

# Select correct power options

## Aim

To make sure the computer shuts down properly.

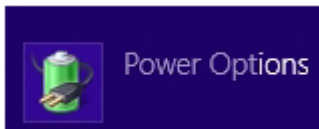
Background information

On computers with Windows 10, by default the computer resumes rather than restarts after shutdown. This can cause problems with MediaRecorder and associated software like The Observer XT.

Therefore, we recommend to make sure that the computer really shuts down.

## Procedure

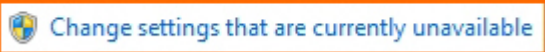
1. In the Windows start window with apps, type **Power options** and then click the **Power options** tile.
2. Choose **Choose what the power buttons do**.



3. Click **Change settings that are currently unavailable**.

### Define power buttons and turn on password protection

Choose the power settings that you want for your computer. The changes you make to the settings on this page apply to all of your power plans.



4. Select the following options:

When I press the power button – Shut down.



When I close the lid – Shut down.




Under **Shutdown settings** deselect the checkboxes **Sleep**, **Hibernate**, and **Turn on fast startup (recommended)**.

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### Power and sleep buttons and lid settings

 On battery  Plugged in

	When I press the power button:	Shut down ▼	Shut down ▼
	When I press the sleep button:	Sleep ▼	Sleep ▼
	When I close the lid:	Shut down ▼	Shut down ▼

### Password protection on wakeup

- ☒ **Require a password (recommended)**  
When your computer wakes from sleep, no one can access your data without entering the correct password to unlock the computer. [Create or change your user account password](#)
- ☐ **Don't require a password**  
When your computer wakes from sleep, anyone can access your data because the computer isn't locked.

### Shutdown settings

- ☐ **Turn on fast startup (recommended)**  
This helps start your PC faster after shutdown. Restart isn't affected. [Learn More](#)
- ☐ **Sleep**  
Show in Power menu.
- ☐ **Hibernate**  
Show in Power menu.
- ☒ **Lock**  
Show in account picture menu.

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