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Shut Down, Restart, Log off, Lock, Hibernate or Sleep Your Computer in C#





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A tip about how to shut down, restart, log off, lock, hibernate or sleep your computer in C#.

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Introduction

In this tip, I'll tell you how to shut down, restart, log off or lock your computer in C#.

Using the Code

First, add this **using** namespace statements:

```
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using System.Diagnostics;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
```

To shut down your computer, use this code:

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```
Process.Start("shutdown","/s /t 0"); // starts the shutdown application // the argument /s is to shut down the computer // the argument /t 0 is to tell the process that // the specified operation needs to be completed // after 0 seconds
```

To restart your computer, use this code:

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```
Process.Start("shutdown",
"/r /t 0"); // the argument /r is to restart the computer
```

To log off, add this **extern** method to your class:

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```
[DllImport("user32")]
public static extern bool ExitWindowsEx(uint uFlags, uint dwReason);
```

Then, to log off, invoke the method:

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ExitWindowsEx(0,0);
```

To lock your computer, add this **extern** method to your class:

```
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```

```
[DllImport("user32")]
public static extern void LockWorkStation();
```

Then, to lock, invoke the method:

```
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```

LockWorkStation();

To put your computer in **Hibernate** or **Sleep**, you need the same **DllImport** statement for them. Thanks to Virender Prajapati for suggesting to add these!

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```
[DllImport("PowrProf.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, ExactSpelling = true)]
public static extern bool SetSuspendState(bool hiberate, bool forceCritical, bool
disableWakeEvent);
```

To bring your computer into **Hibernate**:

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```

SetSuspendState(true, true, true);

And to bring it into **sleep**:

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```
SetSuspendState(false, true, true);
```

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