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Installation

There are one of two ways that you probably will install Shutdown Monitor.

- If you are installing Shutdown Monitor from diskettes, launch explorer, select the appropriate disk drive (usually A:) and double-click "Setup" or select "Run" from the start menu and type in "A:\Setup" (or "B:\Setup" if you are installing from your B: drive) and click OK.
- If you have ShutInst.exe then this is a self-extracting file. Launch explorer, select the directory or disk drive that contains ShutInst.exe and double-click "ShutInst.exe" or select "Run" from the start menu and type in the full path where ShutInst.exe is plus ShutInst (e.g. "C:\Temp\ShutInst") and click OK.

What setup does:

- Creates a program directory to hold the programs and files used by Shutdown Monitor
- If you replied "OK" to the question "Would you like setup to put 'Shutdown Monitor' in your Startup directory?" then setup installs a shortcut to [Shutdown Monitor](#) in the [Startup folder](#)
- Creates a [Shutdown folder](#) on your start menu
- Creates a program folder ("Shutdown Monitor") on your start menu
- Creates entries in the registry needed by Shutdown Monitor

Shutdown Monitor

See [Wait For Shut Down](#)

Shutdown Monitor is a program that waits for Windows to [shut down](#), and then will execute programs that are in the [Shutdown folder](#) and/or command lines that have been entered through the Shutdown Monitor [Maintenance](#) program.

Topics:

Execute List

Displays the current contents of the Shutdown folder and all of the [command lines](#) that have been entered through the maintenance program. All programs with a run icon will be executed. DoubleClick any items to change its run status from "Run" to "Don't run" or from "Don't run" to "Run". Use the priority buttons to change the execution order (see [Commands](#) for further explanation).

Execute

Click this button to execute the selected programs and commands and continue with the Windows shut down.

Don't execute

Click this button to skip the execution of the selected programs and commands and continue with the Windows shut down.

Cancel Shut Down

Cancels the Windows shut down.

Help

Show this help file

Note:

These options only apply if "Confirm program executions" is checked otherwise the Shutdown Monitor program won't appear when Windows shuts down.

Maintenance

The maintenance program is the place that Shutdown Monitor options and command lines are entered.

Buttons

OK

Accept settings and exit

Cancel

Cancel any changes made and exit

Help

Show this help file

Topics:

[Options](#)

[Programs](#)

[Commands](#)

Uninstalling

To uninstall Shutdown Monitor, follow these steps:

- Remove any programs/shortcuts from the shutdown folder
- On the control panel, select **Add/Remove Programs**
- Select "Shutdown Monitor" from the list and click **Add/Remove**

Registration

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License cost:

Single licenses: \$20 each
Site license: \$500 (Site licenses cover a single organization for an area of up to one hundred miles (160 km) in radius.)
World-wide license: \$1500

Shutdown Monitor may be also registered using CompuServe SWREG forum (GO SWREG). The Registration Id. is 14126. The price for single user license over CompuServe is \$22 due to the 15% charge they impose.

Getting the latest version of Shutdown Monitor

The latest version of **Shutdown Monitor** may be downloaded from our website at:

<http://www.tez.net/~shensoft/>

Shutdown Folder

A folder in Start>Programs. Any programs (or shortcuts) that Shutdown Monitor finds in this folder, will be executed when Windows shuts down.

Startup Folder

A folder in Start>Programs. Any programs (or shortcuts) that are in this folder, will be executed when Windows starts.

Command Lines

Anything that can be entered and run from the windows Start>Run command window, can be entered as a command line in the Shutdown Monitor maintenance program.

Tip

To enter DOS commands as a command line, use the following syntax:

```
Command.com /c <commands>
```

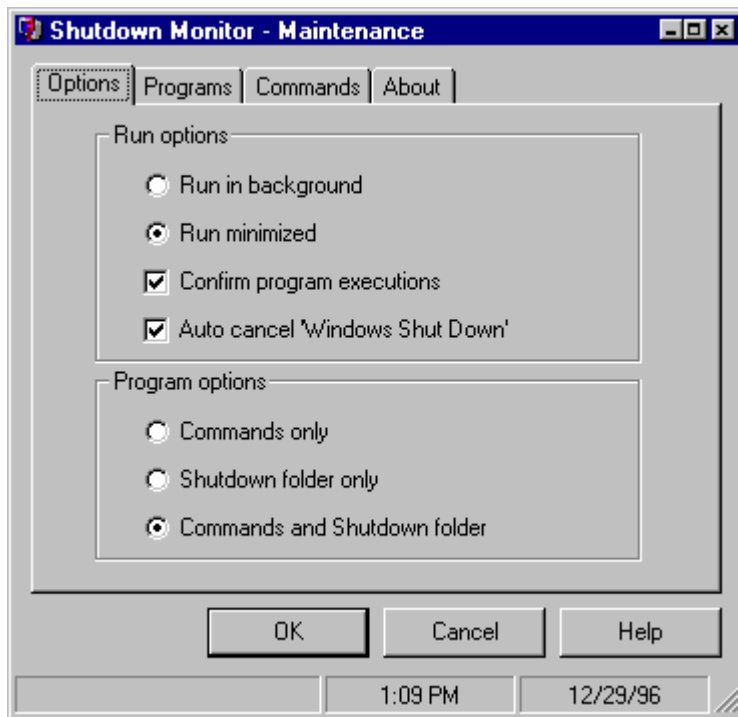
For example, to copy a file named text.txt from C:\temp to a directory called C:\mydir, enter:

```
Command.com /c copy C:\temp\text.txt C:\mydir
```

Windows Shut Down

To shut down your computer, click the Start button, click Shut Down, and then click Shut Down The Computer.

Options



Run in background

Run minimized

Determines if Shutdown Monitor will run in the background or run minimized while it waits for Windows to shut down

Confirm program executions

If this box is not checked, Shutdown Monitor will automatically execute all selected programs and command lines without checking with you first. If it is checked, Shutdown Monitor will stop and get your input first.

Auto cancel 'Windows Shut Down'

If this box is checked, then Shutdown Monitor will automatically cancel the Windows Shut Down before executing the selected programs and command lines. After the selected programs and command lines have executed, you will be presented with a Windows Shut Down menu.

This option is useful if you find that executing the selected programs and command lines takes too long, and Windows' message box informing you that "[This program is not responding](#)" (or "This Windows application cannot respond to the End Task request" on WinNT 4.0) continually comes up.

Also see [Windows Shutdown](#).

Commands only

Shutdown folder only

Commands and Shutdown folder

If "Commands only" is selected, Shutdown Monitor will only run the command lines entered through the maintenance program.

If "Shutdown folder only" is selected, Shutdown Monitor will only run the programs located in the Shutdown folder.

If "Commands and Shutdown folder" is selected, Shutdown Monitor will run programs and command lines.

Programs

The Programs tab shows the current contents of the Shutdown folder. You can launch explorer to perform file maintenance.

To add programs to the Shutdown folder on the Start menu, follow these steps:



- Right-click the taskbar and select "properties"
- Select the "Start Menu Programs" tab
- Click the "Add" button
- Follow the prompts, selecting any programs you would like to run at Windows shutdown
- Select the "Shutdown" folder to put them into

Commands

The Commands tab displays all the command lines that were entered through the Shutdown Monitor Maintenance program.

DoubleClick any item to toggle its' run status between "**Yes**" and "**No**".

Commands will be executed in the order that they are listed. To change the order, use the two **Change Priority** buttons:

-  Moves the selected command line ahead of the previous command line.
-  Moves the selected command line to a position after the following command line.

There are three editing buttons on the Commands Tab:

- **Add** button to add a new command line to be executed
- **Edit** button to modify an existing command line
- **Delete** button to delete the selected command line

In the edit window, a command line can be entered or modified. The **Run** checkbox determines the default behavior of the command when Shutdown Monitor is activated by a Windows shut down.

Click the **Accept** button to save any changes made and exit.

Click the **Cancel** button to discard any modifications made and exit.

Click the **Browse** button to select a file or program to use in your command line.

Wait For Shut Down

When Shutdown Monitor is first run it will either run minimized or in the background, depending on the selections made in Shutdown Monitor Maintenance. If it is minimized, you can select to continue running it minimized, run it in the background, or cancel Shutdown Monitor and exit.

Shareware Concept

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Support

Registered users of **Shutdown Monitor** get priority support. All other users will be supported on a first-come first-served basis.

An e-mail message will get the quickest response. Be certain to provide as much background information as possible.

We also welcome your comments and input for future releases of **Shutdown Monitor**.

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License Number

Entering your license number

Enter your license number for your copy of **Shutdown Monitor** by selecting "Registration Key" on the "Shutdown Monitor - Unregistered version" window.

Select the type of license you have:

- Single user license
- Site license
- World-wide license

Enter your licensed name and license number EXACTLY as it appears on your registration notification. This license number is unique for each site.

If you encounter any difficulties, contact [support](#).

Important note:

Since **Shutdown Monitor** is user-profile aware, if you have multiple user profiles on your system, you need to enter your licensed name and license number for each login.

"This program is not responding"

When windows has initiated a Shut Down, it waits for a response from all active processes. If it doesn't receive a reply within a certain amount of time (usually around 20 seconds) Windows' displays a message declaring that "This program is not responding" (or "This Windows application cannot respond to the End Task request" on WinNT 4.0) and giving you the option of continuing to wait for the program to respond, end the task (the program), or cancelling the Shut Down.

If you find that the selected programs and command lines cause this message to display, and you find it annoying, try selecting [Auto cancel 'Windows Shut Down'](#) on the options tab of Shutdown Monitor Maintenance.

Windows Shutdown

This is a separate program that comes with **Shutdown Monitor**. It can be used instead of the Windows' Shut Down on the Start menu. The selection window that you have is similar to the one on the Start menu with the notable exception that it contains a checkbox for "Run Shutdown Monitor before Windows Shutdown". After you make your Shut Down selection, **Shutdown Monitor** will execute according to the options selected in Shutdown Maintenance. When **Shutdown Monitor** finishes, then Windows will be shut down.

The advantages to shutting windows down in this fashion are:

- You completely avoid having [Windows' Shut Down timing out](#).
- You don't have to wait until all your programs and commands execute to finish shutting down (as you would if you select Auto cancel 'Windows Shut Down' on the Options tab of Shutdown Maintenance) .
- You avoid using system resources while **Shutdown Monitor** runs in the background (or minimized) waiting for Windows to Shut Down.

The disadvantages to shutting windows down in this fashion are:

- If Windows is shut down by another process or program, **Shutdown Monitor** will be completely unaware of the shut down and your programs won't be executed.
- Under certain conditions, "Close all programs and log on as a different user" causes the system to hang.
- "Restart the computer in MS-DOS mode" is not available.

