

# Shut Down an Email Security Appliance (ESA)

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## Introduction

This document describes how to correctly shut down an Email Security Appliance (ESA) for infrastructure related maintenance or issues.

## Procedure

NOTE: Extra care must be taken when you shut down ESA as an improper shutdown can cause the mail queue or the file system structure to become inconsistent. Mail must be drained out before you take the system offline.

Shutdown (all commands are from the Command Line Interface [CLI])

Power-up of the system