

How Do I Manually Register a File?

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Description

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Procedure

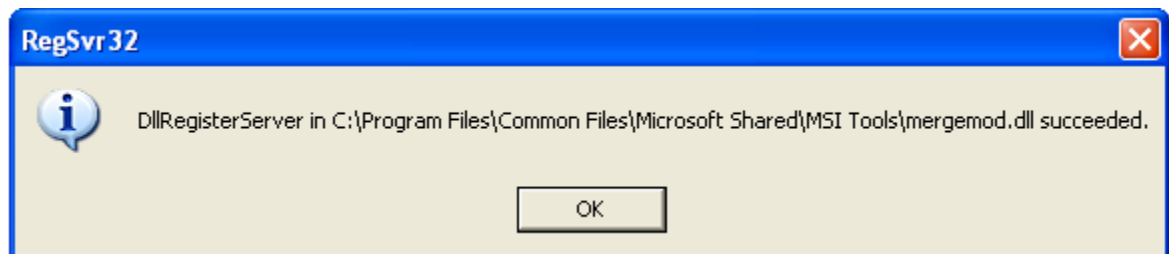
Files that are created as [self-registering](#) have information that need to be stored in the Windows [registry](#) in order for the file to be available and useable to applications on the machine. Usually DLLs, OCXs, and EXEs are self-registering and require to be registered on the machine.

Follow these steps to register DLLs or OCXs:

1. On the Taskbar, select **Start > Run**.
2. In the Open field, type **regsvr32 "<path>\NameOfFile.extension"**, where <path> is the directory where the file is located on your computer and *NameOfFile.extension* is the name of the file. For example:

```
regsvr32 "C:\Windows\System32\Mydll.dll"
```

3. Press Enter.
4. If the file registers successfully, the following message appears on the screen:



Follow these steps to register an executable, or .exe, file:

1. On the Taskbar, select **Start > Run**.
2. In the Open field, type "**<path>NameOfFile.exe" /REGSERVER**, where <path> is the directory where the file is located on your computer and *NameOfFile.exe* is the name of the file. For example:

```
"C:\Program Files\MyAppLocation\MyApp.exe" /REGSERVER
```

3. Press Enter.

Most executables do not display any message boxes when registered. It depends on how the application is created. Some applications when registered may open on your computer.