

# Windows server 2016

## Activation stuck at 10% for over 12 hours

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The problem each time was that the **Windows License Manager Service** was not running. By default the service is set to **Startup Type: Manual (Trigger Start)**. I believe **dism.exe** is failing to trigger the service to start, thus halting the process. Simply starting this service, while **dism.exe** was stuck at 10%, resolved the issue 100% of the time. [Sign in to vote](#)

I started another thread and got an answer that helped in my case:

I needed to press enter a couple of times in the cmd window to wake the process back up.

I did this after starting the services again and it then proceeded to completion!

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