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- Exit Windows
- Restart Windows
- Exit Windows, run a DOS application, and restart Windows
- Exit Windows and reboot your system

In addition, you can utilize our **Rapid Restart** (tm) feature to exit or restart Windows without the delays involved when each application is asked if it is OK to exit. To give you the utmost power, Roger's Rapid Restart also supports a full parameter interface.

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Overview

What is Roger's Rapid Restart?

Roger's Rapid Restart is a Windows utility that gives you total control over exiting and restarting Windows. It allows you to:

- Exit Windows. This will quit Windows and return you to the DOS prompt.
- Restart Windows. This will restart Windows without first going back to the DOS prompt. This is quicker than manually exiting and restarting Windows.
- Exit Windows, run a DOS application, and restart Windows. This entire process can proceed without any user intervention. This is particularly useful for Windows power-users and developers.
- Exit Windows and reboot your system. This will exit Windows and perform a soft system reset. This is preferable to simply rebooting from within Windows.

You can utilize our **Rapid Restart** (tm) feature to exit or restart Windows without the delays involved when each application is asked if it is OK to exit. This is particularly handy if you are running applications that always ask before terminating (such as a DOS application).

You can also run Roger's Rapid Restart with passed-in parameters and have full access to its command set.

Why does Roger's Rapid Restart exist?

First of all, this program is aimed at Windows DEVELOPERS and Windows POWER-USERS. Normal end-users can (of course) use it, but might not really need the functionality it provides.

There are other shareware programs that will exit and/or restart Windows. But, they are not as flexible, as unobtrusive or as QUICK as Roger's Rapid Restart (see next section).

Under normal circumstances, you must tell your Windows shell (e.g., Program Manager) that you want to exit. It then asks you if you are sure. After asking each program in turn if it wants to exit, the system will finally shut down and return you to the DOS prompt.

Developers and power-users often have the need to exit and/or restart Windows on a frequent basis due to the complexities of their environment. Roger's Rapid Restart provides a better, quicker, and more flexible means of getting in-and-out of Windows.

The uses of Roger's Rapid Restart are only limited by your imagination...

What are some common uses for Roger's Rapid Restart?

- There are many times when it is necessary to restart Windows. Many applications don't release all of the system resources in use when the exit, and eventually you will become low on system resources. Or, if you are a developer and your application GP faults frequently, you will soon run out of resources. Restarting Windows is quicker and easier than exiting to the DOS prompt and typing "win" again.
- Developers should run debug Windows to ascertain that their code functions properly with the additional error checking. However, the debug version of Windows is significantly slower than the retail version. With Roger's Rapid Restart, you can setup commands to change between the retail and debug system binaries with a single

keystroke.

- Depending on what you use as a Windows shell, you might occasionally find yourself in a situation where the shell gets a GP Fault or is otherwise hung-up. In this situation, you can still exit Windows by using Roger's Rapid Restart.
- There are still a few DOS applications that refuse to operate properly under Windows. Many of these can be run by using the command which will exit Windows, run a DOS application, and then restart Windows automatically when you are done.
- Even for normal exiting, many users find it more convenient to use Roger's Rapid Restart than to search for the Windows shell on your desktop.
- By utilizing Roger's Rapid Restart to exit Windows and reboot your system, you can setup an unattended system which will safely reboot if needed. You might wish to use this technique if you are dialing into your computer remotely and find a problem.
- You might wish to load, unload or modify the operation of various TSRs that need to be in-place before Windows is started.

Detailed Usage Notes

This section contains just about everything you need to know in order to effectively use Roger's Rapid Restart. If you have a question, chances are it is covered below...

How to install and activate Roger's Rapid Restart

The first time you run Roger's Rapid Restart, it is added to the LOAD= line in your WIN.INI file. This will ensure that the program is always accessible when you need it.

Upon startup, Roger's Rapid Restart will display a registration reminder screen for a couple of seconds (this is not present in the registered version), after which you will not see anything else until you activate the program.

You can activate Roger's Rapid Restart by holding down the Control+Alt+Insert keys. An alternate method of activating it is to run RESTART.EXE a second time.

Note that the Control+Alt+Insert activation keys will only function when the focus is in Windows. This means that these keys won't work in a non-Windows application (either full screen or if a windowed non-Windows app has the input focus).

Two Important things (described in detail below)

1. Use caution when using the Rapid Restart (tm) method (selected by pushing the "OK (Rapid)" button). This option bypasses the normal asking of permission from each application to exit. In other words, if you have unsaved files, they will be lost.
2. When you enter a DOS App in the "Exit, Execute DOS App, and Restart Windows" options, you must enter the fully qualified path with the file extension! (in other words, EDIT.COM won't work, but C:\DOS\EDIT.COM will). If you want to execute a batch file, you must use something like, C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM /C C:\XYZ.BAT.

Notes on each option

Exit Windows

You might find using Roger's Rapid Restart easier than searching for Program Manager in order to close Windows.

Restart Windows

This will Restart Windows without first returning to the DOS prompt.

Exit, Execute DOS App, and Restart Windows

This will allow you to exit Windows, execute a DOS App, and restart Windows without further intervention.

All commands entered are saved in the RESTART.INI file and will be available in future sessions.

When you enter a DOS App in the "Exit, Execute DOS App, and Restart Windows" options, you must enter the fully qualified path with the file extension! (in other words, EDIT.COM won't work, but C:\DOS\EDIT.COM will).

If you wish to run a batch file, you must use the /C parameter to COMMAND.COM. An example would be C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM /C C:\XYZ.BAT

A common use for developers is to specify C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM /C C:\WINDEV\D2N.BAT and C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM /C C:\WINDEV\N2D.BAT for a very easy method of changing to debug Windows and back again.

If you enter a DOS command improperly, you will usually simply be returned to Windows, although in some circumstances the system will hang (e.g., if you enter C:\XYZ.BAT directly).

Exit Windows and Reboot System

This is preferable to simply rebooting your system from within Windows.

Using parameters with Roger's Rapid Restart

You can pass parameters to Roger's Rapid Restart and access all of its features. You might wish to create items in Program Manager to do specific exit / restart tasks.

The general syntax for the parameters is:

RESTART <R>num <dos app>

where <R> is an 'R' used to specify Rapid Restart (tm) mode, *num* is the command identifier, and <dos app> is the optional dos application to execute if <num> is 7.

Some examples:

'RESTART 1' will exit Windows.

'RESTART 2' will restart Windows

'RESTART R2' will restart windows using the Rapid Restart (tm) method.

'RESTART 4' will exit Windows, execute the DOS App you have specified in command #4, and restart Windows.

'RESTART 7 C:\DOS\EDIT.COM C:\AUTOEXEC.BAT' will exit Windows, edit autoexec.bat, and restart Windows.

One special command is "Activate" (only the A is relevant). This will start Roger's Rapid Restart if it is not already running and will instantly activate it's dialog. An example of this is 'RESTART ACT'

Notes on using the Rapid Restart (tm) feature

Rapid Restart (tm) is a powerful feature that will greatly speed up the process of exiting and/or restarting Windows. It accomplishes this by bypassing the normal asking of permission to exit from each active application. Under normal circumstances, this will not cause any problems. However, it is up to you to be sure that you don't have any unsaved files open. For example, if you have an unsaved file in NOTEPAD, and you exit Windows using Rapid Restart (tm), you will lose the contents of the file you were editing. Plannet Crafters is NOT liable for ANY damage you inflict upon yourself!

Setting the default button

The default pushbutton in the dialog is set to OK. If you wish to default button to be the "OK (Rapid)" button, simply add "Rapid=1" to the [RRR] section in the RESTART.INI file (in your Windows directory).

Using the shift key as part of the activation sequence

If you wish to use CONTROL+ALT+SHIFT+INSERT as your activation sequence, simply add "Shift=1" to the [RRR] section in the RESTART.INI file (in your Windows directory).

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The cost for a single copy of Roger's Rapid Restart is \$10.00, plus an additional charge of \$2.00 for shipping and handling in the U.S. / Canada, and \$5.00 international.

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