# How do I start a hidden instance of TRACE32?

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TRACE32 can be configured to start as a hidden instance by adding one of the following `SCREEN=` options to the configuration file (for example, `config.t32`).

Choose the option that best suits your requirements:

### 1) Hide the main window, but allow dialogs and other windows

The main TRACE32 window remains hidden, but dialogs and other TRACE32 windows can still be displayed. This is useful, for example, during regression tests where an error dialog may need to be displayed.

```
SCREEN=INVISIBLE
```

### 2) Hide all TRACE32 windows

The main TRACE32 window and all dialogs and other TRACE32 windows remain hidden, even if an error occurs.

```
SCREEN=OFF
```

### 3) Add TRACE32 to the host computer's taskbar

The main TRACE32 window is minimized to the host computer's taskbar and can be fully displayed if an error occurs.

```
SCREEN=VICON
```

For more information, refer to the chapter **"TRACE32 as a Hidden Instance"** in the TRACE32 Installation Guide.