How to disable Windows Fast Start-up

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When installing and or upgrading Security products, it is required to restart the system to apply all security feaures. If Windows clients have Fast start-up enabled, a shutdown is not sufficient to apply these changes and enable all the security features.

To enable the new or upgraded security feaures a real restart is required or a shutdown with fast start-up disabled.

USE CASE:

Administrator applies an upgrade of Endpoint Security to a client. When the installation/upgrade is completed the protection status of the Security product will display a warning that a restart is required. If the end-user clicks the restart link in gui of the security product the system will restart and apply the changes.

If the end-user ignores the warning and does a normal shutdown (with fast startup enabled) end of day, the restart required warning stays in place, because the system did shutdown fully due to the fast-startup setting.

Steps to disable Fast Start-up

The following process applies to Windows 8.0, 8.1 and 10.

Access the Windows Power Options by:...

Either opening the **Control Panel** and selecting **Power Options**



or press **Win + X**, then clicking **Power Options**



On the left hand side, click **Choose what the power button does**



Click **Change settings that are currently unavailable**



Towards the bottom of the page, uncheck the **Turn on fast start-up (recommended)** option



Click **Save Changes**

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