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How to Start, Stop, and Disable Services in Windows 8 and 8.1

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Information

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.

This tutorial will show you how to start, stop, and disable **services** in **Windows 8**, **Windows RT**, **Windows 8.1**, and **Windows RT 8.1**.

You must be signed in as an **administrator** to be able to do the steps in this tutorial.

Note

- If you stop, start, or restart a service, any dependent services are also affected. Starting a service does not automatically restart its dependent services.
- Changing the default service settings may prevent key services from running correctly. It is especially important to use caution when changing the **Startup type** setting of services that are configured to start automatically.
- Some services, such as **Remote Procedure Call (RPC)**, **Event Log**, and **Plug and Play**, cannot be stopped by using the **Services** snap-in window or the **net stop** command. These services are required for the operating system to function properly.

Tip

Windows 8 and 8.1 Services Advice Guide:

The **Windows 8 and 8.1 Service Configurations by Black Viper** site below will show you all of the default services and explain each service with different levels of recommendations for disabling the service or not. You will just need to know what you will or will not use on your computer.

- [Black Viper's Windows 8 Service Configurations](#)
- [Black Viper's Windows 8.1 Service Configurations](#)

Warning

It is highly recommended that you **create a restore point** before making changes to the services. This way if you make a mistake that cripples your computer, you will be able to do a **System Restore** using the restore point to undo the changes.

If you disabled the wrong service and lost access to the computer, then try booting into **Safe Mode** to change the service back.

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What do you do if the service won't start. My defender starts then immediately stops.

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#2

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Hello Mickey, and welcome to Eight Forums. 😊

Do you have a 3rd party AV program installed?

If so, some of them will disabled Windows Defender to avoid conflicts between them.

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#3

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Thank you for responding Brink.

I just purchased this Toshiba laptop with Windows 8 and I immediately uninstalled Norton and tried to get Defender up and running, but no luck. I tried started the service, and it just stopped again. After searching and searching for help, I posted this question. Of course after you ask for help, then you always find the answer. I found a post that said to go to the icons next to the clock and choose the one that says your computer is not protected. I did and it's the first time that Windows Defender actually opened for me. I've done an update and now it's up and running.

Thank you for your willingness to help !!

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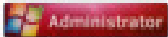

Ah, great news. 😊

[Windows Defender - Turn On or Off in Windows 8](#)

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Windows 8.1 upgrade from Windows 8.0

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Hi Brink

Thanks for your careful article on controlling Windows 8 and 8.1 services.

FYI on the Webpage

T'would be nice if all the screenshot .jpg files were visible in your article for reading, instead of having to click on the visible filename and link to a separate browser window to view, and back to original page.

Printing also only contains jpg filename links.

Am using Version 31.0.1650.57 m on Windows 8.1.

Cheers !

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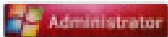

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Hello SwajiliWizz,

Yes, it would be nice, but we have to have the screenshots reduced to prevent them from taking up to much space in the tutorial.

Usually in Internet Explorer, you should be able to click once on a reduced image to see it full size within the same tab/page, then click on Close, ESC key, or blank area on page to close the image and go back to webpage (tutorial).

The printable view of the tutorial will only show file names of images. However, you should be able to save (Ctrl+S) the webpage as an .html file to be able print it with images and all.

Hope this helps. 😊

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#7

Hello Brink,

The reason you give for not including screenshot pictures seems decidedly odd, and makes not practical sense; neither does offline option you mentioned.

First, all the Win7 Forum articles I have looked at had **all** have pictures included in the article on my screen. It appears Windows 8 Forum articles don't - if this is general I leave to your testing; this is an odd policy decision.

Second, your advice does not help for Windows 8 Forum article I tested. The Ctrl+S downloaded offline full webpage (see attach 1) also appears with no screenshots and only .jpg references, just as the online version does (see attach 2); ergo it's print-version will not have more, as shows the pdf print-preview (see attach 3).

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This is only logical.

Thus, Windows 8 Forum articles are impossible to read, online, or offline, or print (pdf or paper) for documentation, very impractical result of the policy decision.

It makes no sense that the Win7 Forum articles have pics, nad Windows 8 fourm don't.

Could this issue be looked into?

Cheers !

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#8

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You should be able to click on **File -> Print** (Ctrl+P) to print the tutorial with images.

However, I would recommend to click on **File -> Print preview** to see how many pages you only need to print to not have all the replies included as well.

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