

Auto Kill Any Process (version 2.2) – User Guide

Description:

Auto Kill Any Process or A.K.A.P for short, is a very useful utility, to kill Multiple-Sets of different processes at once, by simply launching the program. It can also automatically monitor and kill processes at user specified intervals. These features can come in handy if you want to clean up a batch of related processes, after working with any application, or if you want to clear a set of expendable processes before starting another RAM intensive application, or to automatically get rid of reincarnating processes, in just a few seconds, instead of using the tedious task manager.

A.K.A.P uses the HITLIST concept, wherein, the names of the processes, chosen to be terminated by the user, are saved in a file with its extension as “.hitlist”. This Hitlist is then passed to the program whenever it is executed, so that, all these processes can be killed at once, by simply launching the program or by using the timer feature.

Requirements:

- Microsoft .Net Framework 2.0 or above

Features:

- Ability to kill multiple processes, at once, from a single hitlist.
- Ability to automatically kill processes that keeps coming back, even after their termination.
- Add to windows startup, to terminate stubborn startup processes.
- Can run in SILENT MODE – without any prompts or messages (one time configuration needed).
- Can be minimized to System Tray to silently MONITOR and KILL reincarnating processes.
- Allows multiple hitlists, with a choice to save any one particular combination.
- Choose the above combination during execution or in the settings window.
- Kill individual running processes, useful for NOT RESPONDING processes.

- Kill individual processes, from a hitlist also, instead of killing ALL of them.
- Provides log entry for the each termination, so that users can know the termination status of each process.
- Error log also available, to help understand any problem and to report bugs.
- Auto clearing of termination logs, to save disk space.

What's new in Version 2.2:

- Auto Kill Timer – repeatedly monitors and kills reincarnating processes at regular user-specified intervals.
- Some changes in user-interface.

Bug fixes in Version 2.2:

- Minor modifications to avoid the application crashing under certain circumstances.

Instructions:

1. Launch the program's settings window.
2. Create a new hitlist, by clicking on the “**New**” button, enter the desired hitlist name, and click “**OK**”.
3. You will be taken to “**Add Running Processes**” tab, check mark the processes you want to be batch terminated and click “**Save to Hitlist**”.
4. Alternatively, you can enter the process names on your own, using the “**Edit Hitlist**” tab.
5. You can repeat the above steps to create more hitlists.
6. Once you have saved a hitlist with at least a single process name in it, you can hit the “**Kill Now!**” button found on the “**Hitlist Operations**” tab, to terminate the processes in the chosen hitlist. That's all!!
7. If you have created more than one hitlist, then go to “**Other Settings**” tab.
8. On the right side, choose which hitlists are to be used for termination on the next program launch and click “**Update**” button.
9. If your termination needs vary each time you launch the program, you can select “**Choose during Execution**”, and click “**Update**” button, this allows you to

dynamically choose the combination of hitlists to use. [but shows a single prompt in silent mode].

10. If you want to get rid of processes that keep coming back, even after terminating them, set the “[Enable Auto Kill Timer](#)” option and enter a time interval in minutes. A.K.A.P automatically terminates the processes from the chosen hitlist at the specified intervals.
11. Now, you can leave the A.K.A.P window as it is, or minimize it to the tray, so that A.K.A.P can do its work silently in the background.

From the next time onwards, no need launch the settings window, simply use the SILENT MODE, to make things quicker, cleaner and easier.

Important Notes:

- Remember, the “[Kill Now!](#)” button performs **DIFFERENT** kill operations in each tab, so please note the group heading of the “[Kill Now!](#)” button to understand what processes would be killed by the button in the corresponding tab.
- Functions of “[Kill Now!](#)” buttons in the following tabs are:
 - a. **Hitlist Operations TAB** - Kills **all the processes** displayed in the list box.
 - b. **Add Running Processes TAB** - Kills **only the processes that are checked in the running processes** list on the left side.
 - c. **Edit Hitlist TAB** - Kills **only the processes that are checked** in the list box on the left side.
 - d. **Other Settings TAB** - Kills **all processes, stored in the SELECTED HITLISTS.**
- The process names added manually, under the “**Edit Hitlist**” tab are not verified for valid format, so please make sure you enter them in the correct format, (i.e.) **<process name>.<extension>**
- Terminating certain system processes such as SVCHOST.EXE, can destabilize your system, so please use caution when terminating such processes.

- Incase you lost the shortcut to the settings window, simply create a normal shortcut to the main program and add the command line argument “settings” to this shortcut.
- Registry entries to remove, if any problems with uninstall,
 - (1) “HKCU\Software\AKMA Solutions\Auto Kill Any Process\”
 - (2) “HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\Auto Kill Any Process”

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