

# Black screen on Windows (2024-03-21)

## Context:

Windows Explorer is a process (**explorer.exe**) that provides the graphical interface you use every day in Windows: the Start menu, the taskbar, the Desktop, the notification area, and File Explorer.

## Problem:

Sometimes, one of these graphical components stops responding, freezes, or no longer works properly.

## Solutions:

Restart Windows Explorer (explorer.exe)

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# To end the Explorer task  
taskkill /f /im explorer.exe
```

```
# To start the Explorer task  
restart explorer.exe
```



<https://www.wikihow.com/Restart-Windows-Explorer-Without-Rebooting-Computer>