

# Cancel Pending Restart or Shutdown

The **Cancel Pending Restart or Shutdown** tool aborts any pending restarts or shutdowns on a remote device. This tool runs shutdown.exe /a on the device.

This action can be run on single and multi-selected devices, or with a [similar tool designed for device collections](#).

This tool **cancels imminent restarts and shutdowns**. It will not clear [restart/shutdown tasks in the Task Scheduler](#).

To run the tool:

1. In your Configuration Manager console, right-click on a device.
2. Click **Right Click Tools > Console Tools > Cancel Pending Restart or Shutdown**.

## Recast Permissions

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## Microsoft Permissions

- Requires local administrator permissions on the remote devices.
- If using a Recast Management Server with a proxy, the service account will need local administrator permissions on the remote devices.
- This tool requires [remote WMI](#) access.