

# Re: Run Items Without Explorer

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Interesting...

I use such commands even to load a shel.  
I call this a batch shell.  
Startup a batch command as Shell and at the end of the batch file,  
I let my real shell strating up.

I testet the RUN Key in my minlogon image and it works fine....

No idea what can cause such an issue... :-(

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On Jun 3, 3:52 pm, "Martin Grossen, eMVP [AVNET Silica]"  
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Hi Kyle

Of course, you can not use the FBA (First Boot Agent) or  
the RunOnce.  
Per naming and definition, both will only processed during the first boot  
of the system.  
The standard RUN key in the registry will help you.  
(HKLM/Software/Microsoft/Windows/Current Version/Run)  
You can do this easely (to test) by adding a "Extra Registry Data" and

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the batch as a "Extra File" resource into your image via Target Designer. Of course more elegant is to create a own component in component designer with the registry key and the file in a own repository. This is the same as you can drag and drop something in the Autostart folder of your Explorer–Shell.

The right command for the key in the registry is:

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C:\System32\cmd.exe /c yourpath\yourbatch.bat
```

of course, you must have the component "CMD – Windows Command Processor" included in your image.

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Martin,

Thanks for the reply. Perhaps I was not clear enough in my original post. I am aware that the Run key should be the solution. However, the run key does not execute when Explorer is not running as the shell. I just tested your instructions and it does not work even when "CMD – Windows Command Processor" is in the image. To test, I set cmd.exe as the shell so that explorer would not run. From there I checked the registry and the Run key was indeed set according to your instructions, but it still had no effect.

Just a note here, I am currently trying to run a VBScript using wscript.exe. So my run command looks like

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\wscript.exe //nologo C:\test.vbs
```

I have also tested batch scripts using the same settings as you describe and get the same results either way, nothing works.

Kyle