



## Task Manager workaround: close process in a second

How many times were you clicking "End Process" button in Windows Task Manager hopelessly trying to shutdown a hanging application?

Next time, you can try the following.

- o Click "Start" -> Select "Run.."
- o Type "cmd" -> Click "OK"
- o In OS Shell window appeared, type "taskkill /IM your\_program.exe"

A few necessary comments.

[TaskKill.exe](#) is Microsoft command line utility. It kills and unloads from memory a process or a process tree entirely and [almost] instantly. It is available in versions from Windows XP and higher. It comes installed by default but may not be accessible by a regular user in your organization. You may also experience security permission issue, depending on privileges of your user account.

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