

## Re: svchost.exe using up 99% CPU

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Christopher <[Christopher@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Christopher@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

I am having similar problems; according to task manager, my computer can sometimes be running svchost.exe six times or more. The users running these are mostly SYSTEM, but also LOCAL SERVICE and NETWORK SERVICE. These generally don't take up much of the CPU, but if I am running high-RAM programs (specifically Google Earth), it tends to take up a fair bit of memory (one does anyway, the others don't alter). Any ideas?

6 instances of SVCHOST is normal and expected in Windows XP.

Google Earth is a very demanding graphics program, and it is to be expected that the graphics support services (some of which run under SVCHOST) would be using lots of memory when this application is running.

You can see which specific services are running under the various instances of SVCHOST by using the TASKLIST utility. TASKLIST is included with XP Pro but needs to be downloaded and installed if you have XP Home. <http://www.xmission.com/~comphope/download/winxp.htm>

Open a Command Prompt window and enter the following command:

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TASKLIST /SVC
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The listed items can be related to the Task Manager report by using the PID number.

Good luck

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