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**Kill Processes using Command Prompt in Windows 10/8/7**

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

**Kill Processes using Command Prompt in Windows 10/8/7**

For this we use the [Tasklist](#) and [Taskview](#) commands.

Open the Command 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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Microsoft Windows [Version 6.2.9200]
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C:\Windows\system32>tasklist

Image Name                      PID Session Name        Session#    Mem Usage
=====
System Idle Process             0 Services              0             20 K
System                           4 Services              0          2,832 K
smss.exe                       424 Services              0           400 K
csrss.exe                      552 Services              0          2,600 K
wmiprvse.exe                   7120 Services              0          5,286 K
chrome.exe                     7572 Console                1         67,028 K
chrome.exe                     3200 Console                1         55,932 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                     6504 Console                1         35,928 K
opera.exe                      1824 Console                1        1,33,748 K
aup.exe                        6680 Services              0         24,116 K
dllhost.exe                   6196 Console                1           5,300 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 6504 has been terminated.

C:\Windows\system32>

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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™; 17th November 2009 at 11:25.*

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Excellent, no doubt!

Thank you

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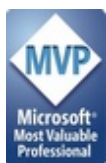
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thanks leo i ll post some if i get time

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

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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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nice tip knightrider™ tnx

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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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Thank you for tasklist command. It's a nice tip.

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