

# DBMaker/DBMaster FAQ Document

## Question:

What is the file databasename.pid used for? (DBMR1955; version: DBMaker4.3)

## Answer:

File **DBName.pid** keeps dmserver running process id.

It's for using 'dmserver -k' to shutdown database, we need to know which process id is caught by dmserver, because we cannot get shared memory of 'dmserver -k' mode in shutdown, so keep this file for reference of 'dmserver -k' shutdown.

This file is useless if executing "terminate db" by dmSQL to shutdown database, it is ONLY for 'dmserver -k' mode.