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Thread: [Shut Off Networking / Wifi With Netsh \(Windows\)](#)

Hackers - January 9, 2024, 10:04 am

If you want to turn off wireless connections or other networking options, it's easy to do that with netsh. This is a Windows only tutorial, but Linux or Mac users could still use some of the examples at end of the guide for running commands via languages - but you would need to adjust it to not use netsh and instead use your native OS APIs and features instead.

First we will use a command that shows us the network profiles we've connected to in the past:

List All Network Profiles

Code netsh wlan show profiles

Example response:

Code All User Profile : office-internal

All User Profile : Mandarin Oriental 2

All User Profile : Omni Guest

All User Profile : Home A107C

Disconnect From Current Network

Code netsh wlan disconnect

Delete Specific Network Profile

Code netsh wlan delete profile name="Home A107C"

Disable Computer Wireless Networking / Wifi

Code netsh interface set interface "\"Wi-Fi\"" admin=disable

Disable Computer Ethernet / Wired Connections

Code netsh interface set interface "Ethernet" admin=disabled

You may be required to use escalated, administrator permissions on the terminal when using it. Similarly, if you run the commands from another program then that program would need same permission level.

Here are some ways you can execute these commands via code:

C++

Code #include <cstdlib>

system("netsh interface set interface "\"Wi-Fi\"" admin=disable");

PHP

PHP Code

<?php

exec('netsh interface set interface "Wi-Fi" admin=disable');

?>

Python

Code import subprocess

subprocess.run('netsh interface set interface "Wi-Fi" admin=disable', shell=True)

The three above are tested by me and have been used in past to run other commands. The code below is not tested, but I asked GPT to create some examples based on this for C, Java, and Go as I know several HF users are coding with those:

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C

Code #include <stdlib.h>

```
int main() {  
    system("netsh interface set interface \"Wi-Fi\" admin=disable");  
    return 0;  
}
```

Go

Code package main

```
import (  
    "os/exec"  
    "log"  
)
```

```
func main() {  
    cmd := exec.Command("netsh", "interface", "set", "interface", "Wi-Fi", "admin=disable")  
    err := cmd.Run()  
    if err != nil {  
        log.Fatal(err)  
    }  
}
```

Java

```
Code public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        try {  
            Runtime.getRuntime().exec("netsh interface set interface \"Wi-Fi\" admin=disable");  
        } catch (Exception e) {  
            e.printStackTrace();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

I hope that this is helpful to you in some way for managing your network profiles and possibly automating this in your scripts as well. Ask questions or share knowledge below :)

Lor?d - January 9, 2024, 4:17 pm

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Hackers - January 9, 2024, 6:59 pm

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Lor?d - January 9, 2024, 7:06 pm

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Hahaha very true - it would be more helpful for the devs out there than the clients & customers.
Typescript is exciting enough anyways to spice up the life of JS devs.

Stanley - October 28, 2025, 6:49 pm

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Thanks,
Stanley

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I still think this is useful to people :)