

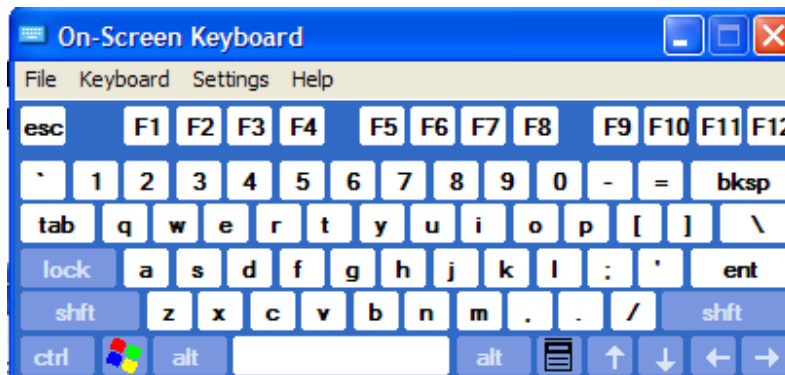


Adaptive Computing Lab

Adaptive Computing Tutorial

How to start the On Screen Keyboard in Windows XP

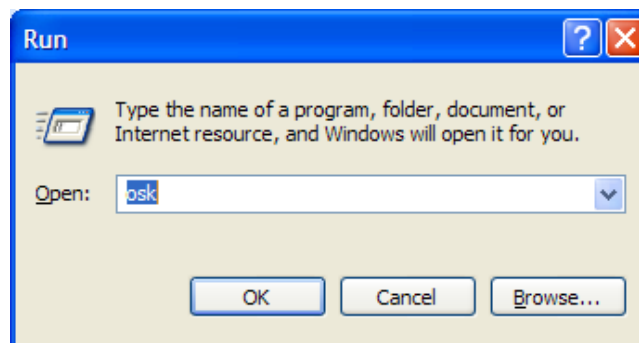
The Windows operating system has an On Screen Keyboard included in its accessibility features package. This tutorial specifically refers to the Windows XP operating system but the keyboard is there in all Windows systems and the startup would be similar.



This program may be opened in a number of ways.

Option 1:

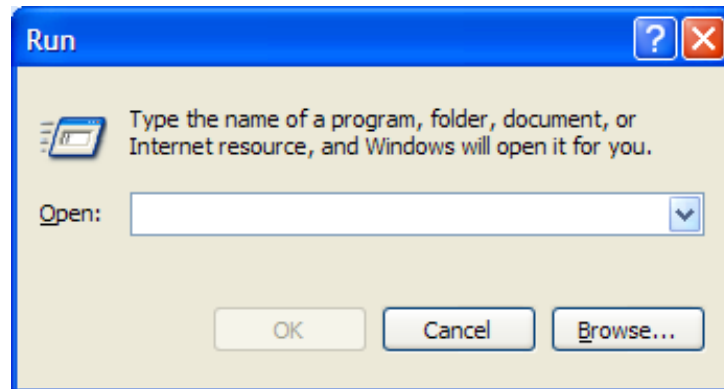
Start > Run > at the command line type “osk” and click OK.



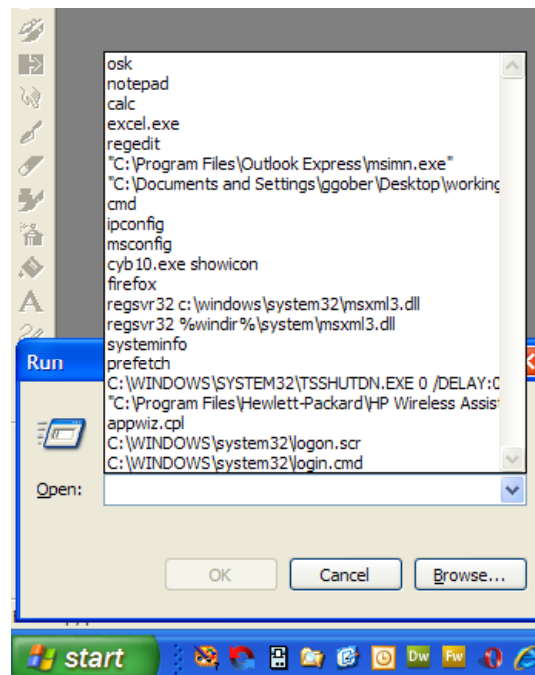
Option 2:

After you have entered “osk” it will be in the list of previously used commands and you may use the drop down arrow and select the “osk” program via mouse clicks and thus avoid having to use a keyboard.

Start > Run



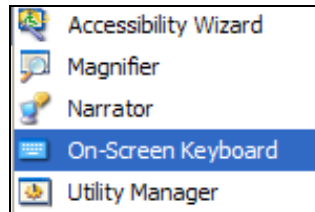
Left click on the Down Arrow



Select “osk” from the list of previously used commands. Click OK.

Option 3:

Start > Programs > Accessibility > On-Screen Keyboard



Option 4:

Create a Desktop icon to open the On-Screen Keyboard

Start > Programs > Accessibility > right click On-Screen Keyboard > Send To > Desktop (create a shortcut)

To open the program you would double left click the Desktop icon.



Option 5:

Change the settings to have the On-Screen Keyboard load when you boot up Windows.

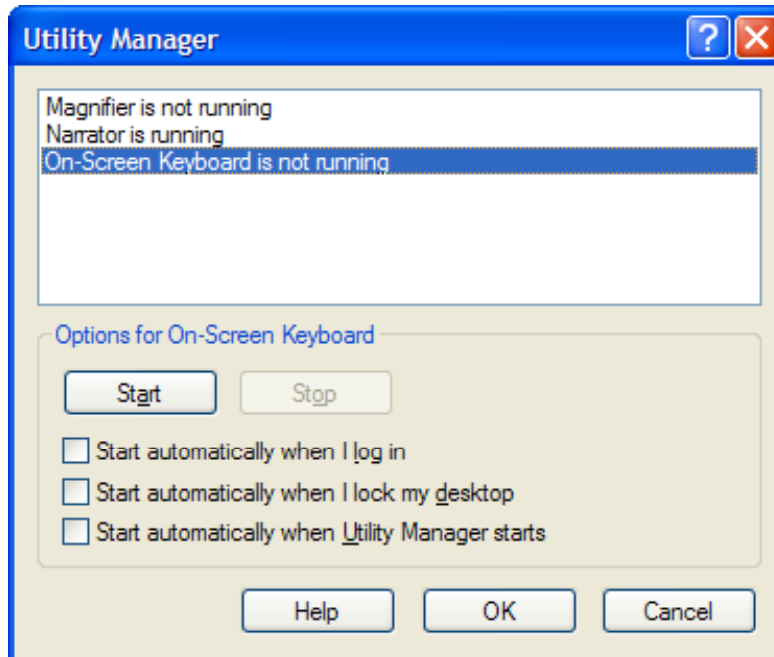
On the standard keyboard or using the On-Screen Keyboard click on the following keyboard shortcut:

Windows Logo key + U

this will open the Utility Manager dialog box for three Windows accessibility features:

Narrator, Magnifier, and the On-Screen Keyboard.

The Utility Manager will tell you the status of the three accessibility features. Click on On-Screen Keyboard to highlight the program.



If the On-Screen Keyboard is not running you may open the program by clicking on the Start Button.

Once the program is running, click on the box for

Start automatically when I log in.

This will open the keyboard every time you open Windows.