Reduce the number of programs in STARTUP :

1. Click START...RUN, type in msconfig and click OK.

2. Click the SELECTIVE STARTUP (instead of NORMAL STARTUP)

3. Click to place a check in the bottom box, the LOAD ITEMS at startup.

4. Click the STARTUP tab.

5. Remove all checks from boxes found here, except Sys.tray and ANY boxes related to your firewall (if you have one) and your anti-virus program,e.g. VShield,etc that run McAfee. Or any line that has NORTON'S in it indicating it's a Norton's antivirus program file.

6. Click APPLY and OK

7. Restart your computer.

Now at the right hand end of the task bar you should only see the sound icon, the anti-virus icon and your firewall icon.

Note: If you're running win98 you can drag any desktop icon down onto the left end of the task bar so they will always be visible when you need that program. You can even create a shortcut for the desktop itself and drag it down, so if you need to go to the desktop to click a program you can do so.

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