

Re: SLOW START

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Jason wrote:

Hi Sat

click on 'Start and then run'

type 'msconfig' into the text box and click on the startup tab.

you can safely stop anything in here from starting,

Not at all true! He may have several security-oriented programs that start automatically: Anti-virus, anti-spyware, firewall. Stopping them from starting is nothing but foolhardy.

you may, however,
loose connectivity to some services. these can all be restored though.

I would suggest unchecking all of the items in the startup and then re-enable them 1 or 2 at a time to see how it improves the speed.

Sorry, but that's terrible advice! Although his problem may well be one or more programs that are starting automatically, blindly stopping them all is foolhardy.

Here's my standard advice on autostarting programs:

On each program you don't want to start automatically, check its Options to see if it has the choice not to start (make sure you actually choose the option not to run it, not just a "don't show icon" option). Many can easily and best be stopped that way. If that doesn't work, run MSCONFIG from the Start | Run line, and on the Startup tab, uncheck the programs you don't

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want to start automatically.

However, if I were you, I wouldn't do this just for the purpose of running the minimum number of programs. Despite what many people tell you, you should be concerned, not with how *many* of these programs you run, but *which*. Some of them can hurt performance severely, but others have no effect on performance.

Don't just stop programs from running willy-nilly. What you should do is determine what each program is, what its value is to you, and what the cost in performance is of its running all the time. You can get more information about these at <http://castlecops.com/StartupList.html>. If you can't find it there, try google searches and ask about specifics here.

Once you have that information, you can make an intelligent informed decision about what you want to keep and what you want to get rid of.

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Please reply to the newsgroup

"SAT" wrote:

I have P4 1.5 PC with 256 MB RAM & WIndowsXP PRo (SP1) with 40GB Hard Drive which has around 20GB free space (3 partitions).

The PC when booted, boots quickly to Desktop Screen, but after that, it stops for a long while say 5 minutes and then after this delay works fine. SAY if I click and open My Computer.it will open, but then if I click to open Hard drive/ partitions..it wouldn't open SOme text files in startup folder open while initialising..But other applications say Excel or Word will wait that long. I cant explore/browse my pc during this period either

I have checked (Norton)– No viruses No SPy or adware (Python or something..) Disk regularly Defragmented, PArtitions checked No errors,

Yes sometimes The PC doesn't take that long..and starts working very quickly but most of the time it takes long.

I ahve checked processes, No alarming /unknown process running, No unwanted application shows in Task manager..

CAAn anyone help me PLEASE..?

I have not been able to find the solution ...as to how to solve this problem.

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Thanx in anticipation

BYE
SAT P