

# Initialize And Finalize Scripts: How can I reboot from an initialize/finalize script?

On a regular node, the initialize and finalize scripts run in the pre-provisioning, pre-init, early user space, initial root file system environment. That means that in that state there are no run levels. Which means the usual `kill [-HUP/-TERM] 1/reboot [-f]/shutdown -h now/poweroff` and so on won't work.

So, after having run an initializing script to do some pre-provisioning changes that require a reboot, how do you reboot?

Use `sysrq` ( <http://kernel.org/doc/Documentation/sysrq.txt> ) towards the end of the script:

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echo "1" > /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq
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echo "s" > /proc/sysrq-trigger
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echo "u" > /proc/sysrq-trigger
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echo "b" > /proc/sysrq-trigger
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