

# Re: RegistryBooster

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"Daave" wrote in <[news:OaL01GCwIHA.4564@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OaL01GCwIHA.4564@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>:

Twayne wrote:

MSConfig.exe is a troubleshooting TOOL, not a means to any end.

How about AutoRuns? I always saw that program as MSConfig on steroids. Much more useful, but is it any better than MSConfig if a person unchecks certain items?

Despite what Twayne claims, msconfig.exe CAN be use to \*permanently\* disable (not delete) some startup items. msconfig move the Run keys selected to another registry key that it knows about (i.e., msconfig's storage key). Disabling in msconfig means move the Run key to somewhere else to hold it elsewhere. The startup item won't startup because it is no longer under the Run key. If the user decides they want that startup item back, they simply remove the disable and reboot. I have use msconfig (although other tools or manual editing is also possible) the following items:

qttask

Apple QuickTime startup utility. Automatically opens QuickTime when a ..mov file is played or downloaded. The browser plug-in doesn't need it. The filetype association is sufficient to double-click on a .mov, .qt, or other QT filetype to start it playing. Nobody needs this garbage startup utility. I also have the HIPS (host intrusion protection system) in my firewall (Comodo) block this program from loading. Alternatively you can renamed or delete this file to prevent it from loading. It is not required to play Quicktime files. The Alternative QuickTime Player is incapable of playing correctly all the QT files that I have so it is not a choice, for me.

Reader\_sl

Adobe Reader Speed Launch

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Adobe Acrobat. Adobe runs this to add themselves to the prefetch cache for faster startup. I could care less about a half second less load time whenever I happen to open a PDF file which is maybe every few days. No idea why Adobe thinks they need 2 of these processes to prefill the prefetch cache.

### CTDetect

Creative's MediaSource. Works better with my thumb drive than, say, Windows Media Player.

### J2DIIcmd

eFax Messenger. I'm not interested in having it waiting for an incoming fax to be received via e-mail and will open their Mgr when I want to read the fax that they forwarded via e-mail.

### NeroCheck

Nero's utility to check for incompatibility with other CD burning software that may be installed.

### NvMixerTray

nVidia's sound mixer utility. Can be used as a replacement for the Sound tray icon. You can disable the NVMixer icon from showing up but that still leaves the program to load on startup (it loads, sees it is disabled, and unloads). There is no option to reenabling this tray utility, so having it available to reenabling in msconfig lets me bring it back should I decide to switch or include it in the system tray.

### OpWare32

Part of ScanSoft's Omnipage scanner program. Don't need it running. No, I want the software so I'm not going to uninstall all of Omnipage just to get rid of a useless background process for which the program provides no option to disable.

### PDVDserv

Cyberlink PowerDVD process. I need a CD/DVD player. This one came with the CD/DVD drive. I haven't noticed a problem using the program with this process disabled.

### Microsoft Office

OSA (Office Startup Assistant) utility. Nope, I'll be keeping Microsoft Office so uninstalling it to get rid of this background process is not an option. One function of it is to add Office prefetch cache items. I don't need it. I do need MS Office. There is no configuration option in MS Office to disable this background process.

Yes, you could uninstall the application but that is probably not what the user wants to do. They want to use the app when THEY run it without the overhead of a worthless background process for functionality they don't want or don't care about. I \*do\* want each of the above applications. I do NOT want their fluff functionality, if any, by providing their background process.

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Disabling services in msconfig is no different than disabling them in the services applet (services.msc).

Msconfig.exe will NOT let you delete these items whereas SysInternals' AutoRuns does let you delete them (remove by moving to another key) or disable them (uncheck). So it is up to you whether you want to delete them (and then later not have a clue as to how to add them back if you find they are needed along with their correct command-line parameters) or merely disable them so you can easily bring them back. I'm not worried about consuming maybe 80 bytes in the registry file(s) to move the Run key to a holding location to disable it (which isn't correct) but I am concerned (and from experience) about having to restore them but then I don't know what program to add back or what command-line parameters to specify. Disabling them, well, disables them and is just as effective as deleting them but adds convenience if you need to bring them back.

Msconfig is NOT just a troubleshooting tool. It is, as per its name, a CONFIGURATION tool. AutoRuns is far more effective at listing ALL startup locations whereas msconfig has a very narrow focus. Autoruns lets me delete or disable all startup items so it is a better tool but then msconfig comes with Windows so it is available to all users. It all depends under which CONFIG program you want to manage your startup items. Not everyone has AutoRuns, knows about it, or can understand it. Like the defrag included in Windows, there are better 3rd party defrag tools available but that doesn't eliminate the ease of availability and use of the included tool.

In msconfig, disabling an item moves it to another key (which is not read during Windows or session startup). AutoRuns does the same thing when you uncheck an item to disable it. Windows won't see the key anymore so it won't be running that command when it starts up. AutoRuns adds the option of permanently deleting the startup item. Be sure you really want to delete it. If later you find you want or need it, you'll probably find that you won't know what program got ran and also won't know what, if any, command-line parameters should be specified to that program. There is no reason to delete since disabling works just as effectively as deletion. If you move an 80-byte sized key from one place to another in the registry to disable a startup item, you haven't lost any more bytes than you lost before. Worrying about gaining that 80 bytes by deleting the key to reduce the size of your registry will do nothing to speed up the registry lookups (which are performed on the memory copy of the registry and not from the files on the hard disk) and would be extremely insignificant to the load time to get the registry files into memory when you start Windows.