

# APPLET

APPLET is designed to let you run Control Panel applications (or "applets") without having to run (and tie up) the Control Panel.

Applets are found in control panel extension files, which generally have the .CPL extension (i.e., FOO.CPL). Control panel extension files are found in your \windows\system directory.

To run an applet, you can use the command line:

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applet cpextension index
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where

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| <i>cpextension</i> | is the control panel extension pathname (e.g., c:\windows\system\snd.cpl) |
| <i>index</i>       | is the index of the applet within the extension file you want to run.     |

Some extensions (e.g., main.cpl) contain more than one applet; *index* allows you to specify which one you want. If you don't know, omit the parameter. APPLETT will present a list box naming the applets in the extension file along with the index for each.

## Warning

Using the Windows Control Panel, only one applet can run at a time in the entire system. APPLETT makes it possible to run several at once, and makes it possible to run the same one several times at once. While running multiple applets at the same time is not a problem, running multiple copies of the same applet is definitely a bad idea, since the applets weren't designed for that.

So far, I haven't found a way to keep you from shooting yourself in the foot by running more than one instance of the same applet at the same time. So, I'll simply post this warning:

***Don't run more than one copy of a control panel application at a time, and to be as safe as possible don't run more than one applet from a single extension file at the same time.***

It doesn't matter if one is under the real Control Panel and another

under APPLETT, both under APPLETT, etc. Don't do it. Even though it might work for specific applets, it's not a good idea.

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