

**NAME**

halt - variables that affect the behavior of the shutdown scripts

**DESCRIPTION**

The */etc/default/halt* file contains variable settings in POSIX format:

```
VAR=VAL
```

Only one assignment is allowed per line. Comments (starting with '#') are also allowed.

**OPTIONS**

The following variables can be set.

**HALT**

If set to **poweroff** the system will be powered down after it has been brought down. This is the default.

If set to **halt** the system will only be halted after it has been brought down. What exactly this means depends on your hardware.

**NETDOWN**

Setting this to **no** prevents shutdown from shutting down the network interfaces. This is necessary to use Wake-On-Lan. Setting it to **yes** causes shutdown to also bring down the network interfaces (and thus prevent the machine from being woken up remotely).

**SEE ALSO**

**halt(8)**, **shutdown(8)**.

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