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The programs don't run while the power is off. They run before you set it to hibernate and after it resumes. Shutting it down or restarting it closes some of these programs.

"Unknown" wrote:

How could programs run in the background in hibernate mode if power is off?  
"hgnlordowen" <[hgnlordowen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:hgnlordowen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:F15268BC-38C6-464F-B4C1-7FCD04DEC8B1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

The only problem with using hibernate instead of turn off computer is that there are Terminate Stay Resident programs that continue to run in the background. If they run continuously, they tend to become unstable and may eventually cause the computer to crash or slow down. Restart every few days,  
but otherwise hibernate will do just fine. You could also go to  
start>run>eventvwr and see if it has anything listed in it that would suggest  
why your computer is taking so long to start up and shut down. You can also  
use start>run>msconfig to turn off things that you aren't using. Just be careful with this since when some things are turned off, they cause other things to not work until they are turned back on again.

"curiousgeorge408@xxxxxxxxxxxxx" wrote:

When I want to shut down my laptop, I have at least 3 ways available to me.

Of course, I can click on Start>Turn Off Computer. That has several downsides. First, it requires that I click on Turn Off again. Second, often XP takes a long time to shut down from that point. The amount of time seems to vary greatly; I don't know why.

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Occasionally, it seems like XP will "never" complete the shutdown. Really, I simply run out of patience after 90–120 seconds — although if a process error occurs during normal shutdown, my experience has been that the dialog box (ergo the system) remains up until I click OK (or some button).

(That is disastrous for a laptop, if I close the cover immediately after clicking the second Turn Off. It will simply run down the battery, and the disk is more vulnerable to damage due to movement in the interim.)

Alternatively, I can Hibernate the system. (On my laptop, I press fn +F1.) That has the advantage of reducing start–up time when I turn on the laptop again later. But I am never confident of the start–up environment. That is, I wonder what side–effects might be carried over from one start–up to the next.

Finally, I can simply hold the power button down for several seconds. XP seems to shut down almost immediately after that. I am sure there might be some reliability issues if I had applications running at the time. But I have never encountered a problem as long as the system is quiescent at the time I power off.

Since the last method is the quickest (although starting–up again is not as fast after Hibernation, of course), is there any reason not to simply power off the laptop instead of using Turn Off Computer?

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