

[MS-RSP]: Remote Shutdown Protocol Specification

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1 Introduction

This document specifies the Remote Shutdown Protocol. The Remote Shutdown Protocol is a RPC-based protocol used to shut down or terminate shutdown on a remote computer.

1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [\[MS-GLOS\]](#):

Client
Endpoint
Handle
Interface Definition Language (IDL)
Named Pipe
Opnum
Remote Procedure Call (RPC)
RPC Protocol Sequence
Server
Server Message Block (SMB)
Universally Unique Identifier (UUID)
Well-Known Endpoint

The following terms are specific to this document:

MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT: These terms (in all caps) are used as described in [\[RFC2119\]](#). All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

1.2 References

1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact dochelp@microsoft.com. We will assist you in finding the relevant information. Please check the archive site, <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/E4BD6494-06AD-4aed-9823-445E921C9624>, as an additional source.

[C706] The Open Group, "DCE 1.1: Remote Procedure Call", C706, August 1997, <http://www.opengroup.org/public/pubs/catalog/c706.htm>

[MS-ERREF] Microsoft Corporation, "[Windows Error Codes](#)", January 2007.

[MS-RPCE] Microsoft Corporation, "[Remote Procedure Call Protocol Extensions](#)", January 2007.

[MS-RRP] Microsoft Corporation, "[Windows Remote Registry Protocol Specification](#)", August 2007.

[MS-SMB] Microsoft Corporation, "[Server Message Block \(SMB\) Protocol Specification](#)", July 2007.

[PRDCUSRESSHUTDOWN] Microsoft Corporation, "Predefined and custom reasons for shutting down", <http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/rcreasons.mspx?mfr=true>

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>

1.2.2 Informative References

[PIPE] Microsoft Corporation, "Named Pipes", <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa365590.aspx>

1.3 Protocol Overview (Synopsis)

The Remote Shutdown Protocol is designed for shutting down a remote computer or, for terminating the shutdown of a remote computer during the shutdown waiting period. Following are some of the examples of this protocol applications:

- Shut down a remote computer and display a message in the shutdown dialog box for 30 seconds.
- Terminate a requested remote system shutdown during the shutdown waiting period.
- Force applications closed, log off users, and shut down a remote computer.
- Reboot a remote computer.

In this document, the use of the terms **client** and **server** are in the protocol client and server context. This means that the client will initiate an **RPC** call and the server will respond.

This is an RPC-based protocol. The protocol operation is stateless.

This is a simple request-response protocol. For every method that the server receives, it executes the method and returns a completion. The client simply returns the completion status to the caller. This is a stateless protocol; each method call is independent of any previous method calls.

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

The Remote Shutdown Protocol is dependent upon RPC and **SMB** for its transport. For the InitShutdown interface, as specified in section 3.2, this protocol uses RPC over named pipes as specified in section 2.1. Named pipes, in turn, use the SMB protocol as specified in [\[MS-SMB\]](#).

No other protocol currently depends on the Remote Shutdown Protocol.

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

The Remote Shutdown Protocol is an RPC interface and, as a result, has the prerequisites specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#) as being common to RPC interfaces.

It is assumed that a Remote Shutdown Protocol client has obtained the name of a remote computer that supports the Remote Shutdown Protocol before this protocol is invoked.

All remote shutdown methods are RPC calls from the client to the server that perform the complete operation in a single call. No shared state between the client and server is assumed.

1.6 Applicability Statement

This protocol is only appropriate for shutting down a remote computer or terminating shutdown during the shutdown waiting period.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

This document covers versioning issues in the following areas:

- **Supported Transports:** The Remote Shutdown Protocol uses RPC over **named pipes** and RPC over TCP/IP as its only transports. The protocol sequences are specified in section [2.1](#).
- **Protocol Versions:** Information about RPC versioning and capability negotiation in this situation is specified in [\[C706\]](#) and [\[MS-RPCE\]](#).
- **Security and Authentication Methods:** As specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#) section 3.2.1.4.1.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

This protocol cannot be extended by any party other than Microsoft.

This protocol uses Win32 error codes. These values are taken from the Windows error number space specified in [\[MS-ERREF\]](#). Vendors SHOULD reuse those values with their indicated meaning. Choosing any other value runs the risk of a collision in the future.

1.9 Standards Assignments

This protocol has no standards assignments.

2 Messages

The following sections specify how Remote Shutdown Protocol messages are transported, common data types, and shutdown reasons.

2.1 Transport

This protocol uses the following **RPC protocol sequences** as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#):

- RPC over TCP/IP (for the WindowsShutdown RPC interface)
- RPC over named pipes (for the WinReg and InitShutdown RPC interfaces)

This protocol uses the following RPC **endpoints**:

- dynamic endpoints as specified in [\[C706\] part 4](#) (for the WindowsShutdown RPC interface)
- **well-known endpoint** \PIPE\InitShutdown over named pipes (for the InitShutdown RPC interface)
- well-known endpoint \PIPE\winreg over named pipes (for the WinReg RPC interface)

This protocol MUST use the following **UUIDs**:

- WinReg Interface: 338CD001-2244-31F1-AAAA-900038001003
- InitShutdown Interface: 894DE0C0-0D55-11D3-A322-00C04FA321A1
- WindowsShutdown Interface: D95AFE70-A6D5-4259-822E-2C84DA1DDB0D

2.2 Common Data Types

This protocol MUST indicate to the RPC runtime that it is to support both the NDR and NDR64 transfer syntaxes and provide a negotiation mechanism for determining which transfer syntax will be used, as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#) section 3.

This protocol MUST enable the ms_union extension as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#) section 2.2.4.

In addition to RPC base types and definitions specified in [\[C706\]](#) and [\[MS-RPCE\]](#), additional datatypes are defined below.

The following list summarizes the datatypes that are defined in this specification:

- [PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME \(section 2.2.1\)](#)
- [REG_UNICODE_STRING \(section 2.2.2\)](#)

2.2.1 RPC Binding Handles for Remote Shutdown Methods

RPC binding is the process of creating a logical connection between a client and a server. The information that composes the binding between client and server is represented by a structure called a binding **handle**. RPC binding handles are specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#).

All remote shutdown RPC methods accept an RPC binding handle as the first parameter. The shutdown methods, as specified in sections [3.3.4.1](#) and [3.3.4.2](#), use an RPC primitive binding handle. The WinReg and InitShutdown RPC methods use a custom binding handle.

This type is declared as follows:

```
typedef [handle] wchar_t* PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME;
```

This custom binding handle is actually a wrapper around a primitive RPC binding handle (type `handle_t`); the `PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME` type is maintained only for backward compatibility with source code written for earlier versions of Windows. This custom binding handle is mapped to a primitive binding handle using `bind` and `unbind` routines, as specified in [MS-RPCE].

2.2.2 REG_UNICODE_STRING

This structure represents a counted string of Unicode (UCS-2) characters.

```
typedef struct {
    unsigned short Length;
    unsigned short MaximumLength;
    [size_is(MaximumLength/2), length_is(Length)/2]
    unsigned short* Buffer;
} REG_UNICODE_STRING,
 *PREG_UNICODE_STRING;
```

Length: The number of bytes actually used by the string. Because all UCS-2 characters occupy two bytes, this **MUST** be an even number in the range [0...65534]. The behavior for odd values is unspecified.

MaximumLength: The number of bytes allocated for the string. This **MUST** be an even number in the range [**Length**...65534].

Buffer: The Unicode UCS-2 characters comprising the string described by the structure. Note that counted strings may or may not be terminated by a 0x0000 character, by convention; if such a terminator is present, it **SHOULD NOT** count toward the **Length** (but **MUST**, of course, be included in the **MaximumLength**).

2.3 Shutdown Reasons

This type is declared as follows:

```
typedef ULONG dwReason;
```

Some **opnums** allow the transmission of a shutdown reason. This reason is composed of a major reason code, an optional minor reason code, and optional flags, which **MUST** be connected using a logical OR statement.

Major reason codes are:

Constant/Value	Description
SHTDN_REASON_MAJOR_APPLICATION 0x00040000	Application issue
SHTDN_REASON_MAJOR_HARDWARE 0x00010000	Hardware issue
SHTDN_REASON_MAJOR_LEGACY_API 0x00070000	The InitiateSystemShutdown function was used instead of InitiateSystemShutdownEx
SHTDN_REASON_MAJOR_OPERATINGSYSTEM 0x00020000	Operating system issue
SHTDN_REASON_MAJOR_OTHER 0x00000000	Other issue
SHTDN_REASON_MAJOR_POWER 0x00060000	Power failure
SHTDN_REASON_MAJOR_SOFTWARE 0x00030000	Software issue
SHTDN_REASON_MAJOR_SYSTEM 0x00050000	System failure

Any minor reason code MAY be used with any major reason code. Minor reason codes are:

Constant/Value	Description
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_BLUESCREEN 0x0000000F	Blue screen crash event
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_CORDUNPLUGGED 0x0000000b	Unplugged
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_DISK 0x00000007	Disk
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_ENVIRONMENT 0x0000000c	Environment
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_HARDWARE_DRIVER 0x0000000d	Driver
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_HOTFIX 0x00000011	Hot fix
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_HOTFIX_UNINSTALL 0x00000017	Hot fix uninstallation
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_HUNG 0x00000005	Unresponsive

Constant/Value	Description
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_INSTALLATION 0x00000002	Installation
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_MAINTENANCE 0x00000001	Maintenance
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_MMC 0x00000019	Management tool<1>
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_NETWORK_CONNECTIVITY 0x00000014	Network connectivity
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_NETWORKCARD 0x00000009	Network card
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_OTHER 0x00000000	Other issue
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_OTHERDRIVER 0x0000000e	Other driver event
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_POWER_SUPPLY 0x0000000a	Power supply
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_PROCESSOR 0x00000008	Processor
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_RECONFIG 0x00000004	Reconfigure
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_SECURITY 0x00000013	Security issue
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_SECURITYFIX 0x00000012	Security patch
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_SECURITYFIX_UNINSTALL 0x00000018	Security patch uninstallation
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_SERVICEPACK 0x00000010	Service pack
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_SERVICEPACK_UNINSTALL 0x00000016	Service pack uninstallation
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_TERMSRV 0x00000020	Terminal services
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_UNSTABLE 0x00000006	Unstable
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_UPGRADE	Upgrade

Constant/Value	Description
0x00000003	
SHTDN_REASON_MINOR_WMI 0x00000015	WMI issue

The following optional flags provide additional information about the event:

Constant/Value	Description
SHTDN_REASON_FLAG_USER_DEFINED 0x40000000	The reason code is defined by the user. <2> If this flag is not present, the reason code is defined by the system.
SHTDN_REASON_FLAG_PLANNED 0x80000000	The shutdown was planned. <3> If this flag is not present, the shutdown was unplanned.

3 Protocol Details

The remote shutdown RPC interfaces are used to shut down or, during the shutdown waiting period, abort shutdown on a remote computer.

This section presents the details of the Remote Shutdown Protocol:

- Section [3.1](#) specifies the WinReg RPC interface.
- Section [3.2](#) specifies the InitShutdown RPC interface.
- Section [3.3](#) specifies the WindowsShutdown RPC interface.

All remote shutdown methods return 0x00000000 on success; otherwise they return a 32-bit nonzero Win32 error code. For more information on Win32 error values, see [\[MS-ERREF\]](#).

The default pointer type for the shutdown RPC interface is pointer_default(unique). Method calls are received at a dynamically-assigned endpoint (as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#)). The endpoints for the Netlogon service are negotiated by the RPC endpoint mapper (as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#)).

The client side of this protocol is simply a pass-through. That is, there are no additional timers or other states required on the client side of this protocol. Calls made by the higher-layer protocol or application are passed directly to the transport, and the results returned by the transport are passed directly back to the higher-layer protocol or application.

3.1 WinReg Server Details

The following section specifies data and state maintained by the WinReg RPC server. It includes details about receiving WinReg RPC methods on the server side of the client-server communication. The provided data is to facilitate the explanation of how the protocol behaves. This section does not mandate that implementations adhere to this model as long as their external behavior is consistent with that described in this document.

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

This is an RPC-based protocol. The server does not maintain client state information. The protocol operation is stateless.

This is a simple request-response protocol. For every method that the server receives, it executes the method and returns a completion. The client simply returns the completion status to the caller. This is a stateless protocol; each method call is independent of any previous method calls.

3.1.2 Timers

No protocol timers are required beyond those used internally by RPC to implement resiliency to network outages.

3.1.3 Initialization

The WinReg server side registers an endpoint with RPC over named pipes transport, as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#), using the "\\PIPE\\Shutdown" named pipe.

3.1.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

This protocol MUST indicate to the RPC runtime that it is to perform a strict NDR data consistency check at target level 5.0, as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#) section 3.

Remote shutdown communication between a client and a server occurs through RPC calls.

The WinReg interface includes the following methods:

Methods in RPC Opnum Order

Method	Description
BaseInitiateSystemShutdown (section 3.1.4.1)	The BaseInitiateSystemShutdown method is used to initiate the shutdown of the remote computer. Opnum: 24
BaseAbortSystemShutdown (section 3.1.4.2)	The BaseAbortSystemShutdown method is used to abort the shutdown of the remote computer within the waiting period. Opnum: 25
BaseInitiateSystemShutdownEx (section 3.1.4.3)	The BaseInitiateShutdownEx method is used to initiate the shutdown of the remote computer. Opnum: 30

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Note Gaps in the opnum numbering sequence represent opnums of methods specified in [\[MS-RRP\]](#).[<5>](#)

Note Exceptions MUST NOT be thrown beyond those thrown by the underlying RPC protocol, as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#) section 1.2.1, unless specified otherwise.

3.1.4.1 BaseInitiateSystemShutdown (Opnum 24)

The **BaseInitiateSystemShutdown** (section 3.1.4.1) method is used to initiate the shutdown of the remote computer.

```
unsigned long BaseInitiateSystemShutdown(  
    [in, unique] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName,  
    [in, unique] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,  
    [in] unsigned long dwTimeout,  
    [in] unsigned char bForceAppsClosed,  
    [in] unsigned char bRebootAfterShutdown  
);
```

ServerName: The custom RPC binding handle, as specified in [PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME \(section 2.2.1\)](#).

lpMessage: Null-terminated Unicode string that contains the message to display during the shutdown waiting period. If this parameter is NULL, no message MUST be displayed.

dwTimeout: Number of seconds to wait before shutting down.

bForceAppsClosed: If TRUE, all applications SHOULD be terminated unconditionally. [<6>](#)

bRebootAfterShutdown: If TRUE, the system SHOULD shut down and reboot. If FALSE, the system SHOULD only shut down. [<7>](#)

Return Values: The method returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00000000) on success; otherwise it returns a nonzero error code.

On receiving this call, the server MUST perform the following validation step:

- Verify that the caller has sufficient privileges to shut down the computer, otherwise the server MUST return ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED. [<8>](#)

3.1.4.2 BaseAbortSystemShutdown (Opnum 25)

The **BaseAbortSystemShutdown** method is used to terminate the shutdown of the remote computer within the waiting period.

```
unsigned long BaseAbortSystemShutdown(  
    [in, unique] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName  
);
```

ServerName: The custom RPC binding handle, as specified in [PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME \(section 2.2.1\)](#).

Return Values: The method returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00000000) on success; otherwise it returns a nonzero error code.

On receiving this call, the server MUST perform the following validation step:

- Verify that the caller has sufficient privileges to shut down the computer, otherwise the server MUST return ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED. [<9>](#)

3.1.4.3 BaseInitiateSystemShutdownEx (Opnum 30)

The **BaseInitiateSystemShutdownEx** method is used to initiate the shutdown of the remote computer.

```
unsigned long BaseInitiateSystemShutdownEx(  
    [in, unique] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName,  
    [in, unique] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,  
    [in] unsigned long dwTimeout,  
    [in] unsigned char bForceAppsClosed,  
    [in] unsigned char bRebootAfterShutdown,  
    [in] unsigned long dwReason  
);
```

ServerName: The custom RPC binding handle, as specified in [PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME \(section 2.2.1\)](#).

lpMessage: Null-terminated Unicode string that contains the message to display during the shutdown waiting period. If this parameter is NULL, no message MUST be displayed.

dwTimeout: Number of seconds to wait before shutting down.

bForceAppsClosed: If TRUE, all applications SHOULD be terminated unconditionally.<10>

bRebootAfterShutdown: If TRUE, the system SHOULD shutdown and reboot. If FALSE, the system SHOULD only shut down.<11>

dwReason: Reason for initiating the shutdown, as specified in 2.3.

Return Values: The method returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00000000) on success; otherwise it returns a nonzero error code.

On receiving this call, the server MUST perform the following validation step:

- Verify that the caller has sufficient privileges to shut down the computer, otherwise the server MUST return ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED.<12>

3.2 InitShutdown Server Details

The following section specifies data and state maintained by the InitShutdown RPC server. It includes details about receiving InitShutdown RPC methods on the server side of the client-server communication. The provided data is to facilitate the explanation of how the protocol behaves. This section does not mandate that implementations adhere to this model, as long as their external behavior is consistent with that described in this document.

3.2.1 Abstract Data Model

This is an RPC-based protocol. The server does not maintain client state information. The protocol operation is stateless.

This is a simple request-response protocol. For every method that the server receives, it executes the method and returns a completion. The client simply returns the completion status to the caller. This is a stateless protocol; each method call is independent of any previous method calls.

3.2.2 Timers

No protocol timers are required beyond those used internally by RPC to implement resiliency to network outages.

3.2.3 Initialization

The InitShutdown interface server side registers an endpoint with RPC over named pipes transport, as specified in [MS-RPCE], using the "\PIPE\InitShutdown" named pipe.

3.2.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

This protocol MUST indicate to the RPC runtime that it is to perform a strict NDR data consistency check at target level 5.0, as specified in [MS-RPCE] section 3.

The InitShutdown interface includes the following methods:

Methods in RPC Opnum Order

Method	Description
BaseInitiateShutdown (section 3.2.4.1)	The BaseInitiateShutdown method is used to initiate the shutdown of the remote computer.

Method	Description
	Opnum: 0
BaseAbortShutdown (section 3.2.4.2)	The BaseAbortShutdown method is used to terminate the shutdown of the remote computer within the waiting period. Opnum: 1
BaseInitiateShutdownEx (section 3.2.4.3)	The BaseInitiateShutdownEx method extends BaseInitiateShutdown to include a reason for shut down. Opnum: 2

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Note Exceptions MUST NOT be thrown beyond those thrown by the underlying RPC protocol, as specified in [MS-RPCE] section 1.2.1, unless specified otherwise.

3.2.4.1 BaseInitiateShutdown (Opnum 0)

The **BaseInitiateShutdown** method is used to initiate the shutdown of the remote computer.

```
unsigned long BaseInitiateShutdown(
    [in, unique] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName,
    [in, unique] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,
    [in] unsigned long dwTimeout,
    [in] unsigned char bForceAppsClosed,
    [in] unsigned char bRebootAfterShutdown
);
```

ServerName: The custom RPC binding handle, as specified in [PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME \(section 2.2.1\)](#).

lpMessage: Null-terminated Unicode string that contains the message to display during the shutdown waiting period. If this parameter is NULL, no message MUST be displayed.

dwTimeout: Number of seconds to wait before shutting down.

bForceAppsClosed: If TRUE, all applications SHOULD be terminated unconditionally. [<14>](#)

bRebootAfterShutdown: If TRUE, the system SHOULD shut down and reboot. If FALSE, the system SHOULD only shut down. [<15>](#)

Return Values: The method returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00000000) on success; otherwise it returns a nonzero error code.

On receiving this call, the server MUST perform the following validation step:

- Verify that the caller has sufficient privileges to shut down the computer, otherwise the server MUST return ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED. [<16>](#)

3.2.4.2 BaseAbortShutdown (Opnum 1)

The **BaseAbortShutdown** method is used to terminate the shutdown of the remote computer within the waiting period.

```

unsigned long BaseAbortShutdown(
    [in, unique] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName
);

```

ServerName: The custom RPC binding handle, as specified in [PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME \(section 2.2.1\)](#).

Return Values: The method returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00000000) on success; otherwise it returns a nonzero error code.

On receiving this call, the server MUST perform the following validation step:

- Verify that the caller has sufficient privileges to shut down the computer, otherwise the server MUST return ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED. [<17>](#)

3.2.4.3 BaseInitiateShutdownEx (Opnum 2)

The **BaseInitiateShutdownEx** method is to initiate the shutdown of the remote computer.

```

unsigned long BaseInitiateShutdownEx(
    [in, unique] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName,
    [in, unique] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,
    [in] unsigned long dwTimeout,
    [in] unsigned char bForceAppsClosed,
    [in] unsigned char bRebootAfterShutdown,
    [in] unsigned long dwReason
);

```

ServerName: The custom RPC binding handle, as specified in [PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME \(section 2.2.1\)](#).

lpMessage: Null-terminated Unicode string that contains the message to display during the shutdown waiting period. If this parameter is NULL, no message MUST be displayed.

dwTimeout: Number of seconds to wait before shutting down.

bForceAppsClosed: If TRUE, all applications SHOULD be terminated unconditionally. [<18>](#)

bRebootAfterShutdown: If TRUE, the system SHOULD shut down and reboot. If FALSE, the system SHOULD only shut down. [<19>](#)

dwReason: Reason for initiating the shutdown, as specified in [2.3](#).

Return Values: The method returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00000000) on success; otherwise it returns a nonzero error code.

On receiving this call, the server MUST perform the following validation step:

- Verify that the caller has sufficient privileges to shut down the computer, otherwise the server MUST return ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED. [<20>](#)

3.3 WindowsShutdown Server Details

The following section specifies data and state maintained by the WindowsShutdown RPC server. It includes details about receiving WindowsShutdown RPC methods on the server side of the client-

server communication. The provided data is to facilitate the explanation of how the protocol behaves. This section does not mandate that implementations adhere to this model as long as their external behavior is consistent with that described in this document.

3.3.1 Abstract Data Model

This is an RPC-based protocol. The server does not maintain client state information. The protocol operation is stateless.

This is a simple request-response protocol. For every method that the server receives, it executes the method and returns a completion. The client simply returns the completion status to the caller. This is a stateless protocol; each method call is independent of any previous method calls.

3.3.2 Timers

No protocol timers are required beyond those used internally by RPC to implement resiliency to network outages.

3.3.3 Initialization

The WindowsShutdown interface server side registers a dynamic endpoint with RPC over the TCP/IP (ncacn_ip_tcp) transport, as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#).

3.3.4 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

This protocol MUST indicate to the RPC runtime that it is to perform a strict NDR data consistency check at target level 5.0, as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#) section 3.

Remote shutdown communication between a client and a server occurs through RPC calls.

The WindowsShutdown interface includes the following methods:

Methods in RPC Opnum Order

Method	Description
WsdriInitiateShutdown (section 3.3.4.1)	The WsdriInitiateShutdown method is used to initiate the shutdown of the remote computer. Opnum: 0
WsdriAbortShutdown (section 3.3.4.2)	The WsdriAbortShutdown method is used to abort the shutdown of the remote computer within the waiting period. Opnum: 1

[<21>](#)

Note Exceptions MUST NOT be thrown, except those thrown by the underlying RPC protocol, as specified in [\[MS-RPCE\]](#) section 1.2.1, unless specified otherwise.

3.3.4.1 WsdriInitiateShutdown (Opnum 0)

The **WsdriInitiateShutdown** method is used to initiate the shutdown of the remote computer.

```
unsigned long WsdriInitiateShutdown(  
    [in] handle_t Binding,
```

```

[in, unique] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,
[in] unsigned long dwGracePeriod,
[in] unsigned long dwShutdownFlags,
[in] unsigned long dwReason,
[in, unique] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpClientHint
);

```

Binding: Primitive RPC handle that identifies a particular client/server binding.

lpMessage: Null-terminated Unicode string that contains the message to display during the shutdown waiting period. If this parameter is NULL, no message MUST be displayed.

dwGracePeriod: Number of seconds to wait before shutting down.

dwShutdownFlags: A set of bit flags in little-endian format used as a mask to indicate shutdown options as specified in the table below. *dwShutdownFlags* MAY contain one or more of the following bits:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

Where the bits are defined as:

Value	Meaning
SHUTDOWN_FORCE_OTHERS 0x00000001	All applications SHOULD be terminated unconditionally. SHUTDOWN_FORCE_OTHERS is represented by "A" in the above diagram.
SHUTDOWN_FORCE_SELF 0x00000002	The shutdown SHOULD be non-interactive. SHUTDOWN_FORCE_SELF is represented by "B" in the above diagram.
SHUTDOWN_RESTART 0x00000004	Restart computer. Cannot be used with SHUTDOWN_POWEROFF or SHUTDOWN_NOREBOOT. SHUTDOWN_RESTART is represented by "C" in the above diagram.
SHUTDOWN_POWEROFF 0x00000008	The shutdown SHOULD turn off the computer. SHUTDOWN_POWEROFF is represented by "D" in the above diagram.
SHUTDOWN_NOREBOOT 0x00000010	The shutdown SHOULD leave the computer powered, but SHOULD NOT cause a reboot. SHUTDOWN_NOREBOOT is represented by "E" in the above diagram.
SHUTDOWN_GRACE_OVERRIDE 0x00000020	If a shutdown is currently in progress, setting this bit on a subsequent shutdown request SHOULD cause the ongoing request's grace period to be ignored and SHOULD cause an immediate shutdown. SHUTDOWN_GRACE_OVERRIDE is represented by "F" in the above diagram.
SHUTDOWN_INSTALL_UPDATES 0x00000040	The shutdown SHOULD install pending software updates before proceeding. SHUTDOWN_INSTALL_UPDATES is represented by

Value	Meaning
	"G" in the above diagram.
SHUTDOWN_RESTARTAPPS 0x00000080	The shutdown SHOULD restart the computer and then restart any applications that have registered for restart. SHUTDOWN_RESTARTAPPS is represented by "H" in the above diagram.

All other bits MUST be zero and ignored upon receipt.

dwReason: Reason for initiating the shutdown, as specified in section [2.3](#).

lpClientHint: Used only for diagnostic purposes (logging the image file name of the process initiating a shutdown).

Return Values: The method returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00000000) on success; otherwise it returns a nonzero error code.

On receiving this call, the server MUST perform the following validation step:

- Verify that the caller has sufficient privileges to shut down the computer; otherwise the server MUST return ERROR_BAD_NETPATH. [<22>](#)

3.3.4.2 WsdrAbortShutdown (Opnum 1)

The **WsdrAbortShutdown** method is used to terminate the shutdown of the remote computer within the waiting period.

```
unsigned long WsdrAbortShutdown(
    [in] handle_t Binding,
    [in, unique] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpClientHint
);
```

Binding: Primitive RPC handle that identifies a particular client/server binding.

lpClientHint: Used only for diagnostic purposes (logging the image file name of the process canceling a shutdown).

Return Values: The method returns ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00000000) on success; otherwise it returns a nonzero error code.

On receiving this call, the server MUST perform the following validation step:

- Verify that the caller has sufficient privileges to shut down the computer, otherwise the server MUST return ERROR_BAD_NETPATH. [<23>](#)

4 Protocol Examples

The following example shows a sample call from a client to a server, asking the server to reboot in 30 seconds and to display a message.

In this example, the client contacts the server with the following [WsdriInitiateShutdown](#) call:

```
ULONG = (return value, not yet set)
WsdriInitiateShutdown(
    [ in ] handle_t Binding = (set by RpcBindingFromStringBinding()),
    [ in, unique ] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage =
        L"Restarting system. Please save your work.",
    [ in ] DWORD dwGracePeriod = 30,
    [ in ] DWORD dwShutdownFlags = SHUTDOWN_RESTART,
    [ in ] DWORD dwReason = SHUTDOWN_MAJOR_OTHER,
    [ in, unique ] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpClientHint = L""
);
```

The server receives this call, verifies that the caller has sufficient privileges to shut down the computer, displays the message to the interactively logged on users, and after waiting 30 seconds reboots the server.

The server responds with the following **WsdriInitiateShutdown** return:

```
ULONG = ERROR_SUCCESS
WsdriInitiateShutdown(
    [ in ] handle_t Binding = (unchanged),
    [ in, unique ] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage = (unchanged),
    [ in ] DWORD dwGracePeriod = (unchanged),
    [ in ] DWORD dwShutdownFlags = (unchanged),
    [ in ] DWORD dwReason = (unchanged),
    [ in, unique ] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpClientHint = (unchanged)
);
```

5 Security

The following sections specify security considerations for implementers of the Remote Shutdown Protocol.

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

There are no special security considerations for this protocol.

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

There are no security parameters for this protocol.

6 Appendix A: Full IDL

The protocol uses three **IDL** files, InitShutdown.Idl, WindowsShutdown.Idl and winreg.idl.

6.1 Appendix A.1: InitShutdown.Idl

For ease of implementation, the full IDL is provided below.

The full listing of ms-rrp.idl is specified in [\[MS-RRP\]](#).

Initshutdown.idl

```
typedef struct _REG_UNICODE_STRING {
    unsigned short Length;
    unsigned short MaximumLength;
    [size_is(MaximumLength / 2), length_is((Length) / 2) ]
    unsigned short* Buffer;
} REG_UNICODE_STRING,
*PREG_UNICODE_STRING;

[
    uuid(894de0c0-0d55-11d3-a322-00c04fa321a1),
    pointer_default( unique ),
    version(1.0)
]
interface InitShutdown
//
// Interface body
//
{

//
// Server name, binding handles.
//
typedef [handle] wchar_t* PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME;

//
// Shutdown APIs.
//

    unsigned long
    BaseInitiateShutdown(
        [ in, unique ] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName,
        [ in, unique ] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,
        [ in ] unsigned long dwTimeout,
        [ in ] unsigned char bForceAppsClosed,
        [ in ] unsigned char bRebootAfterShutdown
    );

    unsigned long
    BaseAbortShutdown(
        [ in, unique ] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName
    );

    unsigned long
    BaseInitiateShutdownEx(
```



```

    [ in, unique ] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName,
    [ in, unique ] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,
    [ in ] unsigned long dwTimeout,
    [ in ] unsigned char bForceAppsClosed,
    [ in ] unsigned char bRebootAfterShutdown,
    [ in ] unsigned long dwReason
);
}

```

6.2 Appendix A.2: WindowsShutdown.Idl

For ease of implementation, the full IDL is provided below.

The full listing of winreg.idl is specified in [\[MS-RRP\]](#).

The WindowsShutdown.Idl file appears as follows:

```

typedef struct REG_UNICODE_STRING {
    unsigned short Length;
    unsigned short MaximumLength;
    [size_is(MaximumLength / 2), length_is((Length) / 2)] unsigned short* Buffer;
}REG_UNICODE_STRING, *PREG_UNICODE_STRING;
[
    uuid(d95afe70-a6d5-4259-822e-2c84da1ddb0d),
    pointer default( unique ),
    version(1.0)
]
interface WindowsShutdown
{
    unsigned long
    WsdrInitiateShutdown(
        [ in ] handle_t Binding,
        [ in, unique ] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,
        [ in ] unsigned long dwGracePeriod,
        [ in ] unsigned long dwShutdownFlags,
        [ in ] unsigned long dwReason,
        [ in, unique ] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpClientHint
    );

    unsigned long
    WsdrAbortShutdown(
        [ in ] handle_t Binding,
        [ in, unique ] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpClientHint
    );
}

```

6.3 Appendix A.3: winreg.idl

For ease of implementation, the full IDL is provided below.

The full listing of ms-rrp.idl is specified in [\[MS-RRP\]](#).

winreg.idl

```

typedef struct _REG_UNICODE_STRING {

```

```

    unsigned short Length;
    unsigned short MaximumLength;
    [size_is(MaximumLength / 2), length_is((Length) / 2) ]
    unsigned short* Buffer;
} REG_UNICODE_STRING,
*PREG_UNICODE_STRING;

[
    uuid( 338CD001-2244-31F1-AAAA-900038001003 ),
    pointer_default( unique ),
    version( 1.0 )
]
interface winreg
{
    typedef [handle] wchar_t* PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME;

    //
    // Windows Remote Registry Server APIs.
    //

    //opcode 0
    void Opnum0NotImplemented();

    //opcode 1
    void Opnum1NotImplemented();

    //opcode 2
    void Opnum2NotImplemented();

    //opcode 3
    void Opnum3NotImplemented();

    //opcode 4
    void Opnum4NotImplemented();

    //opcode 5
    void Opnum5NotImplemented();

    //opcode 6
    void Opnum6NotImplemented();

    //opcode 7
    void Opnum7NotImplemented();

    //opcode 8
    void Opnum8NotImplemented();

    //opcode 9
    void Opnum9NotImplemented();

    //opcode 10
    void Opnum10NotImplemented();

    //opcode 11
    void Opnum11NotImplemented();

    //opcode 12
    void Opnum12NotImplemented();
}

```

```

//opcode 13
void Opnum13NotImplemented();

//opcode 14
void Opnum14NotImplemented();

//opcode 15
void Opnum15NotImplemented();

//opcode 16
void Opnum16NotImplemented();

//opcode 17
void Opnum17NotImplemented();

//opcode 18
void Opnum18NotImplemented();

//opcode 19
void Opnum19NotImplemented();

//opcode 20
void Opnum20NotImplemented();

//opcode 21
void Opnum21NotImplemented();

//opcode 22
void Opnum22NotImplemented();

//opcode 23
void Opnum23NotImplemented();

//opcode 24
unsigned long BaseInitiateSystemShutdown(
    [in, unique] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName,
    [in, unique] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,
    [in] unsigned long dwTimeout,
    [in] unsigned char bForceAppsClosed,
    [in] unsigned char bRebootAfterShutdown
);

//opcode 25
unsigned long BaseAbortSystemShutdown(
    [in, unique] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName
);

//opcode 26
void Opnum26NotImplemented();

//opcode 27
void Opnum27NotImplemented();

//opcode 28
void Opnum28NotImplemented();

//opcode 29

```

```
void Opnum29NotImplemented();

//opcode 30
unsigned long BaseInitiateSystemShutdownEx(
    [in, unique] PREGISTRY_SERVER_NAME ServerName,
    [in, unique] PREG_UNICODE_STRING lpMessage,
    [in] unsigned long dwTimeout,
    [in] unsigned char bForceAppsClosed,
    [in] unsigned char bRebootAfterShutdown,
    [in] unsigned long dwReason
);
}
```

7 Appendix B: Windows Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following versions of Windows:

- Windows Vista
- Windows Server 2003
- Windows XP
- Windows 2000
- Windows NT

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies Windows behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that Windows does not follow the prescription.

[<1> Section 2.3:](#) Shutdown request is from the Microsoft Management Console (MMC)

[<2> Section 2.3:](#) For more information, see [Defining a Custom Reason Code](#).

[<3> Section 2.3:](#) The system generates a System State Data (SSD) file. This file contains system state information such as the processes, threads, memory usage, and configuration.

[<4> Section 3.1.4:](#) Supported in Windows NT 3.1 through Windows Server 2003, but NOT in Windows Vista.

[<5> Section 3.1.4:](#) Some gaps in the opnum numbering sequence correspond to opnums as specified in [\[MS-RRP\]](#).

[<6> Section 3.1.4.1:](#) Windows terminates all applications unconditionally.

[<7> Section 3.1.4.1:](#) If TRUE, Windows shuts down and reboots. If FALSE, Windows only shuts down.

[<8> Section 3.1.4.1:](#) Supported in Windows NT 3.1 through Windows Server 2003, but NOT in Windows Vista.

[<9> Section 3.1.4.2:](#) Supported in Windows NT 3.1 through Windows Server 2003, but NOT in Windows Vista.

[<10> Section 3.1.4.3:](#) Windows terminates all applications unconditionally.

[<11> Section 3.1.4.3:](#) If TRUE, Windows shuts down and reboots. If FALSE, Windows only shuts down.

[<12> Section 3.1.4.3:](#) Supported in Windows NT 3.1 through Windows Server 2003, but NOT in Windows Vista.

[<13> Section 3.2.4:](#) Supported in Windows 2000.

[<14> Section 3.2.4.1:](#) Windows terminates all applications unconditionally.

[<15> Section 3.2.4.1:](#) If TRUE, Windows shuts down and reboots. If FALSE, Windows only shuts down.

[<16> Section 3.2.4.1:](#) Supported in Windows 2000.

[<17> Section 3.2.4.2:](#) Supported in Windows 2000.

[<18> Section 3.2.4.3:](#) Windows terminates all applications unconditionally.

[<19> Section 3.2.4.3:](#) If TRUE, Windows shuts down and reboots. If FALSE, Windows only shuts down.

[<20> Section 3.2.4.3:](#) Supported in Windows 2000.

[<21> Section 3.3.4:](#) Supported in Windows Vista.

[<22> Section 3.3.4.1:](#) Supported in Windows Vista.

[<23> Section 3.3.4.2:](#) Supported in Windows Vista.

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