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Shortcut keys to start your favourite program

Any computer user will often find themselves going to the Start button and the All Programs listings to start the software program they want. If you repeatedly go the same program this can be a little time consuming.

There is a faster way to start any program that is listed in the Start menu. What you want to do is to create a set of shortcut keys specific to that program. For example, I set the calculator application on all of my computers to start by pressing the CTRL+ALT+C keys all at once.

Here's how you program it in Windows.
First, click on Start, All Programs and find the name of the program you want, right-mouse-click on it and a menu pops up. Choose Properties at the bottom of this list. Then choose the SHORTCUT tab.

Finally in the field where it says "Shortcut Keys" type the letter C. It will populate the field with CTRL+ALT+C. Click OK to save and exit.

The next time you want the calculator press CTRL+ALT+C all at the same time to start calculator.

You can do this with ANY program in your start menu, from the calculator to your favorite game, choosing any shortcut key you want.