

Quick Remote Shutdown

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Restart or shut down remotely and document the reason

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Applies To: Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2003 R2, Windows Server 2003 with SP1, Windows Server 2003 with SP2

To restart or shut down remotely and document the reason

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Using the Windows interface

1. Open Command Prompt.
2. Type:

shutdown /i to display the Remote Shutdown dialog box (Shutdown.exe).
3. Under **Computers**, click **Add** to enter computer names, or click **Browse** to open the **Find Computers** dialog box.
4. Under **What do you want these computers to do**, click **Restart** or **Shut down**.
5. If you did not anticipate restarting or shutting down the target computers at this time, clear the **Planned** check box.

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6. Select the appropriate reason from the list.

7. If a comment is required, the **OK** button will not function until you type at least one character one in the text box.

Notes

- To open a command prompt, click **Start**, point to **All programs**, point to **Accessories**, and then click

Command prompt

- To perform this procedure, you must have the user rights to force a shutdown from a remote system. For a list of security groups that have this permission by default on computers running Windows Server 2003 family operating systems, see "Privileges" under Related Topics.

- The Remote Shutdown dialog box can be displayed only by typing **shutdown /i** at the command prompt.

- If the remote computer is functioning properly, but Shutdown.exe fails to restart it or shut it down, wait for two minutes before making a second attempt: Either the log on dialog box or the unexpected shutdown dialog box is open on the remote computer, causing an error.

- Shutdown Event Tracker records data only for the **Restart** and **Shutdown** options.

- If the System State Data feature is enabled and you specify an unplanned reason for the restart or shutdown, a file containing relevant system data will be created in the % *windir%* *system32\LogFiles\Shutdown* directory. The System State Data feature is enabled by default on all Windows Server 2003 family operating systems.

- For information on defining custom reasons, see "Best practices" under Related Topics.

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- The **Warn users of the action** check box is selected by default.

Using a command line

1. Open Command Prompt.

2. Type:

shutdown /s /m \ComputerName/d 1:1 to initiate an unplanned shutdown after a default wait period of 30 seconds, with the major reason,

Hardware

, and the minor reason,

Maintenance

.

Or,

Type:

shutdown /r /m \ComputerName/t 60 /d p:4:2 to initiate a planned startup after waiting for one minute, with the major reason,

Appl

and the minor reason,

Installation

.

Value

Description

/s

Shuts down the computer.

/r

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Restarts the computer after shutdown.

/m *ComputerName*

Specifies the target computer.

/t *nnn*

Sets the wait period before a restart or shutdown in seconds, causing a warning to display on the local console.

/d [**p:**] *xx*

Lists the reason for the system restart, shutdown, or power off. The following rows describe the parameters.

p:

Indicates that the restart or shutdown is planned. If you, Shutdown Event Tracker assumes that the restart or shutdown is planned.

xx

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Specifies the major reason number (from 0 through 255).

yy

Specifies the minor reason number (from 0 through 65535).

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- For the complete command line syntax, see "Shutdown" under Related Topics, below.

- If the remote computer is functioning properly, but Shutdown.exe fails to restart it or shut it down, wait for 2 minutes before making a second attempt: Either the log on dialog box or the unexpected shutdown dialog box is open on the remote computer, causing an error.

- If the System State Data feature is enabled and you specify an unplanned reason for the restart or shutdown, a file containing relevant system data will be created in the `%windir%system32\LogFiles\Shutdown` directory. The System State Data feature is enabled by default on all Windows Server 2003 family operating systems.

- For information on defining custom reasons, see "Best practices" under Related Topics.