

Windows 11 Control Panel Commands to Open Applets Directly

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Here is the list of Windows 11 Control Panel commands to open its applets directly. You can type these commands into the Run dialog, or create a shortcut for such a command. The shortcuts will allow you to open the Control Panel items faster, or pin them to the Start or taskbar.



The [classic Control Panel](#) plays a minor role in Windows 11. Most of its options are already available in the modern Settings app. By going forward with this change, Microsoft has removed most of links to legacy applets, making them harder to discover for an average user.

This is where Windows 11 Control Panel commands come into play. By using them, you can access most of the legacy applets directly. For example, if you type `appwiz.cpl` in the Run dialog, you will see the classic *Uninstall a program* dialog.

Here is the list of the classic Control Panel commands available in Windows 11.

Windows 11 Control Panel Commands

Control Panel applet	Command
Control Panel - default view	<code>control</code>
Control Panel - category view	<code>explorer.exe shell:::{26EE0668-A00A-44D7-9371-BEB064C98683}</code>
Control Panel - icon view	<code>explorer.exe shell:::{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}</code>
Control Panel - All Tasks (God Mode)	<code>explorer.exe shell:::{ED7BA470-8E54-465E-825C-99712043E01C}</code>
Add a Device wizard	<code>DevicePairingWizard.exe</code>
Add Hardware wizard	<code>hdwiz.exe</code>
Add a Printer wizard	<code>rundll32 shell32.dll,SHHelpShortcuts_RunDLL AddPrinter</code>
Additional Clocks	<code>rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL timedate.cpl,,1</code>
AutoPlay	<code>control /name Microsoft.AutoPlay</code>
Backup and Restore (Windows 7)	<code>control /name Microsoft.BackupAndRestoreCenter</code>

BitLocker Drive Encryption	control /name Microsoft.BitLockerDriveEncryption
Color and Appearance	explorer shell:::{ED834ED6-4B5A-4bfe-8F11-A626DCB6A921} - Microsoft.Personalization\pageColorization
Color Management	control /name Microsoft.ColorManagement
Credential Manager	control /name Microsoft.CredentialManager
	control /name Microsoft.DateAndTime
	OR
Date and Time (Date and Time)	control timedate.cpl
	OR
	control date/time
	OR
	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL timedate.cpl,,0
Date and Time (Additional Clocks)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL timedate.cpl,,1
Default Programs	control /name Microsoft.DefaultPrograms
Desktop Background	explorer shell:::{ED834ED6-4B5A-4bfe-8F11-A626DCB6A921} - Microsoft.Personalization\pageWallpaper
Desktop Icon Settings	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL desk.cpl,,0
	control /name Microsoft.DeviceManager
	OR
Device Manager	control hdwwiz.cpl
	OR
	devmgmt.msc
	control /name Microsoft.DevicesAndPrinters
Devices and Printers	OR
	control printers
	control /name Microsoft.EaseOfAccessCenter
Ease of Access Center	OR
	control access.cpl
	control /name Microsoft.FolderOptions
File Explorer Options (General tab)	OR
	control folders
	OR
	rundll32 shell32.dll,Options_RunDLL 0
File Explorer Options (View tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Options_RunDLL 7
File Explorer Options (Search tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Options_RunDLL 2
File History	control /name Microsoft.FileHistory
	control /name Microsoft.Fonts
Fonts	OR
	control fonts
	control /name Microsoft.GameControllers
Game Controllers	OR
	control joy.cpl
	control /name Microsoft.GetPrograms
Get Programs	OR
	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL appwiz.cpl,,1
	control /name Microsoft.IndexingOptions
Indexing Options	OR
	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL srchadmin.dll
	control /name Microsoft.Infrared
	OR
Infrared	control irprops.cpl
	OR
	control /name Microsoft.InfraredOptions

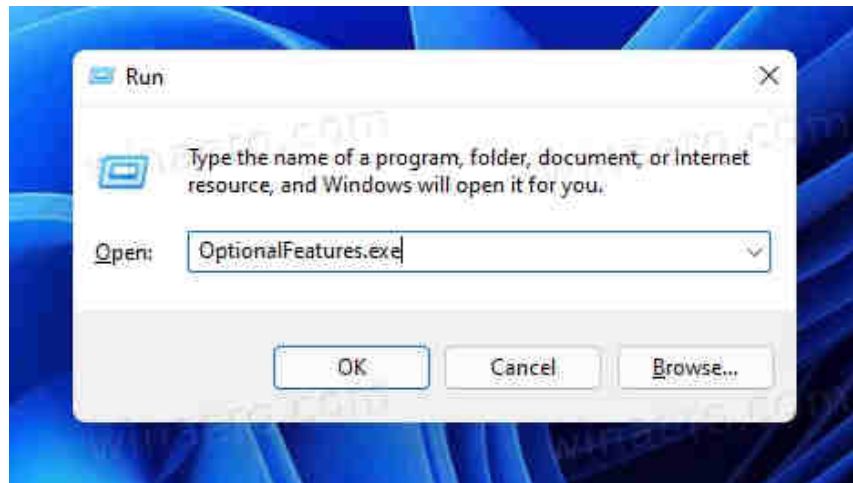
Internet Properties (General tab)	control /name Microsoft.InternetOptions OR control inetcpl.cpl OR rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcpl.cpl,,0
Internet Properties (Security tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcpl.cpl,,1
Internet Properties (Privacy tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcpl.cpl,,2
Internet Properties (Content tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcpl.cpl,,3
Internet Properties (Connections tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcpl.cpl,,4
Internet Properties (Programs tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcpl.cpl,,5
Internet Properties (Advanced tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL inetcpl.cpl,,6
iSCSI Initiator	control /name Microsoft.iSCSIInitiator
Keyboard Properties	control /name Microsoft.Keyboard OR control keyboard control /name Microsoft.Mouse OR control main.cpl
Mouse Properties (Buttons tab 0)	OR control mouse OR rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL main.cpl,,0
Mouse Properties (Pointers tab 1)	control main.cpl,,1 OR rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL main.cpl,,1
Mouse Properties (Pointer Options tab 2)	control main.cpl,,2 OR rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL main.cpl,,2
Mouse Properties (Wheel tab 3)	control main.cpl,,3 OR rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL main.cpl,,3
Mouse Properties (Hardware tab 4)	control main.cpl,,4 OR rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL main.cpl,,4
Network and Sharing Center	control /name Microsoft.NetworkAndSharingCenter control ncpa.cpl
Network Connections	OR control netconnections
Network Setup Wizard	control netsetup.cpl
Notification Area Icons	explorer shell:::{05d7b0f4-2121-4eff-bf6b-ed3f69b894d9}
ODBC Data Source Administrator	control odbccp32.cpl
Offline Files	control /name Microsoft.OfflineFiles
Performance Options (Visual Effects)	SystemPropertiesPerformance.exe
Performance Options (Data Execution Prevention)	SystemPropertiesDataExecutionPrevention.exe
Personalization	explorer shell:::{ED834ED6-4B5A-4bfe-8F11-A626DCB6A921}
Phone and Modem	control /name Microsoft.PhoneAndModem

	OR
	control telephon.cpl
	control /name Microsoft.PowerOptions
Power Options	OR
	control powercfg.cpl
Power Options - Advanced settings	control powercfg.cpl,,1
Power Options - Create a Power Plan	control /name Microsoft.PowerOptions /page pageCreateNewPlan
Power Options - Edit Plan Settings	control /name Microsoft.PowerOptions /page pagePlanSettings
Power Options - System Settings	control /name Microsoft.PowerOptions /page pageGlobalSettings
Presentation Settings	PresentationSettings.exe
	control /name Microsoft.ProgramsAndFeatures
Programs and Features	OR
	control appwiz.cpl
Recovery	control /name Microsoft.Recovery
	control /name Microsoft.RegionAndLanguage
	OR
Region (Formats tab)	control intl.cpl
	OR
	control international
RemoteApp and Desktop Connections	control /name Microsoft.RemoteAppAndDesktopConnections
	control /name Microsoft.ScannersAndCameras
Scanners and Cameras	OR
	control sticpl.cpl
Screen Saver Settings	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL desk.cpl,,1
	control /name Microsoft.ActionCenter
Security and Maintenance	OR
	control wscui.cpl
	control /name Microsoft.Sound
	OR
Sound (Playback tab)	control mmsys.cpl
	OR
	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL mmsys.cpl,,0
Sound (Recording tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL mmsys.cpl,,1
Sound (Sounds tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL mmsys.cpl,,2
Sound (Communications tab)	rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL mmsys.cpl,,3
Speech Recognition	control /name Microsoft.SpeechRecognition
Storage Spaces	control /name Microsoft.StorageSpaces
Sync Center	control /name Microsoft.SyncCenter
System Icons	explorer shell:::{05d7b0f4-2121-4eff-bf6b-ed3f69b894d9}\SystemIcons,,0
System Properties (Computer Name)	SystemPropertiesComputerName.exe
System Properties (Hardware)	SystemPropertiesHardware.exe
System Properties (Advanced)	SystemPropertiesAdvanced.exe
System Properties (System Protection)	SystemPropertiesProtection.exe
System Properties (Remote)	SystemPropertiesRemote.exe

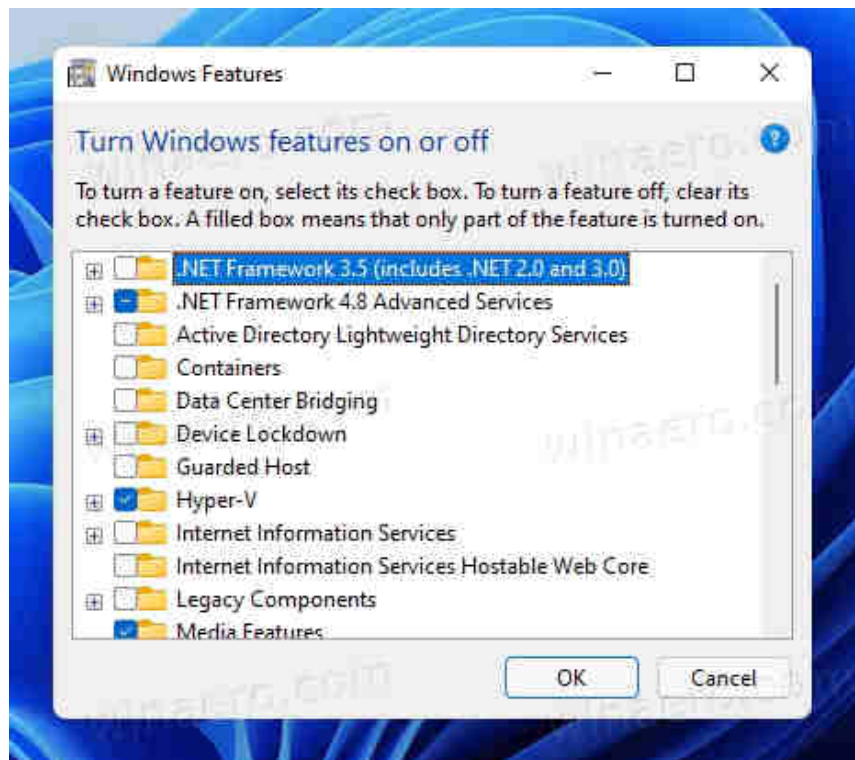
Tablet PC Settings	control /name Microsoft.TabletPCSettings
Text to Speech	control /name Microsoft.TextToSpeech
Troubleshooting	explorer shell::{26EE0668-A00A-44D7-9371-BEB064C98683}\0\::{C58C4893-3BE0-4B45-ABB5-A63E4B8C8651}
User Accounts	control /name Microsoft.UserAccounts OR control userpasswords
User Accounts (netplwiz)	netplwiz OR control userpasswords2
Windows Defender Firewall	control /name Microsoft.WindowsFirewall OR control firewall.cpl
Windows Defender Firewall Allowed apps	explorer shell::{4026492F-2F69-46B8-B9BF-5654FC07E423} - Microsoft.WindowsFirewall\pageConfigureApps
Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security	WF.msc OptionalFeatures.exe
Windows Features	OR rundll32 shell32.dll,Control_RunDLL appwiz.cpl,,2
Windows Mobility Center	control /name Microsoft.MobilityCenter control /name Microsoft.AdministrativeTools
Windows Tools	OR control admintools
Work Folders	WorkFolders.exe

Open Control Panel Applets Directly

1. Press Win + R on the keyboard to open the *Run* dialog.
2. Type or copy-paste a command from the above table, for example, *OptionalFeatures.exe*.



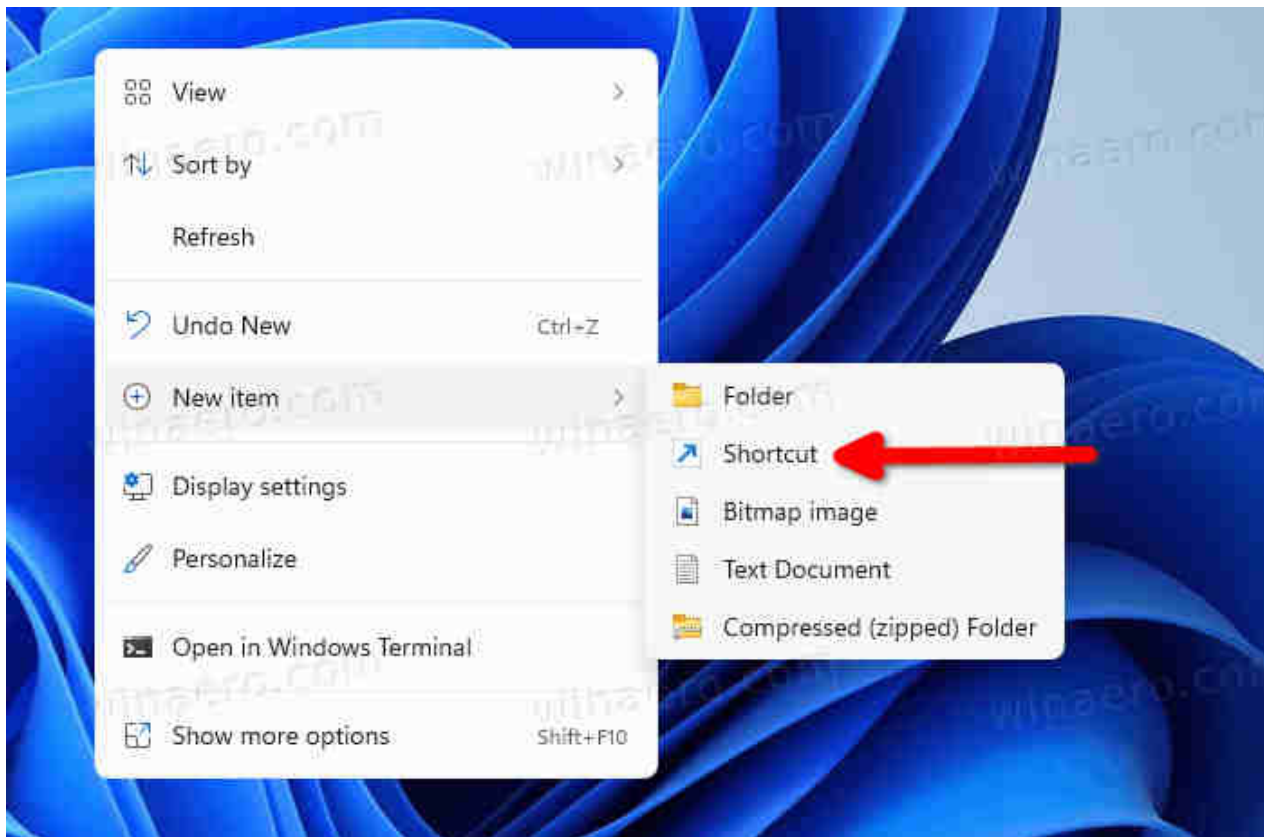
3. Press the Enter key to execute it. This will open the applet instantly; in our case, it will be the *Windows Features* dialog.



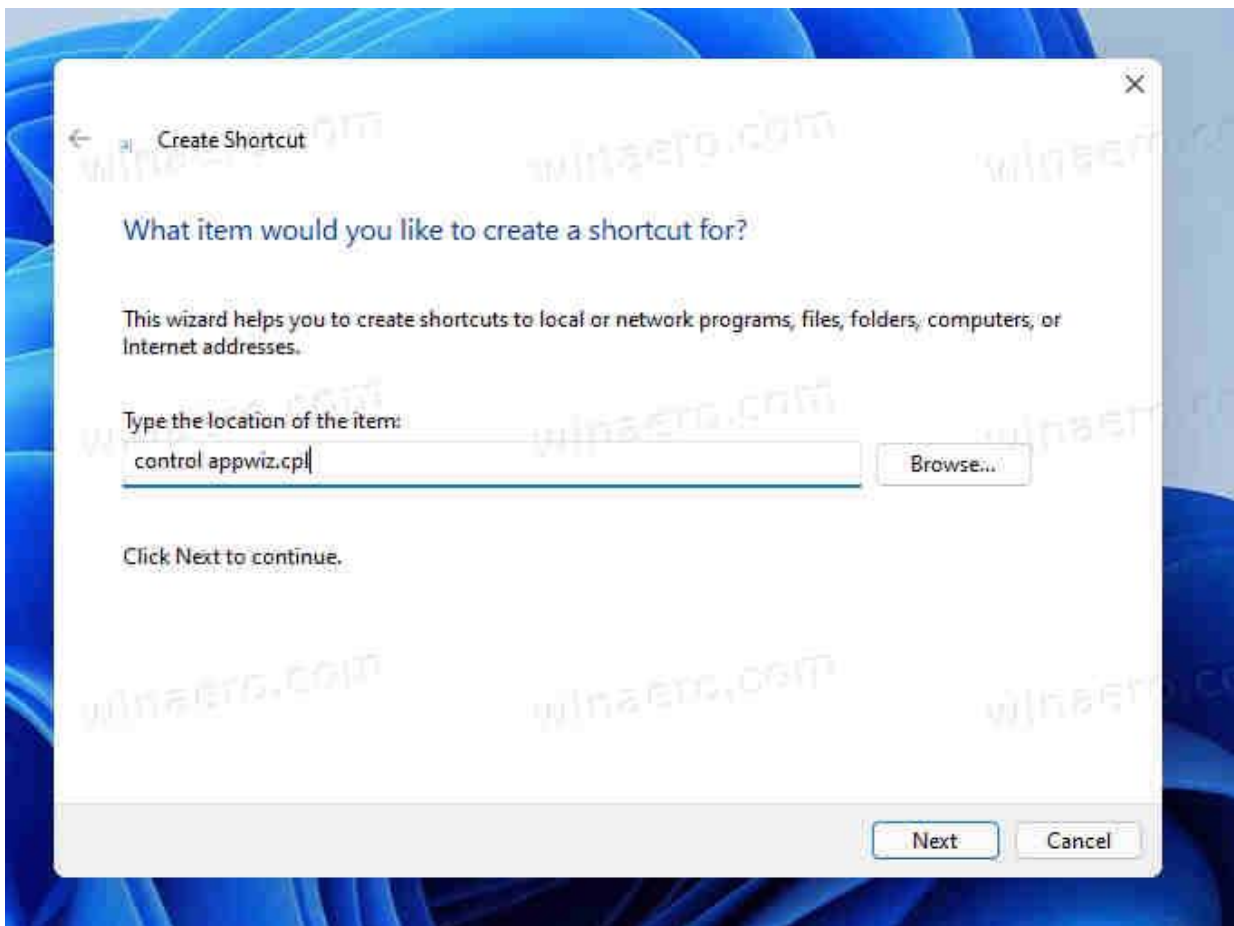
Also, you can use the above Windows 11 Control Panel commands to create a shortcut for any applet or tool with a couple of clicks. Shortcuts created this way can be easily pinned to the Start menu or taskbar.

Create a shortcut to a Control Panel applet

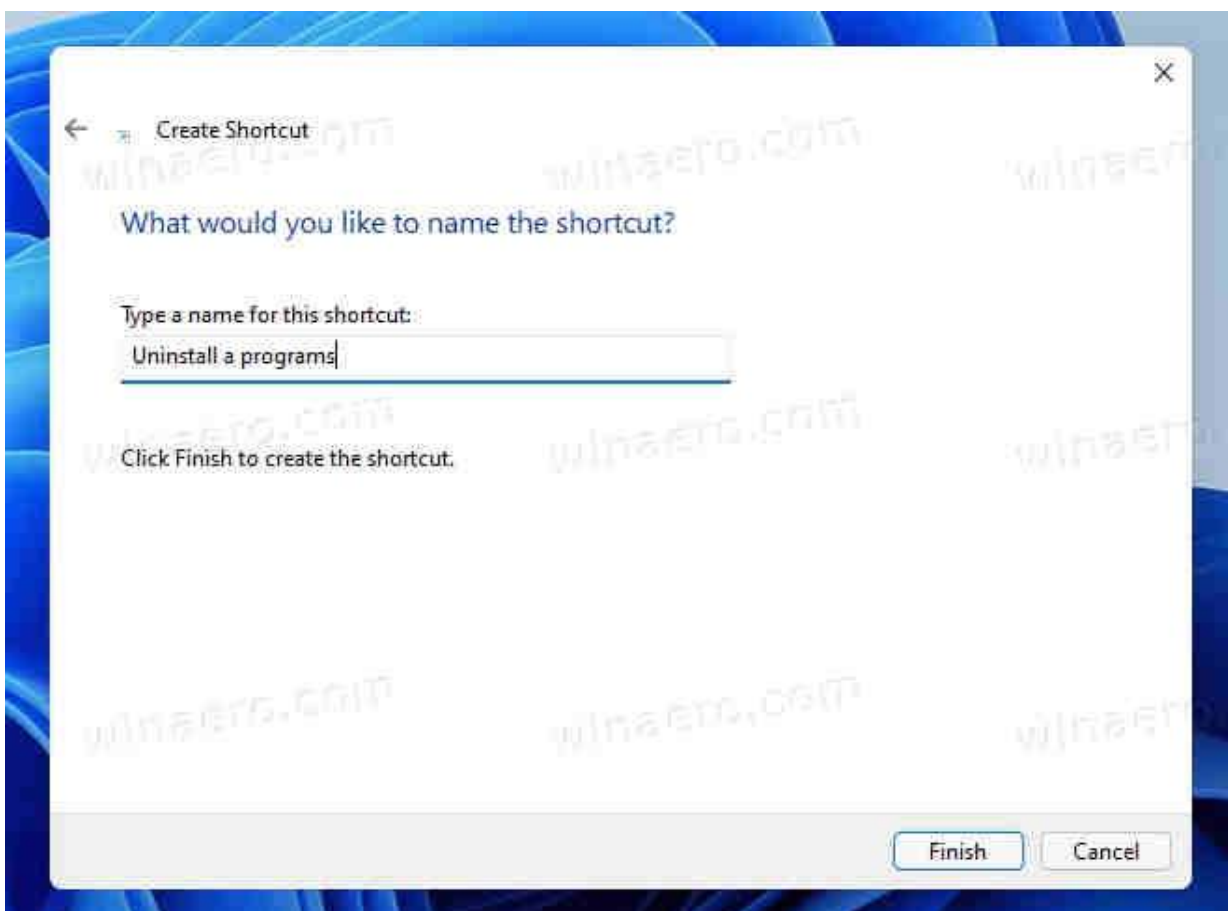
1. Right-click the empty space on your Desktop.
2. Select New item > Shortcut from the context menu.



3. Type or copy-paste the command from the above table for the item you want to create a shortcut to. For example, `control appwiz.cpl`.

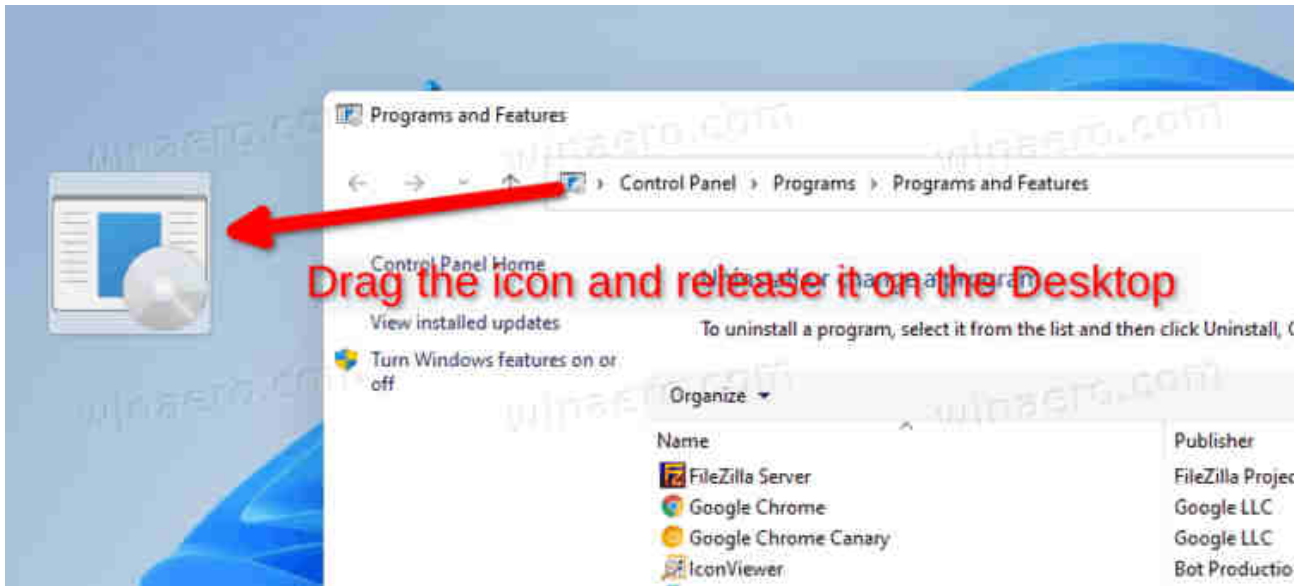


4. Name your shortcut to reflect what it does, for example "Uninstall a program".



5. Customize the shortcut icon if you want.

Finally, it is important to note that there is an easier way to create a shortcut for any Control Panel applet. Just open it, and then drag-n-drop its icon from the Control Panel address bar to the Desktop.



This will instantly create the applet shortcut. However, if you try to pin to the taskbar, it will pin the Control Panel itself instead of the individual applet. This is the only disadvantage of this method.