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## How To Enable Verbose Startup, Shutdown, Logon, and Logoff Status Messages in the Windows Server 2003 Family

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**IMPORTANT:** This article contains information about modifying the registry. Before you modify the registry, make sure to back it up and make sure that you understand how to restore the registry if a problem occurs. For information about how to back up, restore, and edit the registry, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

[256986](#) Description of the Microsoft Windows Registry

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### SUMMARY

This article describes how to configure Windows so that you receive verbose startup, shutdown, logon, and logoff status messages. Verbose status messages may be helpful when you are troubleshooting slow startup, shutdown, logon, or logoff behavior.

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### How to Enable Verbose Startup, Shutdown, Logon, and Logoff Status Messages

You can enable verbose status messages by using Group Policy Object Editor or by editing the Windows registry.

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### To Enable Verbose Status Messages by Using Group Policy Object Editor

To enable verbose status messages by using Group Policy Object Editor, use the method that is appropriate to your situation:

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### In a Domain Environment

If you are in a domain environment and you want to enable verbose status messages on a group of computers, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Active Directory Users and Computers**.
2. Right-click the container for the domain or the organizational unit to which you want to apply the policy settings, and then click **Properties**.
3. Click the **Group Policy** tab.
4. Click **New**, and then type a descriptive name for the new Group Policy object (GPO).
5. Click the new GPO that you created, and then click **Edit**.
6. Expand **Computer Configuration**, expand **Administrative Templates**, and then click **System**.
7. In the right pane, double-click **Verbose vs normal status messages**.
8. Click **Enabled**, and then click **OK**.
9. Close Group Policy Object Editor, click **OK**, and then quit Active Directory Users and Computers.

**NOTE:** Windows ignores this setting if the **Remove Boot / Shutdown / Logon / Logoff status messages** setting is turned on.

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### On a Stand-alone Computer or a Single Computer

If you are using a stand-alone computer or if you want to enable verbose status messages on only one computer, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, and then click **Run**.
2. In the **Open** box, type `gpedit.msc`, and then click **OK**.
3. Expand **Computer Configuration**, expand **Administrative Templates**, and then click **System**.
4. In the right pane, double-click **Verbose vs normal status messages**.
5. Click **Enabled**, and then click **OK**.
6. Close Group Policy Object Editor, click **OK**, and then quit Active Directory Users and Computers.

**NOTE:** Windows ignores this setting if the **Remove Boot / Shutdown / Logon / Logoff status messages** setting is turned on.

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### To Enable Verbose Status Messages by Using Registry Editor

**WARNING:** If you use Registry Editor incorrectly, you may cause serious problems that may require you to reinstall your operating system. Microsoft cannot guarantee that you can solve problems that result from using Registry Editor incorrectly. Use Registry Editor at your own risk.

To use enable verbose status messages by editing the registry, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, and then click **Run**.
2. In the **Open** box, type `regedit`, and then click **OK**.
3. Locate and then click the following registry key:  
**HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System**
4. On the **Edit** menu, point to **New**, and then click **DWORD Value**.
5. Type `verbosestatus`, and then press ENTER.
6. Double-click the new key that you created, type `1` in the **Value data** box, and then click **OK**.
7. Quit Registry Editor.

**NOTE:** Windows does not display status messages if the following key is present and the value is set to **1**:

**HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System\Disable**

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