

# Utiliser Process

## Command Line Process Viewer/Killer/Suspender for Windows NT/2000/XP

Want a small command line utility to view, kill, suspend or set the priority and affinity of processes, perhaps from a batch file? . . Has a virus disabled your Task Manager? . . or perhaps your Administrator has?

The Command Line Process Utility will function even when the task manager is disabled and/or the dreaded "Task Manager has been disabled by your Administrator" dialog box appears.

Works on remote machines with the Microsoft Telnet Server (tlntsvr) found on Windows 2000 and XP or with [BeyondExec](#) for Windows NT4/2000/XP.

### View processes, owners, and CPU time . .

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ImageName	PID	Threads	Priority	CPU%
[System Process]	0	1	0	100
Error 0x6 : The handle is invalid.				
System	8	43	8	0
Error 0x5 : Access is denied.				
SMSS.EXE	180	6	11	0
CSRSS.EXE	204	11	13	0
WINLOGON.EXE	224	16	13	0
SERVICES.EXE	252	33	9	0
LSASS.EXE	264	16	9	0
svchost.exe	436	10	8	0
spoolsv.exe	468	15	8	0
CrypServ.exe	496	3	13	0
svchost.exe	512	28	8	0
hidserv.exe	532	4	8	0
jtagserver.exe	560	3	8	0
mdm.exe	584	6	8	0
nvsvc32.exe	628	2	8	0
regsvc.exe	664	2	8	0
mstask.exe	704	6	8	0
stisvc.exe	728	4	8	0
WinMgmt.exe	804	3	8	0
mspmbspv.exe	876	2	8	0
svchost.exe	896	5	8	0
explorer.exe	616	15	8	0
mixer.exe	1092	3	8	0
PRISMSTA.exe	1048	1	8	0
rundll32.exe	952	2	8	0
DIRECTCD.EXE	960	3	8	0
internat.exe	1180	1	8	0
OSA.EXE	1192	2	8	0
Icq.exe	1200	11	8	0

devenv.exe	1324	4	8	0	NEPTUNE\Administrator
IEXPLORE.EXE	1140	7	8	0	NEPTUNE\Administrator
CMD.EXE	1340	1	8	0	NEPTUNE\Administrator
Process.exe	1132	1	8	0	NEPTUNE\Administrator

Additional switches can be used to display User and Kernel Times (-t) or the Creation Time of processes (-c).

### Kill Processes . . .

Processes can be killed immediately (terminated without saving files or cleaning up) by specifying either the name or the PID (Process IDentifier). In cases where there are multiple processes running with the same name and your desire is to kill a specific process you will need to use the PID.

```
C:\>process -k 748
```

```
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Killing PID 748 'winword.exe'
```

If an image name such as iexplore.exe is specified, the utility will kill all processes by that name.

```
C:\>process -k iexplore.exe
```

```
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Killing PID 996 'iexplore.exe'
Killing PID 1832 'iexplore.exe'
Killing PID 1852 'iexplore.exe'
Killing PID 1692 'iexplore.exe'
```

### Close Processes . . .

On the other hand if you want to gracefully close programs by sending them a WM\_CLOSE message first, you can use the -q option. This allows processes to clean up, save files, flush buffers etc. However it can cause deadlocks. e.g trying to close Microsoft Word when a unsaved, but edited document is open will generate a dialog box "Do you want to save changes to document 1?". This will prevent winword.exe from exiting until a user responds to the prompt.

```
C:\>process -q wordpad.exe
```

```
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Sending PID 1836 'wordpad.exe' WM_CLOSE Message. Timeout is 60
seconds.
wordpad.exe (PID 1836) has been closed successfully.
```

When this option is used a WM\_CLOSE message is immediately sent to the process. It then waits up to a default of 60 seconds for the program to clean up and gracefully close before it is killed. The different timeout can be specified as an option after the PID/Image Name.

### Suspend & Resume Processes . . .

Processes can be suspended if you need some extra CPU cycles without having to kill the process outright. Once the requirement for the extra CPU cycles has passed you may resume the process and carry on from where you left off. The process is suspended by sleeping all the processes' active threads.

```
C:\>process -s winword.exe
```

```
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Suspending PID 748 'winword.exe'
Threads [1084][308]
```

Suspending a process causes the threads to stop executing user-mode (application) code. It also increments a suspend count for each thread. Therefore if a process is suspended twice, two resume operations will be required to resume the process (Decrement the suspend count to zero).

### **Change the priority of processes . . .**

When viewing the list of processes, the 4th column shows the base priority of a process. This is a numeric value from zero (lowest priority) to 31 (highest priority). You may set the base priority of a process by specifying one of the priority classes below.

Low	4
BelowNormal	6
Normal	8
AboveNormal	10
High	13
Realtime	24

Please note Windows NT4 does not support the Above Normal and Below Normal priority classes. Specifying these two parameters on a Windows NT4 machine will result in a " The Parameter is incorrect " error.

```
C:\>process -p winword.exe high
```

```
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Setting PriorityClass on PID 748 'winword.exe' to 128
```

### **Change the affinity of processes . . .**

The affinity is a mask which indicates on which processors (CPUs) a process can run. This is only useful on multiprocessor systems. When the -a option is used in conjunction with a process name or PID, the utility will show the System Affinity Mask and the Process Affinity Mask. The System Affinity Mask shows how many configured processors are currently available in a system. The Process Affinity Mask indicates on what processor(s) the specified process can run on.

```
C:\>process -a wordpad.exe
```

```
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Getting Affinity Mask for PID 1084 'wordpad.exe'
System : 0x0001 0b00000000000000000000000000000011 [2 Installed
Processor(s)]
Process : 0x0001 0b00000000000000000000000000000011
```

**To set the affinity mask, simply append the binary mask after the PID/Image Name.  
Any leading zeros are ignored, so there is no requirement to enter the full 32 bit  
mask.**

```
C:\>process -a wordpad.exe 01
```

```
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Setting Affinity Mask for PID 1084 'wordpad.exe'
Affinity Mask Successfully Set to 00000000000000000000000000000001
```