

# Services

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Applies To: Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012

You can use the Services Microsoft Management Console (MMC) snap-in to manage services that are running on local or remote computers — for example, to stop or start a service. You can also manage services using the **sc config** command.

A service is an application type that runs in the system background without a user interface and is similar to a UNIX daemon process. Services provide core operating system features, such as Web serving, event logging, file serving, printing, cryptography, and error reporting.

You can perform the following actions for services on local and remote computers:

- Start, stop, pause, resume, or disable services.
- Set up recovery actions to take place if a service fails — for example, restarting the service automatically or restarting the computer.
- Run services in the security context of a user account that is different from the logged-on user or the default computer account.
- Enable or disable services for a particular hardware profile.
- Export and save service information to a .txt or .csv file.
- View the status and description of each service.
- View the service dependencies.
- Click **Start** , in the **Start Search** box, type **services.msc** , and then press **Enter** .

To open the Services snap-in in Windows Server® 2012, click **Start** , type **services.msc** .

Note

Membership in the local **Administrators** group, or equivalent, is required to use the Services snap-in.

- [Set up Recovery Actions to Take Place When a Service Fails](#)
- [Configure How a Service Is Started](#)
- [Use Hardware Profiles to Troubleshoot Services](#)

- For more information about troubleshooting service events and errors, see <https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=68107>.
- For information about developing and using services, see <https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=88931>.

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