

RunApp

The *RunApp* action runs an external application given by its command line. The command line may be an executable file or a user file associated via its suffix with an executable application. tags: [Actions](#)

Use caution when running executable files or code in macros or applications. Executable files or code can be used to carry out actions that might compromise the security of your computer and data.

Applies to ...

Object	Description
DoCmd	Root class. When present, its name must be "DoCmd" but the object name is optional.

Syntax

Call `[DoCmd.]RunApp(CommandLine)`

Argument	Optional	Type	Description	Returned value
<i>CommandLine</i>	No	String	The command line used to start the application (including the path and any other necessary parameters, such as switches that run the application in a particular mode).	No return. <i>RunApp</i> is a Sub.

Remarks

- The application selected with this action loads and runs in the foreground. The macro containing this action continues to run after starting the application.
- The *CommandLine* argument may be expressed either in the (recommended) URL format (i.e. "file:// ...") or by using the operating system usual syntax (e.g. "C:\..." in Windows).
- Note that Basic provides an equivalent standard function *Shell*. It provides even more options. *RunApp* is proposed here to improve compatibility with Visual Basic.

Error messages

None

See also

OutputTo

Example

To open a PDF file

```
RunApp( "C:\Users\MyName\Documents\Doc\Basic\OOBasic FormsAndDialogs.pdf " )
```

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