

Using Windows Task Scheduler to Automate WPS Jobs on a *Windows Server Platform*

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Introduction

This document walks you through using the Windows Task Scheduler to schedule a WPS program to run on a Windows 2008 Server or other Windows Platforms that support the Task Scheduler.

Requirements

Windows 2008, Vista Professional or Windows 7 Professional

For those running version 2.x of WPS download

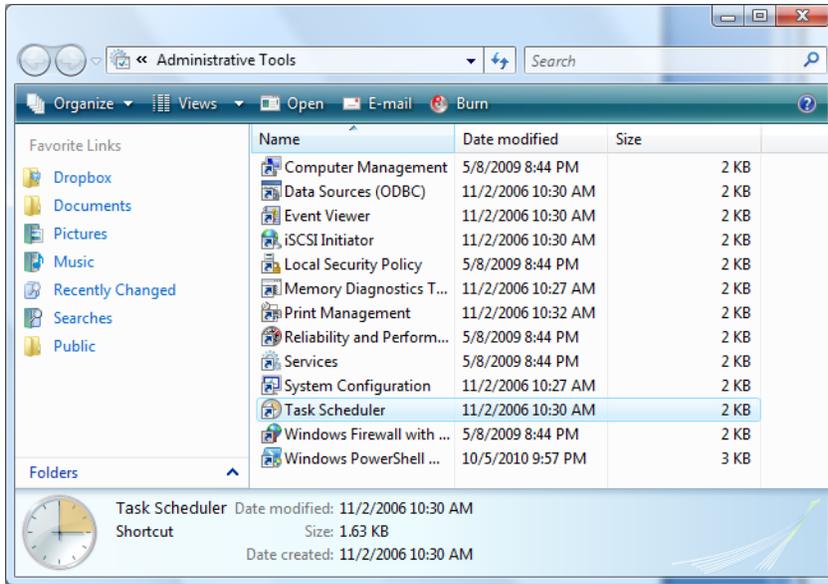
RunWPS.CMD (see the download section on the MineQuest, LLC website at www.MineQuest.com)

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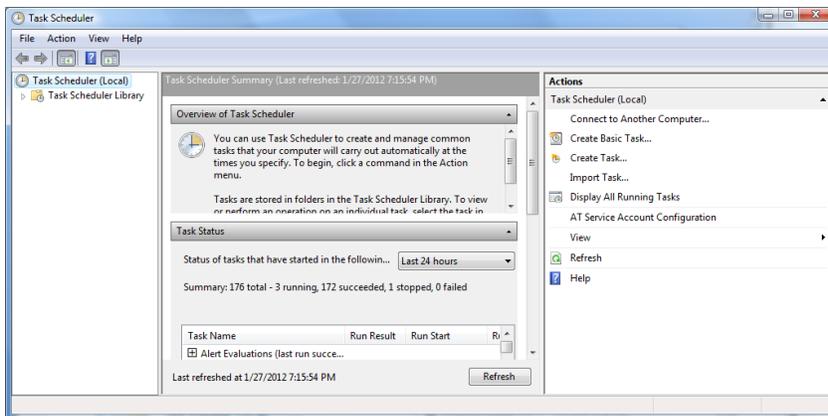
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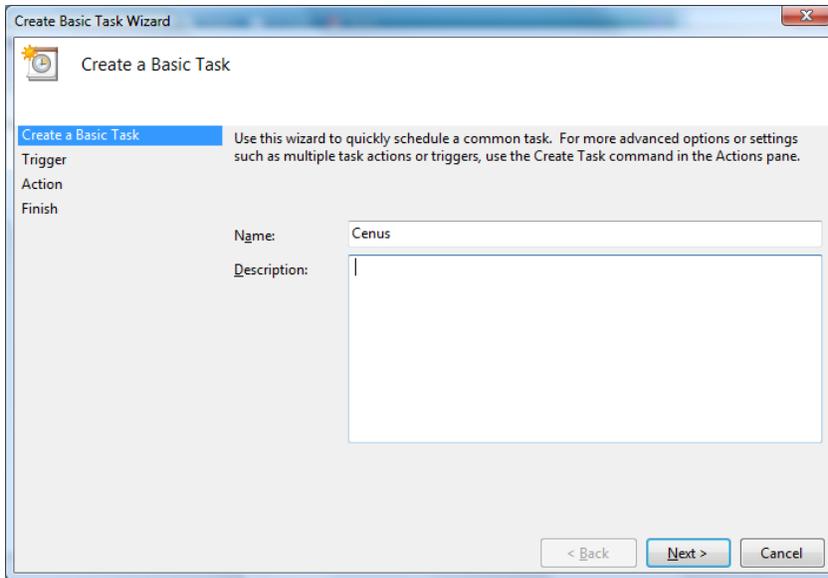
You must be logged on as an administrator to perform these tasks.

Open **Control Panel**, click **System and Maintenance** and then click **Administrative Tools**.

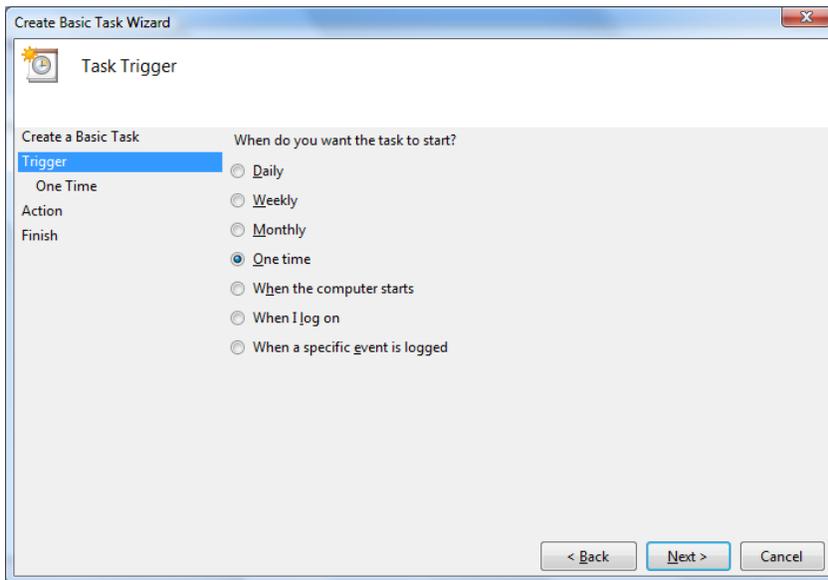
Double click Task Scheduler. Note, you might be prompted for an administrator password. If so, type in the password to continue.



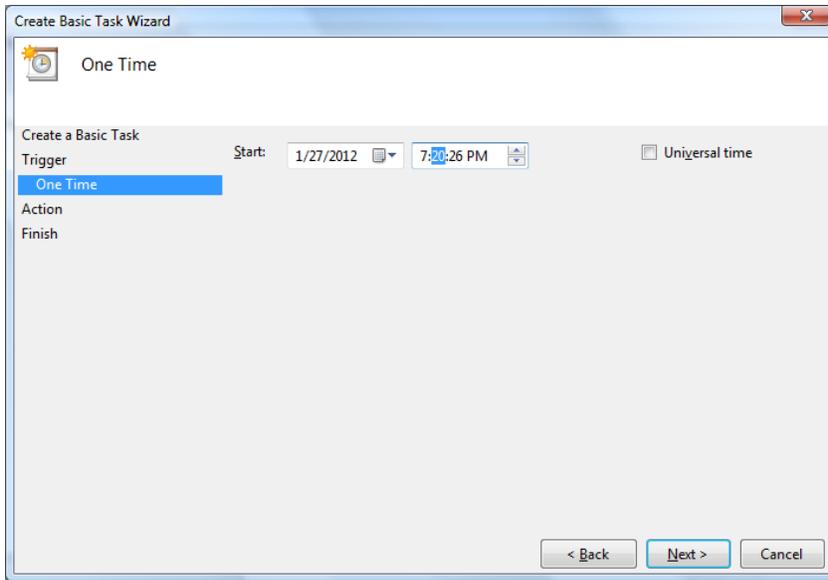
Click on the **Action** menu then click on **Create Basic Task**.



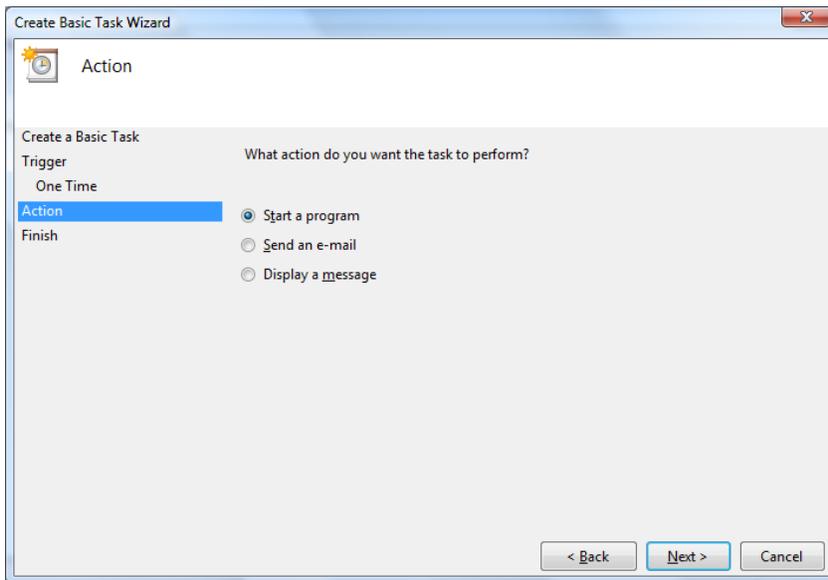
Type a name for the task. In this example, we will call it Census. Click **Next** to continue.



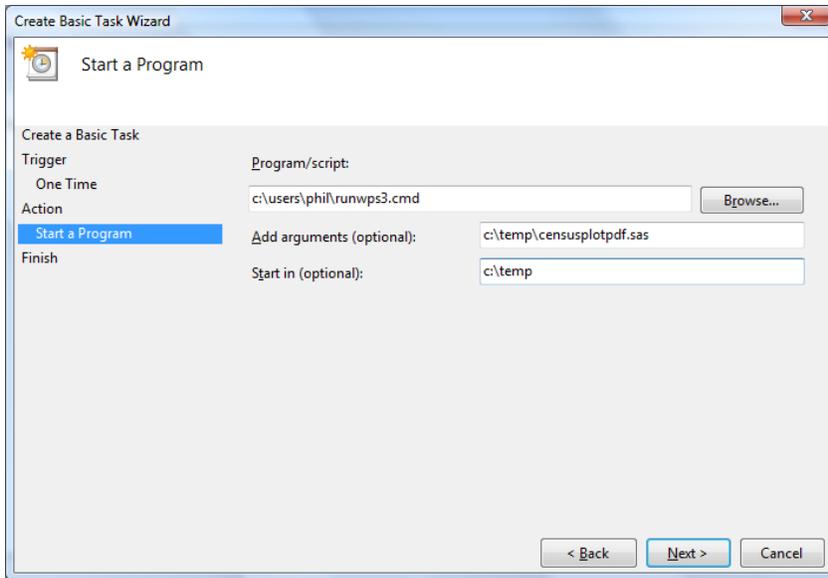
Select when you want the task to run. In our example, we will run it one time.



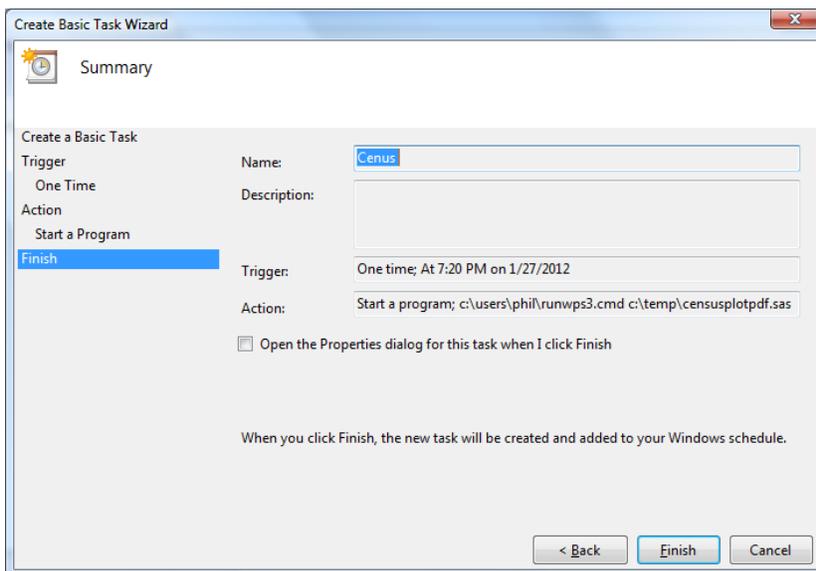
Select the time that you want the task to run. In our example we will run the WPS Program at 7:20:26pm. Press **Next** to continue.



Select **Start a program** and then click **Next**.



Using the RunWPS3.cmd file that runs WPS as a batch file, enter or browse to the location where you placed the RunWPS3.cmd program. In the **Add arguments** line, enter the arguments for the batch file. In this case, the arguments are program name and folder where the WPS program resides. In the **Start in** box, enter the directory where the WPS program to be executed is located. Press **Next** to continue.



Press **Finish** to end the creation of the Basic Task Wizard.

Note that when the Task Scheduler runs your WPS program, your WPS log and listing files will be written to the directory that you entered in the **Start in (optional)** field above.

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