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Roger's Rapid Restart (RRR) is a Windows utility that gives you **total control** over exiting and restarting Windows.

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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. Use Roger's "Instant-Action" Hotkey to get out of Windows with no questions asked!
- 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?**

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. And many people just want a way to exit Windows with no questions asked. 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 they 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.
- Many people have longed for a way to exit Windows instantly without having to respond to an intervening dialog. This is easy with Roger's "Instant-Action" Hotkey.
- 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. Games are a prime example. Many of these can be run by using RRR's 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.

# 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 (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 pressing the Pause key (or Control+Alt+Insert if so configured). An alternate method of activating it is to run RESTART.EXE a second time.

Note that the activation key sequence (Pause or Control+Alt+Insert) 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).

## The Main Dialog

The main dialog consists of 6 choices, numbered 1-6. Choices 1, 2, and 5 are fairly self-explanatory. See [Notes on exiting and restarting Windows and rebooting your system](#) for more details.

Choices 3-5 are used to exit Windows, execute a DOS application, and return to Windows as soon as the DOS application is finished. Following each of these choices is an edit control, where you enter the full specification of the DOS application you desire to execute (see [Notes on executing DOS apps](#)) for more details.

On the right side of the main dialog, you will find a number of buttons. Each one is described below:

OK - Select this button to perform the choice (1-6) you have selected, without using the Rapid Restart method.

OK (Rapid) - Select this button to perform the choice (1-6) you have selected, using the Rapid Restart method.

Cancel - Select this button to cancel the dialog without further action.

Browse - Select this button to browse for files when entering a DOS application for choices 3-5. Note that this button will be disabled if you have selected choice 1, 2, or 6

Configure - Select this button to bring up the configuration dialog

Help - Select this button to enter the help system for Roger's Rapid Restart.

# Configuring Roger's Rapid Restart

## **Main Dialog Activation Key(s)**

The activation key is the key(s) that you press to bring up the RRR dialog.

The default activation key for RRR is the Pause key. However, you may also choose Control+Alt+Insert as your activation key sequence.

## **Roger's "Instant-Action" Hotkey**

The "Instant-Action" Hotkey will perform the desired exit/restart/reboot function without first presenting a dialog. This gives you an easy way to exit Windows instantly.

The Hotkey sequence is the Main Dialog Activation Key(s) with the addition of the shift key.

Choose "0" to disable this option.

Choose 1-6 to select the desired action. This number corresponds to the choices presented in the main dialog.

You may check the "Rapid" box if you wish the hotkey to use the Rapid Restart method.

## **Default Selection for Main Dialog**

This will set the default selection when you bring up the RRR dialog. This number (1-6) corresponds to the choices presented in the main dialog.

## **Rapid Restart Mode**

Rapid Restart (tm) is a powerful feature that can 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, let's assume you have configured RRR to use the Rapid Restart mode on Windows app and you have an unsaved file in NOTEPAD. If 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!

You are given four basic options for Rapid Restart Mode:

### Auto-Close Non-Windows Apps

This is the default choice, and will only auto-close non-Windows applications. It will not auto-close Windows applications.

### Auto-Close Windows Apps

This will only auto-close Windows applications. It will not auto-close non-Windows applications.

### Auto-Close All Apps

This will auto-close all applications, both Windows and non-Windows.

### Disabled

This will effectively disable Rapid Restart. If you select Rapid Restart from the main dialog or via the parameter interface, if this option is selected, the effect is the same as a normal exit/restart.

You can choose "Select Rapid Restart Mode as Default" to set the default button in the main dialog to "OK (Rapid)"

**Remove**

This button will remove Roger's Rapid Restart from memory.

## Two important caveats!

1. Use care when using the Rapid Restart (tm) method (selected by pushing the "OK (Rapid)" button). Depending on the options you have chosen, you could lose unsaved work.

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Please refer to [Configuring Roger's Rapid Restart](#) for full details on how to setup the Rapid Restart (tm) mode.

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 exiting and restarting Windows and rebooting your system

## Exit Windows

You might find using Roger's Rapid Restart easier than searching for Program Manager in order to close Windows. You might also be interested in [How to get out of Windows with no questions asked!](#).

## Restart Windows

This will Restart Windows without first returning to the DOS prompt. This is faster than exiting and manually restarting Windows and also requires less keystrokes.

## Reboot System

This will exit Windows and perform a soft system reset. This is definitely preferable to simply using Control+Alt+Delete from within Windows.

## Notes on executing DOS apps

This section will describe in detail the usage of the Exit, Execute DOS App, and Restart Windows commands.

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

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).

Most DOS applications will execute without problems. However, an application that desires to enter 386 protect mode will fail.

# How to get out of Windows with no questions asked!

Many people have been searching for a way to exit Windows instantly without intervening dialogs asking, "are you sure...".

With RRR, this is easy! Simply set the "Shift+Pause Hotkey Choice" to "1". Then, when you want to exit Windows in a flash, just press the Shift+Pause keys! You can also set the Rapid Restart mode to get out even faster.

For more details, please see [Configuring Roger's Rapid Restart](#).

## Switching between the debug and retail Windows binaries

Windows developers should make use of the debug binaries during the development process. However, these debug binaries tend to slow the system down enough to discourage their use. With RRR, you can switch to the debug binaries with a single keystroke, test your application, and switch back to the retail binaries with another keystroke.

To change from the retail to the debug binaries, enter

```
C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM /C C:\WINDEV\N2D.BAT
```

in the "Exit Windows, Run DOS App, and Restart Windows" command line.

To change from the debug to the retail binaries, enter

```
C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM /C C:\WINDEV\D2N.BAT
```

in the "Exit Windows, Run DOS App, and Restart Windows" command line.

(note: you should obviously replace the above examples with pathnames appropriate for your system)

## Using parameters to control 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'

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- To inform users about shareware programs and about shareware as a method of distributing and marketing software;
- To encourage broader distribution of shareware through user groups and disk dealers who agree to identify and explain the nature of shareware;
- To assist members in marketing their software;
- To provide a forum through which ASP members may communicate, share ideas, and learn from each other; and
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This program was produced by Plannet Crafters, Inc. We have specialized in Windows programming since Windows 3.0 was released and plan to ride the crest of the GUI-Wave into the future...

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We have growing line of Windows utilities that assist you in making the most of your computer. Look for them!

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Technical support for Roger's Rapid Restart is available to all registered users. If you are not a registered user, we will provide limited assistance to help you install and become sufficiently proficient for proper evaluation.

Technical assistance prior to registration is only available through electronic mail or regular mail.

Full Technical Support following registration is also available by phone. However, we encourage you to use electronic mail to contact us. As you can see below, we have access to most of the common on-line services and we visit them often. Because it is written, EMail allows for more concise questions as well as more detailed answers.

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We have endeavored to make registration easy and painless. You may register via Mail, Phone, FAX or Electronic Mail.

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For full details on registering, simply click on the "Register Me!" buttons present on the Registration Reminder Screen as well as the main dialog.

If you have any questions relating to registration, please contact [Plannet Crafters](#).

Once registered, the "Register Me!" buttons will not be accessible. If you wish to order additional copies, details are provided below:

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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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- 1) It is one of the best ways for you to get detailed tech support. In addition to personal answers to your technical questions, we have a series of Tech Tips available which answer many common questions.
- 2) It contains the latest version of Roger's Rapid Restart as well as other products from Plannet Crafters.

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# Other Products

Be sure to check out Plannet Crafters' other products, available as shareware:



## **Plug-In for Windows Version 2**

### **Overview**

#### **Plug-In Fills the Holes in Windows!**

Plug-In for Windows is an enhancement utility that seamlessly integrates with the Windows environment. It operates "behind the scenes," but is always there when you need it.

Plug-In for Windows, Version 2 is the follow-on to Plug-In for Program Manager 1.x, which won lots of praise and the following industry awards:

- Windows Magazine 1994 Win 100 Award
- Windows Magazine 1993 Win 100 Award
- Byte Magazine / Jerry Pournelle's 1993 User Choice Award
- Byte Magazine / Jerry Pournelle's 1992 User Choice Award

### **Plug-In includes the following features:**

#### **Program Manager Enhancements**

- Nested Groups and Group Management.
- Customizable Group Icons
- Customizable Program Manager Title
- Instant menus of all items in a group
- Save Settings Now

#### **Custom Cursors**

- Change the Standard and Wait cursors to a wide variety of shapes and sizes.
- Enhance other cursors (easy-to-see I-Beam; larger, bolder sizing cursors)
- Cursor Wrap at screen edges
- Reverse cursor colors

#### **Resource Alerts**

- Plug-In automatically tracks memory, system resources, and disk utilization.
- User-defined thresholds and actions
- Display a message box, play a sound, and/or launch a program when a resource drops below its threshold.

#### **QuickRun Menu**

- Instant access from any application using Plug-In's Power Button
- Very easy to configure
- Supports nested menus



- Includes ability to display a task list, run an internal Plug-In command, insert Program Manager groups, and much more.

### **Title Bar Displays**

- Display date, time, resources, stopwatch on the active title bar
- Full choice of configuration options, including text color, background color, and fonts

### **Alarms and Scheduler**

- Powerful alarms remind you of important events
- Schedule programs to run while you are away from your system
- Display message boxes and play sounds

### **Sound Support**

- Event sounds ... play specific sounds when you open, close, minimize, move applications
- Talking Clock
- Chimes
- InstaSound shortcut key

### **Miscellaneous**

- Screen Saver Enhancements. Instant-on and never-on corners, but a shortcut key.
- Control Center dialog gives you a central place to configure all of Plug-In's options.

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System Requirements: Any system with Windows 3.1



