



Auto Shutdown XP Professional 2005

The most advanced Auto Shutdown application on the market.

Automatically shutdown computers, save user data. Reduce electricity wastage and bills. Secure networks in the process.

Version: 2005

Platforms: Windows NT SP6a, 2000, XP

Price: Single user licence \$39.99 USD,

Education institution, charities and non profit making organisations \$34.99.

Multi-user licensing available on request

Overview

A typical PC left on for 24 hours each day can use £60 (\$108¹ or €88²) or more of energy per year. Turned off at night and weekends, the same units will only use around £15 of energy per year.

In an office with 100 PCs, annual energy cost savings could be around £5000 and £15000 if sited in an air-conditioned office.³

Recently power outages have happened in the US from New York to Detroit and Toronto to Ottawa in Canada. The UK suffered power outages in London and Birmingham within the space of a week.

An expert who advises the UK government has said power cuts could hit the UK within two years.⁴

Electricity has never been more precious we must all help to prevent it being wasted; ASD XP Professional can help you do this and save your company substantial amounts of money in the process.

ASD XP Professional will change the way management view computers. Traditionally viewed as an expense with this application every existing computer is an additional saving.

How ASD XP Professional works

ASD XP Professional runs silently in the background until the scheduled time or condition is satisfied. At which point the user is given an optional warning notifying them of the shutdown.

If there is unsaved work, this can be saved by ASD XP Professional.

Shutdown times can be controlled from a central computer or server. Making it easy to extend or shorten the time a PC available.

Schools, Colleges and Universities and even parents greatly benefit from the advanced features which can prevent a PC being switched back on for a period up to 24 hours.

Additionally ASD XP Professional can be used to reboot servers, log off users or even used as a timer to switch off the computer for those who use it to watch TV or listen to MP3's.

Reference:

¹ USD Exchange rate: 1.795

² Euro Exchange rate: 1.468

³ Action Energy: Good Practice Guide 118. www.actionenergy.org.uk

⁴ <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/3496844.stm>



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Features and Benefits

Key features

- Four schedule types.
Daily –Shutdown at the same time each day.
Weekly –Shutdown at different times each day of the week.
Specific data and time – Shutdown at a pre-set date and time.
Conditional – Use any one of the thousands of counters as a condition for shutdown. These include processor usage, print queue, network bandwidth and many more.
- Shutdown remote computers.
- Prevent computer restarts for a period up to 24 hours.
- Customisable warning message and alarm.
- Centralised shutdown script management. Update a master script and all computers using the same script will be updated automatically.
- Built in security
- The first Auto Save Manager with four modes:
White list
Black list
All applications
Enhanced mode
- Auto login
- Clean up
- Extensive on-line help and user guide
- Users without administrator privileges cannot make changes to ASD XP Professional.

Key benefits

- Save money.
- Save time by not having to visit each computer room to ensure everyone has powered the computer down.
- Prevent electricity from being wasted.
- Help the environment.
- Prevent unauthorised use of computers.
- Increase network security, if a computer becomes infected with a virus once shutdown it can not do anymore damage.
- Control computer usage.
- Computers which are regularly shutdown require less maintenance.
- Increase the life time of computer hardware which can suffer from wear and tear like hard drives.
- No additional software needs to be purchased.
- Used successfully by thousands of organisations throughout the world.



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Technical Overview

ASD XP Professional is the most advanced auto shutdown application on the market. ASD XP Professional is feature rich but still easy to use.

ASD XP Professional runs quietly in the background until the scheduled time or condition is satisfied. At this moment a Warning is displayed which has a snooze button to allow the user to delay the shutdown time for a configurable period.

Auto Save will then save user documents and then precede to shutdown the computer.

Auto Save Manager

ASD XP Professional can save documents which the user was working on. These may be new or existing documents. All the documents are stored on the local computer according to the date they were saved.

This is the first completely user configurable Auto Save Manager. Applications can be added individually to the Auto Save Manager lists. There are two lists which are maintained by the application.

Applications which belong to the White list will be saved where as those on the Black list will be ignored.

No scripts need to be written or edited with the Auto Save Manager.

Net Script Synchronisation

It can be very difficult to maintain scripts for hundreds of computers in any organisation. Net Script Synchronisation allows scripts to be updated from a central computer. When the master script is updated all the computers will automatically update their script.

Prevent System Restarts

If ASD XP Professional was configured to prevent restarts for a period of time, the computer will shutdown each time it is switched on until this period of time has expired.

Comprehensive shutdown actions

Complete support including, shutdown, power down, log off, switch user, restart, hibernate and suspend. With an optional force mode.

Clean Up

ASD XP Professional can carry out routine tasks before shutting down the computer including deleting:

- Cookies
- Internet history
- Internet cache
- Recent documents history

Auto Login

ASD XP Professional can automatically login users into Windows. Simply enter the correct "Domain" followed by the account "User name", "Password" and Windows will automatically login using these details each time the system is started.

User interface

The user interface of ASD XP Professional is easy to use and elegant, you will appreciate how intuitive it from the first time you use it.

User guide

ASD XP Professional is accompanied with a comprehensive user guide which is supported with on-line help.

Lots of other functions and features exist such as Security, Quick Shutdown and Network script synchronisation.



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Frequently Asked Questions

The Warning dialog keeps counting down and does not close, preventing the computer shutting down?

The computer is not using a 24 hour clock. This can be verified by looking for a visible AM/PM next to the count down timer in the warning tab page.

To fix this change to a 24 hour clock:

1. Launch the "Control Panels"
2. Select "Regional and Language Options"
3. Ensure the "Regional Options" tab page is selected
4. Press the "Customise" button
5. Select the "Time" tab page
6. Change the "Time format" field to "HH:mm:ss"

How do I prevent my computer from being restarted once it has been shutdown for two hours?

From the Action tab page press the "Advanced" button, and then tick "Once Shutdown prevent system restarts". You will then be able to enter a period up to 24 hours for which the computer can not be switched on.

I have 400 computers in my company and the shutdown times need to be changed from time to time is there an easy way to do this?

ASD XP Network Synchronisation can update the settings automatically from a designated computer. To download and install this please see **URL HERE**

What is the Enhanced mode when using Auto Save?

The enhanced mode groups the applications together and provides a more reliable method of saving your work.

When ASD XP Professional finds an application list on the White list, all of its windows are closed and saved before continuing.

ASD XP Net Synchronisation fails

The most common reason is not granting sufficient privileges to the system. ASD XP Net Synchronisation needs to download the script over the network then update the current one. If the application does not have sufficient permissions this will fail.

For a step by step guide to granting sufficient permissions read page 54 in the user guide.

I am an existing user; do I still have to purchase a new license?

If you purchased a 5 user license or less then use the following payment page to purchase the upgrade:

<https://shop1.v-share.com/v4.0/order.php?pid=16394>

If you purchased a multi-user license please contact sales@gillit.com who can advise you.