

How to schedule a laptop shutdown using CMD commands for Windows 10, 8, 7, and XP

Scheduling a laptop shutdown using CMD commands for Windows 10, 8, 7, and XP is the best way for users to shut down their computer when they don't have time to wait or sit in front of their laptop. So, how do you do it? This article will guide you on how to schedule a laptop shutdown using CMD commands.

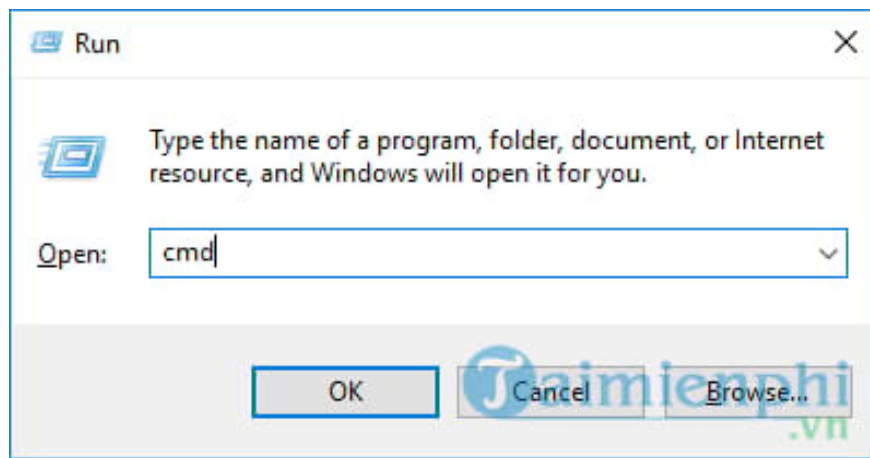
Scheduling a computer shutdown is a common need for many users today. In some cases, users may be downloading data or dealing with other computer issues and want to leave the computer running while they do other tasks. Additionally, if you are using IDM to download data, you can also apply the option to automatically shut down your computer after the download is complete using the built-in settings in the tool. For detailed instructions, please refer to our previous article on how to **schedule an automatic computer shutdown using IDM** after a download is finished. In the following article, Taimienphi will share with you how to quickly schedule a laptop shutdown using CMD commands for Windows 10, 8, 7, and XP.



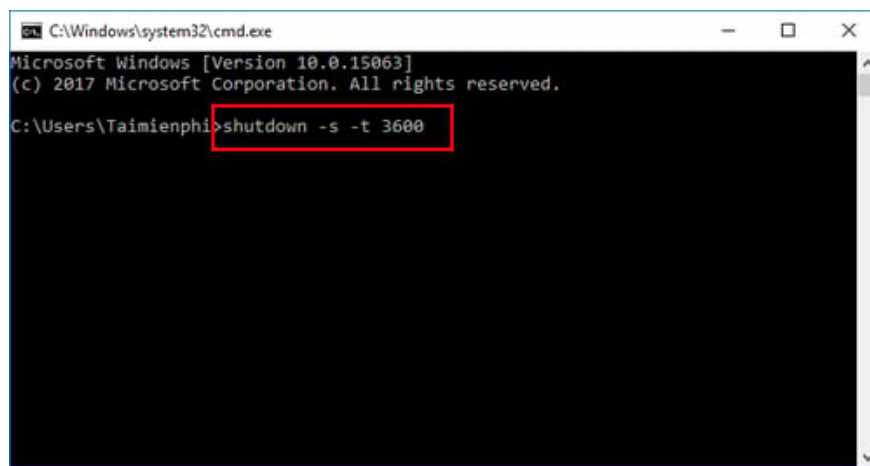
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Scheduling a laptop shutdown using CMD commands on Windows is quite simple, easy to do, and relatively similar across different operating systems. Therefore, in this article, Taimienphi will demonstrate the steps on Windows 10; the process is similar for Windows 8.1, 8, 7, and XP.

Step 1: From the user interface, press the **Windows + R** key combination to open the Run dialog box, type cmd, and then press **Enter** or **OK**.



Step 2: When the Command Prompt dialog box appears, enter the command ` **shutdown -s -t 600** ` and press **Enter**.



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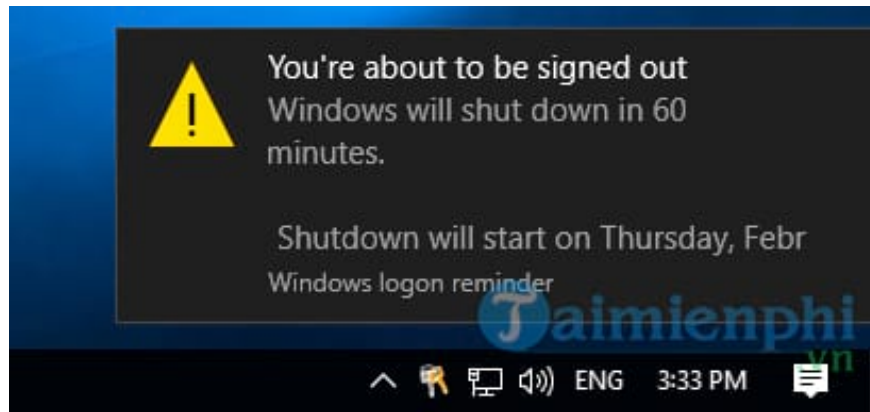
shutdown: Turn off the computer

s: abbreviation for shutdown

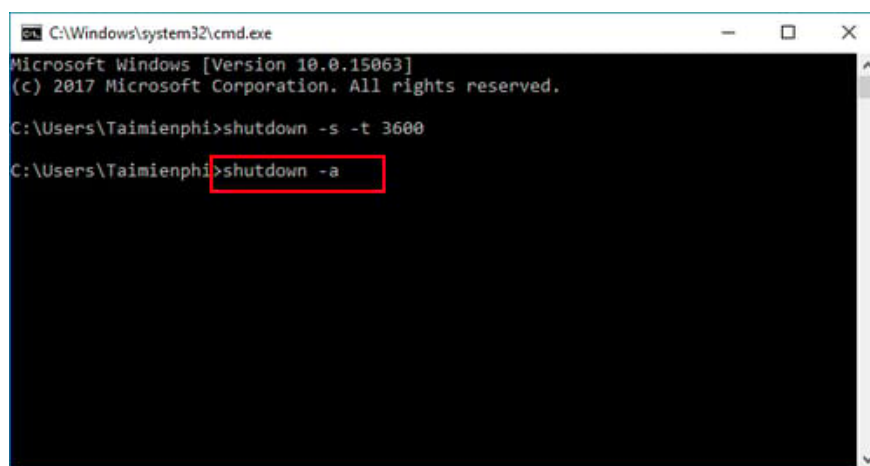
t: abbreviation for time

3600: The timer for automatic shutdown is measured in seconds (equivalent to 60 minutes). Depending on individual needs, you can change the value of 3600 to a more suitable time.

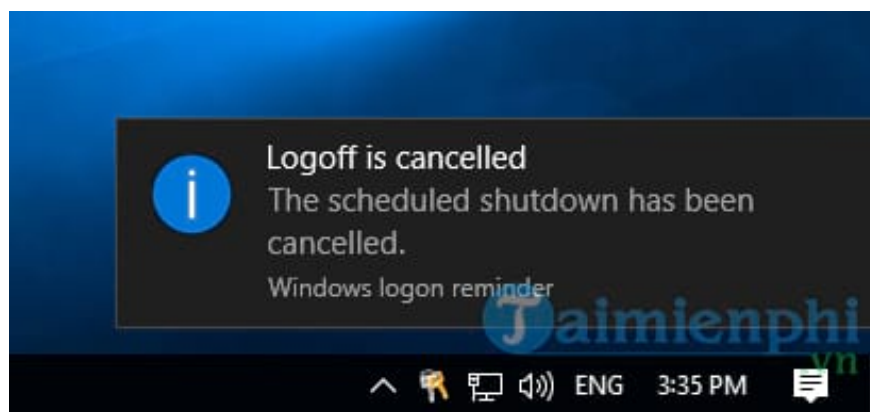
Step 3: You will immediately receive a system notification with the exact duration of the computer shutdown and the time it took to shut down.



Additionally, if you want to cancel the command or change the shutdown time, similarly in the Command Prompt dialog box, you enter the command **shutdown -a** and press **Enter**.



The system will immediately display the message: "**Logoff is canceled,**" meaning the computer shutdown attempt has been cancelled.



Thus, with just a few simple steps shared by Taimienphi above, readers can quickly schedule a shutdown for their laptop without having to constantly monitor it. Besides scheduling a shutdown using CMD commands for Windows, Taimienphi also recommends another method widely used: Auto Shutdown, one of the best shutdown scheduling software currently available. If the two options above don't satisfy you, choosing to shut down your computer using **Auto Shutdown** is also a great option to meet your current work needs.

Scheduling a Windows 10 shutdown is a trick that allows you to automatically shut down your computer when you're not at it and haven't finished other tasks such as downloading files or updating software or Windows. Refer to this article on scheduling a Windows 10 shutdown to understand this useful trick better.

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