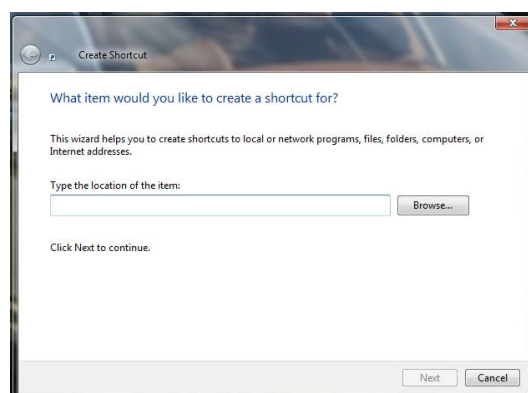


Tutorial: How to Create (Harmless) Prank Virus

Alright, so say you are a person who likes to pull pranks on your friends. Well here's a gag for you. This will be a tutorial on how to create a prank virus that you send to your friends that are disguised as any file or folder that you want. This won't be permanent nor will it harm your computer. All it will do is shutdown when you open the file. (It won't keep doing this when you turn your computer back on unless you keep opening the file. Let's get started!

1. Go to your desktop
2. Right click and put your cursor over the "New" tab and select icon
3. Wait for a small window to pop up. It should say "What item would you like to create a shortcut for?" See as follows:



4. Then in the "Type the location of the item:" box, type "shutdown -s". That is what you type if you want it to shut down immediately. If you would like to wait a few seconds, type as follows. "Shutdown -s -t 30". The "30" represents 30 seconds until it shuts down. You can put an amount of time in there. (The number will be in seconds). The last thing you are able to add is a comment. If you want to add a pop-up message with this, you just add a simple letter. Type as follows. "Shutdown -s -t -c "the text that you want in the pop-up"" The "-c" stands for "comment". This is a very simple command. Now your window should look as follows:

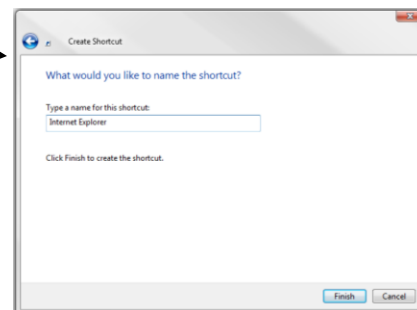
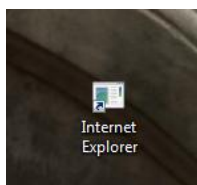
Type the location of the item:

shutdown -s -t 30 -c "the text that you want in the pop-up"

Browse...

Next Cancel

5. Then you want to click next.
6. Then you want to rename your shortcut. Whatever you put in this box will be what the icon says. (Note: You **will** be able to rename it later by right-clicking when you have finished making the shortcut). The default name is "shutdown.exe". Obviously if you want your friend (victim) to click the shortcut, then name it something more promising. For this tutorial, I will use "Internet Explorer".
7. Once again, when you finish renaming it, click finish and the shortcut should be on your desktop as follows:



8. Now that you have your icon completed, you want it to look real. So now, right click the shortcut and click the "Properties" button.

The default tab should be on "Shortcut". If not, click the "Shortcut" tab. (Note: Some operating systems [i.e. Microsoft Windows XP], you might have to go to a "Customize" tab instead).

9. Once you have done that, click the "Change Icon" button. (Should be on bottom of window).

10. Now there should be a small window with a bunch of icons. You can click any icon and make your shortcut have that icon, or you can make it relevant to what you named your shortcut. For Internet Explorer, there is an icon for that. If you want to make this look like a folder, there is also a folder icon. (Note: When you click "Choose Icon", there will be a pop-up. Just click "OK" to it and continue). There are at least 100 icons to choose from. The icon window should look as follows:

11. Now you are done. If you completed this tutorial successfully, then your shortcut should look a little something like this:

