

# Use the URL to Start or Open a Workflow

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You can use runtime URLs to open an existing workflow, start a new workflow, and control some UI elements, such as show or hide the left-panel tree.

To perform these procedures, you call the Runtime.aspx page with several parameters.

## Runtime URL

As long as the client does not have special IIS configurations, the runtime URL should follow the following format.

```
http://[ServerNameAndPort]/_Layouts/RunTime.aspx
```

[ServerNameAndPort] is the IP/DNS name of the server, with the port.  
For example, 22.34.232.12:8080.

When you build URLs in code, never hard code the server name and port, since they might change for a single instance, and will most likely be different between environments. For client-side code, you can get the host name using JavaScript, for more information read [this article](#). For server-side code, you can keep the server and port in reference tables.

## Main Parameters

| Parameter                       | Description   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <i>workflowInstanceId=[int]</i> | Open a specific workflow instance ID.   |
| <i>workflowid=[Guid]</i>        | Start a new instance for this workflow ID.                                      |
| <i>WorkflowSpaceId=[Guid]</i>   | Start a new workflow instance for the workflow space, using the active version. |

### NOTE

It is acceptable to use *workflowid*, but the best practice (unless there are specific requirements), is to use *WorkflowSpaceId*. The URL always opens the active version of the workflow.

## Other Parameters

| Parameter                                | Description   |
|--|---|
| <i>ShowTree=none</i>                     | Add this parameter to hide the left-panel tree.   |
| <i>ShowTabs=no</i>                       | Add this parameter to hide the main form container tab bar.                                 |
| <i>Culture=[Language Culture Name]</i>   | Add a culture to force a system globalization settings in the form, such as date formats.   |
| <i>uiculture=[Language Culture Name]</i> | Add a uiculture to force a system globalization settings in the form, such as date formats. |

## UPDATE

For Cora SeQuence 8 and later, `ShowTree` and `ShowTabs` were replaced with new parameters. The new parameters are more consistent and easy to use.

### Example

- Open workflow instance 87
- Without left-side tree
- Without form tabs
- Globalization settings for UK (en-GB)

```
http://10.20.20.11:8080/_layouts/runTime.aspx?culture=en-GB&uiculture=en-GB&workflowInstanceId=87&ShowTree=none&ShowTabs=no
```