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FreeBSD or BSD reboot and shutdown system

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Q. How do I reboot or shutdown BSD (FreeBSD) based system. Command shutdown -h 0 is not working for me.

A. FreeBSD or other BSD uses the shutdown or halt command to shutdown system. To reboot FreeBSD/BSD box use reboot command.

Task: Shutdown BSD

Use shutdown command to close down the system at a given time. Type following command to shutdown system immediately:

shutdown -h now

OR

halt

Task: Reboot BSD system

Type the following command:

reboot

OR

shutdown -r now

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