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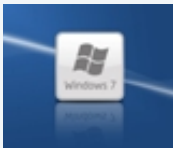
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If your Task Manager gets stuck or unresponsive due to intensive apps and you are not able to kill the particular process. What do u do ? You press ctrl alt delete to open up task manager and find the culprit. But you can kill also multiple processes using command prompt in Windows 7.

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To do so, open the Command

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Prompt in the Administrative privileges mode and run the **tasklist** command, it will show you a list of all the running processes.

```
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C:\Windows\system32>tasklist

Image Name                   PID Session Name        Session#    Mem Usage
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System Idle Process          0 Services             0             20 K
System                       4 Services             0          2,832 K
smss.exe                     424 Services             0           400 K
svchost.exe                   552 Services             0          2,000 K
chrome.exe                    7572 Console              1          67,028 K
chrome.exe                    3200 Console              1          55,332 K
chrome.exe                    7200 Console              1          26,008 K
chrome.exe                    6292 Console              1          26,524 K
chrome.exe                    6948 Console              1          22,136 K
chrome.exe                    3324 Console              1          1,44,904 K
chrome.exe                    6304 Console              1           35,328 K
opera.exe                    1824 Console              1          1,33,748 K
sup.exe                       6680 Services             0          24,116 K
dllhost.exe                   6196 Console              1           5,380 K
dllhost.exe                   7560 Services             0           3,804 K
cmd.exe                       7232 Console              1           2,232 K
conhost.exe                   8176 Console              1           5,116 K
tasklist.exe                  8164 Console              1           6,172 K

C:\Windows\system32>taskkill /IM chrome.exe /F
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 7572 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3200 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 7200 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 6292 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 6948 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 3324 has been terminated.
SUCCESS: The process "chrome.exe" with PID 6304 has been terminated.
C:\Windows\system32>
```

To view the processes, type **Taskview** and hit Enter.

To kill any particular process use the **Taskkill** command. For example to kill Chrome, run the command as:

`Taskkill /IM chrome.exe /F`

where /F is used to kill the process forcefully. You can also kill any particular process by using its ID, the tasklist command displays the process ID's as well (you can see the PID column in the screenshot). To kill any process using its ID, run the command as:

`Taskkill /PID 2704 /F`

Now to kill multiple processes simultaneously, run the above command with the PID's of all the processes followed by spaces

`Taskkill /PID 2704 5472 4344 /F`

That's it!


Last edited by knightrider™; 11-17-2009 at 10:25 AM.


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11-17-2009, 10:26 AM #3


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Excellent, no doubt!
Thank you 😊




11-17-2009, 10:26 AM #3


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thanks leo i ll post some if i get time 😊




11-17-2009, 03:13 PM #4




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I think that works in Vista too. All the commands are there.


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#5

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I think that works in Vista too. All the commands are there.

Yes it does my friend

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Taskkill is powerfull.

I just want to give a situation where taskkill is not right choice. If you have multiple MMCs(dsa.msc, adsiedit.msc, and few other) running on PC and if you want to kill only dsa.msc(Active Directory Users and Computers), then taskkill is not your choice. The reason is it all MMC applications runs with same process name mmc.exe(args are different).

If you are in such a situations, the below can help you.

```
Get-Process | where  
{$_ .mainwindowtitle -match "active  
directory users and computers"} |  
stop-process
```

[Sitaram's Blog: Get process details using window title:](#)

Thanks,
Sitaram Pamarthi

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#7



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nice tip knightrider™ tnx 😊


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01-10-2011, 11:33 AM #9

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Taskkill /IM firefox.exe /F

Thank you, you just saved a lot of unsafed data. 😊


One addition:


Miranda was not only locking the taskmanager and explorer but also the command prompt.



Lucky as I am I'm using Launchy, which can also pass commands to cmd. :-)


"cmd [Tab] Taskkill /IM miranda32.exe /F" did the trick.

Thanks again!

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 01-28-2011, 02:00 PM #10

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