

Change the power state of a virtual ...



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Hello,

I'm running vCenter 4.0, and I'm trying to create a scheduled task that would shutdown multiple guests at the same time. The options that I get in the Scheduled Tasks for the machine shutdown is only for one VM at a time. Is there any way that this scheduled task can be setup for a group of machines? even on a resource pool level if needed. I tried to choose the containing folder, but it only allowed me to select a guest VM.

If there are other ways to do this, I would appreciate if someone can point me in the right direction.

I am in ESX4 enterprise with HA, DRS and vMotion, so I can't really have some cron job running, as I wouldn't think that would be efficient to setup on every single host I have.

Thanks in advance for your assistance,

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Oct 12, 2007 **1. Re: Change the power state of a virtual machine for multiple guests** Jun 26, 2009 3:38 PM

here are a couple threads worth checking out.

<http://communities.vmware.com/thread/196161>

<http://communities.vmware.com/thread/178777>



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May 21, 2009 **2. Re: Change the power state of a virtual machine for multiple guests** Jun 26, 2009 3:56 PM

Thanks! I think these should point me in the right direction. I haven't done any powershell scripts for VMWare yet. but

I guess there's a first for everything 😊

Some other threads I read also suggested psshutdown from PSTools, though I would think the powershell method might be more elegant.

I'll take a look at both.

Thanks again!