

MonPwr v1.1

Instruction Manual

Introduction:

MonPwr is a simple tool that lets you turn off your PC or Laptop monitor with just a click of a button. The first version had nothing more than just the ability to turn off your monitor – and keep it turned off. This version (v1.1) has several advanced options such as:

- Different behavior for versions of Windows below Windows XP and versions above Windows Vista
- Option to add application to startup
- Command Line options, which let you provide options from the command line
- Tray Icon, so the application isn't intrusive
- Scheduler options, so you can perform a predefined action at a specified time
- Timer options, so you can perform a predefined action after a certain amount of time
- Hotkey option, so you can turn off your monitor by pressing a key combination
- Update feature, which lets you update MonPwr if there's an update available
- Uninstall option, which clears out old registry entries

Explanation of different options:

- **Different behavior for different versions of Windows:**

This feature was added to allow the program to behave differently under newer versions of Windows, especially Windows Vista. The older version of MonPwr sometimes resulted in a lockout – where the screen wouldn't turn back on because Vista has a delay timer attached with powering down and powering back up of displays when compared to older versions like XP and 2000.

- **Adding application to Windows Startup:**

This feature adds your application to Windows Startup, which means that as soon as your computer starts up, you can have MonPwr do all the tasks it was designed for.

- **Command Line options:**

This is the feature that requires the most explanation. There are two commands that you can supply to MonPwr to make it perform actions from the command line. You can use them while creating shortcuts. The commands and their syntax are:

monpwr11.exe /off

This command turns off the monitor once, and terminates MonPwr immediately.

monpwr11.exe /tray

This command turns off the monitor and runs MonPwr in the tray, and keeps the monitor turned off just like regular usage.

- **Tray Icon:**

The tray icon is a simple icon that resides in your System Tray. It performs different actions when it is clicked:

Clicking the *Left* mouse button brings MonPwr back on the screen.

Clicking the *Right* mouse button pops up a menu.

Clicking the *Middle* mouse button turns off the monitor instantly.

- **Scheduler Options:**

MonPwr has a new Scheduler feature that lets you set a time at which MonPwr has to perform a predefined task. To use this option:

1. Set the time
2. Tick “Other Action” if you want MonPwr to perform a different action other than turning off your monitor. The different actions are Shutdown, Restart, Logoff, Standby, and Hibernate.
3. Tick “Enable Schedule”

As soon as the “Enable Schedule” is checked, the Scheduler is active and performs the predefined action.

- **Timer Options:**

MonPwr has a new Scheduler feature that lets you set a timer for performing predefined tasks. To use this option:

1. Set the countdown time (If time is less than 15 seconds, you will get prompted to confirm your action)

2. Tick “Only if Idle” if you want the countdown to proceed only if the computer is idle.
3. Tick “Like a Screensaver” if you want the countdown to repeat itself every time the user becomes idle.
4. Tick “Other Action” if you want MonPwr to perform some other action (Same as explained above)
5. Click “Go” to start the countdown.

This button turns to “Stop” when you click “Go” – so you can stop the timer whenever you want. The caption of MonPwr changes to the countdown time when it’s counting down.

- **Hotkeys:**

You can set a Hotkey to turn off your monitor. To set a Hotkey:

1. Select an option from the first drop down menu – which allows you to specify special modifiers such as Ctrl, Alt and Shift buttons.
2. Select a key from the second drop down menu to be used as the Hotkey with the combination from the first drop down menu.
3. Click on “Set Global Hotkey” to set the hotkey. If it is set, you will get a confirmation message. If it fails, you’ll get a message that tells you that your Hotkey couldn’t be set.

There are other options that you can set, like Mouse Click, Enter Key and Space Bar. Select these options to allow you to turn your monitor back on by pressing any of them.

- **Update:**

Click the “Check for Updates” button to search for updates. Newer updates will be opened by your default browser with which you can save it to wherever you want.

- **Uninstall:**

Click the “Uninstall MonPwr” button to remove all registry key entries. This is necessary if you want to completely remove MonPwr from your system. Please note that the MonPwr.exe file will not be deleted, as this can be used to reinstall MonPwr.

Note – If you want to run the old version of MonPwr on a system where MonPwr 1.1 has been installed – it is necessary to uninstall the newer version first. Installation is Registry specific, not place specific – so if you run MonPwr on your system once, it doesn’t matter where you run in from again – it’s already installed. You can uninstall it from anywhere.

Other Information:

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<http://www.caffinc.com/files/monpwr/feedback.php>

Or you could just write a mail to the admin: admin@caffinc.com

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