

Runner for Windows

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Runner is a small program for Microsoft Windows which exists only as an icon. When activated with the mouse, Runner displays a command line equivalent to what the Program Manager or File Manager File.Run commands offer, but without having to open either of those two windows. Runner accepts command lines that refer to PIF files or to file associations. Both Windows and DOS programs may be executed.

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Runner provides the following options and commands:

Use Alternate Shell	Instructs Runner to run the command line using the alternate shell. This option is ignored when starting a Windows application.
Run Minimized	Instructs Runner to run the application as an icon.
Menu	Pops up a menu of sub-commands to Runner, including one to setup the alternate shell.

Normally, Runner uses the shell specified by the COMSPEC environment variable, or COMMAND.COM if COMSPEC is undefined. The Alternate Shell option instructs Runner to ignore the setting of COMSPEC and use the shell specified with the Alternate Shell menu item.

This option is useful, for example, to select an alternate PIF file (perhaps one that runs full-screen rather than in a window), or an alternate command line interpreter (perhaps that from the Norton Utilities rather than that from DOS).

