find the file you want.

By default the browse dialog box comes up in your Windows directory with only executable files listed (exe, bat, com, etc...). Check the 'List all files' box to display all types of files. Any registered file type (associated files such as txt, doc, bmp, pcx, etc...) can be run by entering the full path to the file. The name of the file alone is all that is needed for an associated file in your Windows directory.

Locate the file you want to run and click on it to highlight, press <Select>, then <Run>.

Run Manager shuts down after starting the selected file. Any file you run is automatically added to the run list.

Notes:

The run list can only contain 25 items. When the 26th item is added another item in the list will be randomly deleted.

Some programs may not handle long file names unless you enclose the parameter in double quotation marks. Try the quotation marks if the program gives you an error about not being able to locate a file when the path is correct.

Examples of valid run commands:

Clock
MSPaint
Forest.bmp
"C:\Program Files\
C:\Program Files\Run Manager\Register.txt
Wordpad "C:\Program Files\Run Manager\Register.txt"
Dosprompt
C:\pkunzip.exe C:\RunMan95.zip A:\

What is Shareware?

Shareware is not a type of program. It is a marketing concept that allows you to try-before-you-buy. Quality, economical priced software is made available on this basis in the expectation that users will support the software if they like and use it. User support is what fuels the continued development and distribution of shareware programs. Run Manager is being distributed as shareware.

Please register Run Manager if you find it to be a useful program.

You are encouraged to upload this program to your favorite bulletin board and to give copies to your friends. Your registration code should not be shared with anyone. Instead suggest that they register their copy of Run Manager.

Use with the standard Run command

Any program you run from Run Manager will be added to the standard Run command list. Every program you remove from the list will be removed from the standard Run command list also.

The standard Run command will not reflect the changes except on start up. The first time it is opened the current list will display.

Make all the changes you are going to make to the run list before opening the Run command. If you have opened it before making changes, you need to restart your computer to get the current list to display.

Likewise, Run Manager may not display a file you recently opened with the standard Run command. Restarting your computer will clear up any differences between the displays.

Note: The standard Run command will automatically place double quotation marks around long file names when it needs them if you browse for the file. Run Manager only requires the double quotation marks if the program requires them to open the file. If you add a file to the run list in Run Manager and the standard Run command will not open the file, try enclosing the parameter in double quotation marks or browse for the file.

