

CREATING A SUSPEND (STANDBY OR HIBERNATE MODE) SHORTCUT ON YOUR WINDOWS XP DESKTOP

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If you're looking for a different approach for putting your Windows XP machine in Suspend (Sleep) mode, then check out how you can create a standard shortcut on your desktop or on the Quick Launch bar.

On the Advanced tab of the Power Options dialog box (Start>Control Panel>Power Options), Windows XP provides most of us with a built-in shortcut for putting your computer in Suspend mode—either Standby or Hibernation. (Some older computers do not support Hibernation mode.) The shortcut allows you to reconfigure the operation performed when pressing the Power button. (If you've enabled the Hibernation feature, using these shortcuts will put your computer into hibernation mode. If you haven't, using these shortcuts will put your computer into standby mode.)

However, if you wish to expand your alternatives, you can create a standard shortcut that will put your computer in Suspend mode. You can then put the shortcut on your desktop or place it on the Quick Launch bar, where you can easily put your computer in a suspended state with a click of your mouse.

Here's how:

1. Right-click the desktop and select **New | Shortcut**.
2. When the Create Shortcut wizard's location text box appears, type:
rundll32.exe PowrProf.dll, SetSuspendState
3. Give the shortcut a name like **Suspend Now!**
4. To create a unique icon for the shortcut, right-click on **Suspend Now!**
5. Left-click Properties.
6. Click on **Change Icon**.
7. When the Change Icon dialogue box appears, click **OK**.
8. Double-click on the icon of your choice from the list provided.