

Control Panel Tips

Opening the Control Panel

This week I learned that I can open any control panel item using the Run command. Click on START | Run...and then type in the control panel item such as firewall.cpl. This will bring up the settings for the firewall of Windows XP. Other control panel files are:

appwiz.cpl	Add/Remove Programs
desk.cpl	Display Properties
firewall.cpl	Firewall Settings
inetcpl.cpl	Internet Options
mmsys.cpl	Sound and Audio
ncpa.cpl	Network Connections
nusrmgr.cpl	User Accounts
powercfg.cpl	Power Options
sysdm.cpl	System Properties
wscui.cpl	Security Center
wuauclpl.cpl	Automatic Updates Configuration

Network Information

I also learned a neat way to gather all of the network information that I need with one command. Network Diagnostics scans your system to gather information about your hardware, software, and network connections.

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The following is the type of information that can be displayed:

- Ping
- Connect
- Show
- Verbose
- Save to Desktop
- Mail Service
- News Service
- Internet Proxy Server
- Computer Information
- Operating System
- Windows Version

- Modems
- Network Clients
- Network Adapters
- Domain Name System (DNS)
- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
- Default Gateways
- Internet Protocol Address
- Windows Internet Naming Service (WINS)