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- 1. Click Start**
- 2. Click RUN**
- 3. Type in msconfig**
- 4. Click Ok**
- 5. Select the Startup tab**
- 6. Check the programs you wish to have start up every time Windows starts.**
- 7. Click Apply and Ok**

Here is my Jmax 1,2,3 for adding programs to Startup.

If a program you want to have startup each time the computer starts and it's not in the msconfig startup list, it's easier to just:

- 1. Click Start...all programs...rightclick any program you wish to add to Startup (such as anti-virus and anti-spyware) and select Send TO: Desktop (create shortcut).**
- 2. Now rightclick Start...click Open Windows Explorer. Click Desktop (at the top) to open it.**
- 3. Click Start...all programs...rightclick startup and select OPEN.**
Now you have the startup page open and also have the Desktop page open.
- 4. Click the title bar of the startup page and holding down the mouse button, drag that page to the left so you can see the shortcuts you created on the desktop page.**
- 5. Drag the shortcuts over to the Startup page and drop them.**

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There are 6 ways to add or remove programs from STARTUP.

- A. Through the Program Itself**
- B. Through the Startup Folder**
- C. Through System Configuration**
- D. Manually in Registry Editor**
- E. Using CCleaner**

F. Through Task Scheduler

A. Through the Program Itself

NOTE: Some programs may have a setting in them to allow it to run at startup or not. You will need to consult the program's documentations on how to do this specifically for their program if it is available for that program.

1. Open the program's settings menu.
2. **To Add the Program to Startup -**
 - A) Select the program's **Run at startup** type option.
3. **To Remove the Program from Startup -**
 - A) Unselect the program's **Run at startup** type option.

B. Through the Startup Folder

NOTE: You can add or remove shortcuts to programs or files from the Startup folder to have them run or open at the startup of Windows 7.

1. Right click on the exe file of the program you want to run at startup, or file to open at startup, and click on **Create Shortcut**.

NOTE: This is the shortcut that you will add to the Startup folder in either **Option One** or **Option Two** below. Skip this step if you are only removing a shortcut from the Startup folder.

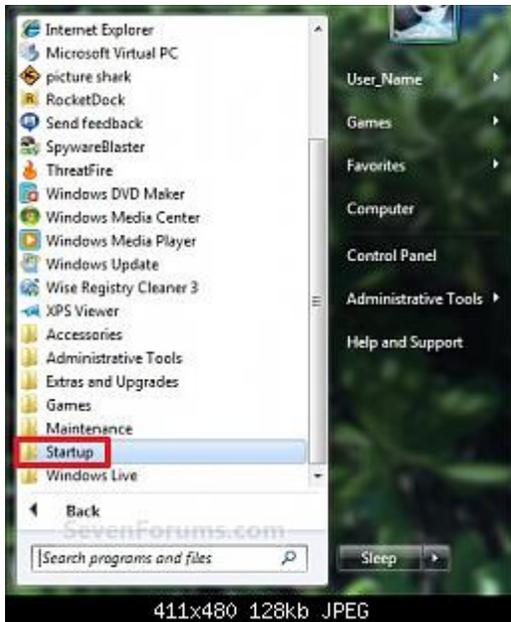
- A) Do either **OPTION ONE** "Current User" or **OPTION TWO** "All Users" below for what you want.

OPTION ONE - For Current Single User Only



NOTE: The single (current) user Startup folder is a [hidden system folder](#) located at:
C:\Users(User-Name)**\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup**

2. Open the Start Menu.
3. Click on **All Programs**, right click on the **Startup** folder, and click on **Open** or **Explore**. (See screenshot below)



A) Go to step 5.

OR

4. In the Start Menu search line, type **shell:startup** and press **Enter**. (See screenshot below)



5. To Add a Startup Program or File Shortcut

A) Drag the shortcut created from step 1 to inside the Startup folder and drop it. (See screenshot below)



6. To Remove a Startup Program or File Shortcut

A) Right click on the shortcut in the Startup folder and click on **Delete**. (See screenshot above)

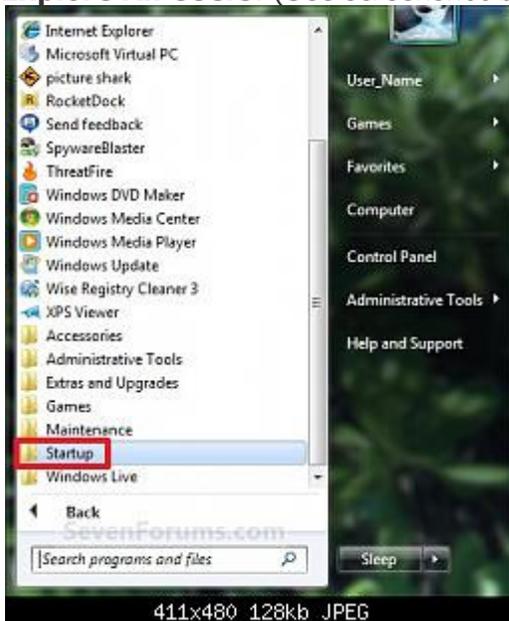
7. Close the Startup folder when done. (See screenshot below step 5A)

Option Two - For All Users

 **NOTE:** The all users Startup folder is a [hidden system folder](#) located at:
C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup

2. Open the Start Menu.

3. Click on **All Programs**, right click on the **Startup** folder, and click on **Open All Users** or **Explore All Users**. (See screenshot below)



4. To Add a Startup Program or File Shortcut

A) Drag the shortcut created from step 1 to inside the Startup folder and drop it. (See screenshot below)



5. To Remove a Startup Program or File Shortcut

A) Right click on the shortcut in the Startup folder and click on **Delete**. (See screenshot above)

6. Close the Startup folder when done. (See screenshot below step 4A)

C. Through System Configuration

NOTE: Using the Selective Startup option in System Configuration (*msconfig*), you can enable or disable startup programs. You will need to be logged into an **administrator** account, or provide the administrator password to open System Configuration.

1. Open the Start Menu.

A) In the search line, type **msconfig** and press **Enter**. (See screenshot below)



B) Go to step 3.

OR

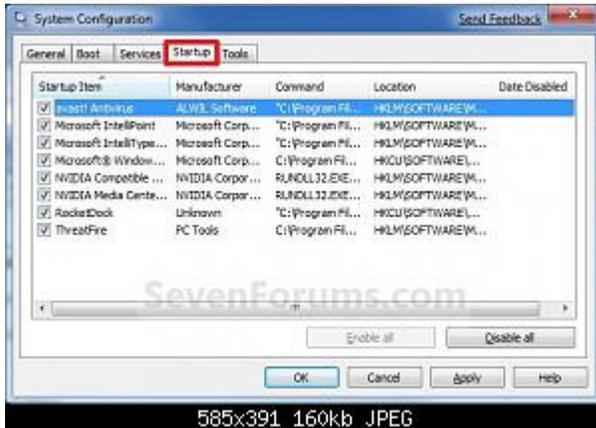
2. Open the **Control Panel (All items view)** and click on the **Administrative Tools** icon, then click on **System Configuration**. Close the Control Panel and Administrative Tools windows.

3. If prompted, click on **Continue** for the UAC prompt, or type in the administrator's

password.

4. Click on the **Startup** tab. (See screenshot below)

Tip
If you look under the **Location** column for the **Start Item**, you will see the registry location for it that you can use to remove the startup item using METHOD FOUR below instead.



5. To Disable a Startup Program

A) Select a listed startup program and uncheck it. (See screenshot above)

B) Repeat to disable anymore listed startup programs.

6. To Enable a Startup Program

A) Select a listed startup program and check it. (See screenshot below step 4)

B) Repeat to enable anymore listed startup programs.

7. To Disable All Listed Startup Programs

A) Click on the **Disable all** button. (See screenshot below step 4)

B) Go to step 9.

8. To Enable All Listed Startup Programs

A) Click on the **Enable all** button. (See screenshot below step 4)

9. Click on **Apply**. (See screenshot below step 4)

10. Click on the **Boot** tab, then check the **Make all boot settings permanent** box and click on **OK**. (See screenshot below)



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11. Click on **Yes**. (See screenshot below)



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12. Click on the **Restart** button to apply. (See screenshot below)

WARNING: This will restart your computer immediately. Save and close anything that you are working on first.



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D. Manually in Registry Editor

NOTE: This will allow you to remove a startup program for either the current single user or all users. If you wanted to add a startup program, then **METHOD TWO** above would be a safer and easier way to do so.

1. Open the Start Menu.

2. In the search line, type **regedit** and press **Enter**. (See screenshot below)



3. For "User" Locations

A) In regedit, go to: (See screenshots below)

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
AND

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce



4. For "All Users" Locations

A) In regedit, go to: (See screenshots below)

For 32-bit and 64-bit Windows 7:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
AND

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce

AND (If added by Group Policy)

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer\Run

AND

F. Through Task Scheduler



Note

By default, you **cannot run** a elevated ([Run as administrator](#)) program that requires [UAC](#) permission at startup using the normal Windows 7 [startup programs](#) above.

For a Administrator User Account:

You can have **Run as administrator** (elevated) programs run at startup for a **administrator** account by running it in a startup task in Task Scheduler.

For a Standard User Account:

You will not be able to run elevated programs at startup for a **standard** user account though. Only unelevated programs (ex: Notepad).

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