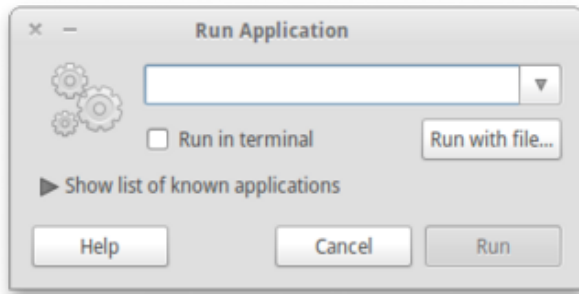


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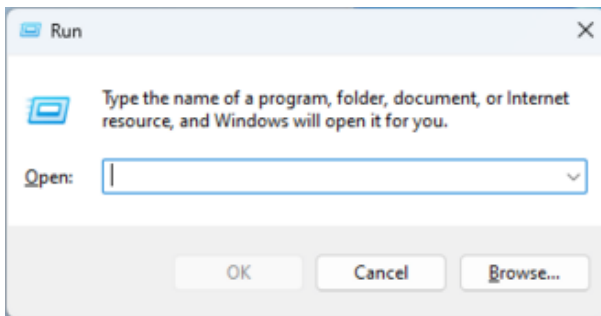
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The *Run...* dialog box in [GNOME](#)



Run dialog box in [Windows 11](#)

The **Run command** on an [operating system](#) such as [Microsoft Windows](#) and [Unix-like](#) systems is used to directly open an application or document whose [path](#) is known.

The command functions more or less like a single-line [command-line interface](#). In the [GNOME](#) (a UNIX-like derivative) interface, the Run command is used to run applications via terminal commands. It can be accessed by pressing Alt+F2. [KDE](#) (a UNIX-like derivative) has similar functionality called [KRunner](#). It is accessible via the same key binds.

The [Multics](#) shell includes a `run` command to run a command in an isolated environment.^[1] The [DEC TOPS-10](#)^[2] and [TOPS-20](#)^[3] Command Processor included a `RUN` [command](#) for running executable programs.

In the [BASIC programming language](#), `RUN` is used to start program execution from [direct mode](#), or to start an [overlay program](#) from a [loader program](#).

Accessing the Run command

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Starting with [Windows 95](#), the Run command is accessible through the [Start menu](#) and also through the shortcut key ⊞ Win+R. Although the Run command is still present in [Windows Vista](#) and later, it no longer appears directly on the Start menu by default, in favor of the new search box and a shortcut to the Run command in the Windows System sub-menu.

The Run command is launched in [GNOME](#) and [KDE](#) desktop environment by holding Alt+F2.

Uses include bringing up webpages; for example, if a user were to bring up the Run command and type in `http://www.example.com/`, the user's default [Web Browser](#) would open that page. This allows user to not only launch `http` protocol, but also all registered [URI schemes](#) in OS and applications associated with them, like `mailto` and `file`.

In [GNOME](#) and [KDE](#), the Run command acts as a location where applications and commands can be executed.

- [KDE Plasma 4](#)
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 - [156 Useful Run Commands](#)
 - [Alternative to the standard Windows Run-Dialog.](#)

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