How to Check Shutdown and Startup Logs in Windows 11 and 10

Ever wondered what happens when your computer powers down or boots up? Windows 11 and 10 keep detailed logs of these events, and we'll show you how to access them using the Windows Event Viewer and Command Prompt. No need to worry about technical jargon - we've simplified the process for you.

Common Events Related to Startup and Shutdown

Before we dive into the steps, let's quickly go over some common events you might encounter:

Event ID 41: This indicates an improper shutdown where Windows reboots without shutting down properly.

Event ID 1074: This logs shutdown and restart events, whether initiated by a user or an application.

Event ID 6006: This records a proper, orderly shutdown.

Event ID 6008: This event appears if your computer shuts down abnormally or unexpectedly.

How to View Startup and Shutdown Logs in Windows 10

You have two methods to access these logs:

1) Using the Event Viewer

Follow these steps:

1. Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
2. Type "eventvwr.msc" and press Enter.
3. In the Event Viewer, navigate to Windows Logs > System on the left.
4. Click on Filter Current Log on the right.
5. In the "Includes/Excludes Event IDs" textbox, type "41,1074,6006,6008" and click OK.

The Event Viewer will now display only shutdown and startup events.

2) Using Command Prompt

If you prefer the Command Prompt, follow these steps:

Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog, then type "cmd" and press Enter.

Copy and paste the following command:

```
wevtutil qe system "/q:*[System [(EventID=1074)]]" /rd:true /f:text /c:1
```

To view only the timestamp of the last shutdown, use this command instead:

```
wevtutil qe system "/q:*[System [(EventID=1074)]]" /rd:true /f:text /c:1 | findstr /i "date"
```

That's it! You can now easily access shutdown and startup logs on Windows 10. We recommend using the Event Viewer for its simplicity, but the Command Prompt offers an alternative method.

Trouble Viewing Logs on Your Windows 10 PC?

If you face difficulties viewing logs due to issues like corrupt keys or junk files, consider using a registry cleaner like **Auslogics BoostSpeed.** This tool helps remove problematic files and optimize your system settings for better performance.

BoostSpeed can also enhance your internet connection settings for smoother browsing, quicker downloads, and improved audio/video call quality.

Viewing Shutdown Logs in Windows 11

For Windows 11 users, accessing the startup and shutdown log is straightforward:

1. Search for "command" in the bar.
2. Right-click on the Command Prompt result and select Yes for User Account Control.
3. In the Command Prompt, type:

```
wevtutil qe system "/q:*[System [(EventID=1074)]]" /rd:true /f:text /c:1
```

To view only the date and time of these events, use this command:

```
wevtutil qe system "/q:*[System [(EventID=1074)]]" /rd:true /f:text /c:1 | findstr /i "date"
```

Now you can easily access the shutdown and startup log in Windows 11.

In Conclusion

Windows Event Viewer and Command Prompt are powerful tools for monitoring and accessing shutdown and startup logs on your Windows 11 and 10 computers. Whether you're troubleshooting an issue or simply curious about your system's activities, these methods provide valuable insights. Use them responsibly, and stay vigilant against potential security risks.