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Removing Startup Items located in the registry

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The System Configuration Utility displays items that start with your PC. These items are generally located in one of two areas. The registry or in Common Startup.

Should you decide to prevent specific items from starting up you can uncheck them in the System Configuration Utility. Though this method is fine it is ultimately best to remove them from the source. To access the common registry locations of these items take a look in the following areas:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce

If you have disabled items in the System Configuration Utility and would like to remove them from the registry also they can be found in one of the following locations:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\SharedTools\MSConfig\startupfolder

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Shared Tools\MSConfig\startupreg

Note: Always make a backup of the Registry prior to making changes. TweakXP.com takes no responsibility for problems that may result from using the Registry Editor incorrectly.

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Thank you. I've been searching a long time for how to delete unchecked Startup Items in MSConfig, and your last reference: HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Shared Tools\MSConfig\startupreg, is where the information is stored in Windows7. Just delete the subkeys, and the items disappear from MSConfig. Now I can go back to booting in Normal Mode!

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Just unchecking startup items using msconfig, leads to PC always booting in Selective Startup mode instead of Normal Mode.

This negates the easy check of Normal Mode = all system services are allowed to run.

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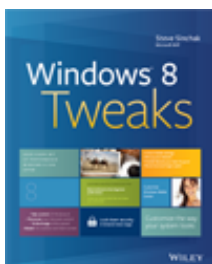
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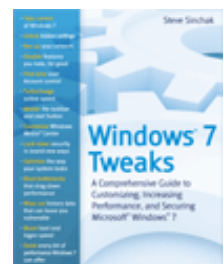
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