

## XP Shutdown Error

### Generic Host Process for Win32 Services Error

Windows XP error during shutdown: a solution is now available  
<http://oca.microsoft.com/en/response.aspx?...7d1a24&SID=1501>

### Description

After you start or restart your computer, you might receive the following error message:

### Generic Host Process for Win32 Services Error

The error appears in computers with **Windows XP Service Pack 2** and security update [873333](#) (MS05-012) installed. Although this error message appears when you start or restart your computer, the actual error occurs when you shut down your computer. Because the error happens during the shutdown process, Windows can't notify you until you start your computer again. We do not expect this experience to harm your data or the performance of your computer.

### Solution

Microsoft has released an update that fixes the problem you reported. To learn more about the update and how to obtain it, go to the following website:

[Update for Windows XP \(32-bit\)](#)

**Important:** After you install this update, it will not take effect until you restart your computer. Because of this, you might see one last "Generic Host Process" error message after your computer restarts. You can ignore this last error message.

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## XP SHUTDOWN PROBLEMS

Many possible causes. One possible work around below . Read info at this site re XP shutdown problems.

[Click here: Windows XP Shutdown Troubleshooter](#)

There are a number of users who's XP PC no longer automatically power down/shutoff without pressing the power OFF button. Usually this is due to a preference setting. To check that:  
CLICK START....CONTROL PANEL...**Performance and Maintenance** ...POWER OPTION TAB2(Advanced).  
In Power Buttons, select SHUTDOWN. Click OK

OF course, if your computer is set for auto updates from Microsoft, it maybe that XP is installing files and slows down the shutdown time. If this only happens occasionally, it may very well be a particular program taking a longer time than usual to shut down. Be sure to close all programs you've been using before going to shutdown.

OR here's another option

## CREATE AN XP SHUTDOWN SHORTCUT FOR DESKTOP

(This tip from DUMMIES eTIPS: Microsoft Windows <http://etips.dummies.com>)

1. Right-click any empty location on your desktop.
2. Click New, Shortcut. The Create Shortcut Wizard appears.
3. In the Type the Location of the Item box, type shutdown -s -t 0.  
It's important that you put spaces before each hyphen, that you have no spaces after each hyphen, and that you use a zero at the end.
4. Click Next.
5. In the Type a Name for This Shortcut box, use a name that will remind you that this button is for a very quick shut down.
6. Click Finish. You have a new shortcut on your desktop.
7. Right-click the shortcut and click Properties. Click the Change Icon button.
8. Pick an appropriate icon for the shortcut and double-click it.
9. Click OK, and your new, quick shut down shortcut appears on the desktop.

To test the new, fast shut down icon, make sure no programs are running, and double-click it. On a typical machine, you see the log-off screen in about three seconds, and after another two or three seconds, you get the "It is now safe to turn off your computer" message.

This isn't a leisurely process. Windows gives you a short period of time to save changes in your Office documents, and other applications quit in an orderly way.

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(NOTE: IF the above doesn't work for you. Try this:

Highlight and copy this line %windir%\System32\shutdown.exe -s -t 10

Now, rightclick the shortcut icon that didn't work. Click Properties. In the Target box Highlight the path line there, then press CTRL + V key to copy the above line into the box.

Now see if the shortcut works to shutdown windows)  
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## SHUT DOWN WITH ONE CLICK (WIN95/)

Wish you could shut down Windows with one click instead of four (select Start, Shut Down, select Shut Down, )

Then make a Shut Down shortcut.

1. Right-click the desktop and select New, Shortcut.
2. In the Command Line text box, type **rundll.exe user.exe,exitwindows**
3. **Click Next**, name the shortcut something appropriate, such as Shut Down
4. then click Finish.
5. When you're ready to shut down, just click your new shortcut (or double-click it, as the case may be).

If the above command line fails to cause your computer to shutdown promptly, repeat the process but use the command line: **C:\WINDOWS\RUNDLL.EXE**

**USER.EXE,EXITWINDOWSEXEC**

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Shutdown Win98

Shutting down Windows actually takes three or four steps-Start,

Shut Down, selecting Shut Down in the dialog box, and clicking OK. You can do the same thing by simply double-clicking an icon on the Desktop-and here's how to create that icon. Right-click on an empty part of the Desktop and select New, Shortcut. Under Command Line, enter **c:\windows\rundll.exe user.exe,exitwindows** and **click Next**. In the next dialog box, give the shortcut a name (Shut Down Windows will do), and click on Finish. To close down fast, double-click your new icon. (If you have lots of windows open, minimize everything fast to uncover your shortcut: hold down a 104-key keyboard's Window key and press D).

IF the above command lines fail to cause your computer to shutdown promptly, repeat the process but use the command line: **C:\WINDOWS\RUNDLL.EXE USER.EXE,EXITWINDOWSEXEC**

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