

## Symptoms

The power button in the Start menu puts the computer in Sleep mode.

## Cause

This behaviour is by default.

## Resolution

Use the following procedure:

- Click on the Start button
- In the search bar, type *cmd* and press enter (a command prompt opens)
- Type *powercfg.cpl,1* and press enter (the Power Options panel opens)
- Scroll down to "Power buttons and lid" and expand it
- Expand "Start menu power button"
- Change the setting from "Sleep" to "Shut down"
- Click on "OK" to confirm the configuration change
- Close the command prompt

## Status

This is a default setting for this operating system.

## Applies to

Microsoft Windows Vista  
Microsoft Windows Vista SP1

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## Author's comment

## How to use the power button in the Start menu to shut down the computer

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From the first time I've installed Vista, I've always wondered why they chose to use that button for Sleep mode by default instead of providing a quick way to turn off the computer.