

Re: System Config Utility shows mystery startup items

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You're welcome, but due to how I have Firefox configured, probably a whole lot less trouble than you think. :)

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Bob Dietz

PiratePete wrote:

> Whow; you went to a lot of trouble; much more than I expected. Thanks.

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> "Bob Dietz" wrote:

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>>Interspersed below I've identified each item. I'd guess that the blanked

>>out items are ones like *"Promon.exe"="Promon.exe"* that don't include

>>the full path? To see these try SysInternals Autoruns

>><http://www.sysinternals.com/ntw2k/freeware/autoruns.shtml>

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>>Bob Dietz

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>>PiratePete wrote:

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>>>Here it is:

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>>>Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00

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>>>[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run]

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>>>"Smapp"="C:\\Program Files\\Analog Devices\\SoundMAX\\Smtray.exe"

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>>from <http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-smtray.exe.html>

>>"System Tray access for the Compaq/ADI SoundMAX integrated digital audio controller." User choice/not required.

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>>>"Promon.exe"="Promon.exe"

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>>from <http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-promon.exe.html>

>>"System Tray icon for Intel PRO series ethernet adapters giving access

>>to the diagnostic features" User choice/not required.

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>>>"Mouse Suite 98 Daemon"="ICO.EXE"

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>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-ICO.EXE.html
>>"Found on a Sony Vaio laptop and seems to be related to Mouse Suite 98
>>Daemon according to the properties. Appears to cause a behaviour where
>>the desktop suddenly flips back up when playing DirectX associated
>>games" User choice/not required.
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>>
>>>"Hot Key Kbd Daemon"="SKDAEMON.EXE"
>>
>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-SKDAEMON.EXE.html
>>"Multi-function keyboard driver. Allows the use of programmable keys on
>>multimedia keyboards. Required if you use the additional keys" User
>>choice/not required.
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>>
>>>"NvCplDaemon"="RUNDLL32.EXE NvQTwk,NvCplDaemon initialize"
>>
>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-rundll32.exe.html
>>"System Tray icon used to manage settings for nVidia based graphics
>>cards. May be required for some 3D applications to recognize your card
>>correctly - such as the game "Everquest". Otherwise, settings can be
>>changed manually via Display Properties" User choice/not required.
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>>>"ATIPTA"="C:\\Program Files\\ATI Technologies\\ATI Control
>>Panel\\atiptaxx.exe"
>>
>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-atiptaxx.exe.html
>>"Control panel for the ATI series of video cards allowing access to such
>>features as display resolution, colour depth, etc. Available via Start
>>-> Settings -> Control Panel -> Display. Some users may need it if they
>>have optimised their settings"
>>
>>
>>>@=" "
>>
>>Normal default value for this key.
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>>
>>>"ATICCC"="\"C:\\Program Files\\ATI Technologies\\ATI.ACE\\cli.exe\" runtime"
>>
>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-cli.exe.html
>>"ATI's CATALYSTâ„¢ CONTROL CENTER. Required if you want to change graphics
>>settings on a regular basis but you must have internet access and
>>Microsoft's .NET framework installed. Note that this has "runtime"
>>appended to cli.exe in the "Command" column of MSCONFIG. If not you can
>>start the program manually via Start -> Programs -> ATI Catalyst Control
>>Center -> Advanced -> Restart Runtime"
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>>>"TweakMASTER"="C:\\PROGRA~1\\TWEAKM~1\\TMTray.exe"
>>
>>Nothing really conclusive on this one
>>http://www.google.com/search?q=TMTray.exe
>>http://www.google.com/search?q=TweakMASTER
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>>>"Zone Labs Client"="\"C:\\Program Files\\Zone Labs\\ZoneAlarm\\zlclient.exe\" "
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>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-zlclient.exe.html
>>"Firewall program from Zonelabs. Pro version includes other online
>>security options" Required. Don't disable.
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>>>"dla"="C:\\WINDOWS\\system32\\dla\\tfswctrl.exe"
>>
>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-tfswctrl.exe.html
>>'Drive letter access to HP's and Veritas' version of DirectCD. Does the
>>same thing as DirectCD. From HP - "This is a needed file as it controlles
>>the readability of the Combo drives. Without this file loading the end
>>user will be able to burn CD's but wont be able to read them. The drive
>>itself will be able to read store bought master Cd's without the file
>>but not burnt ones"' Required.
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>>>"Rapid Restore"="C:\\Program Files\\Xpoint\\PE\\Skin\\rrpcs.exe"
>>
>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-rrpcs.exe.html
>>'XPoint "Rapid Restore PC" - a "Managed Recovery" solution that enables
>>IT Administrators to protect the corporate image, while offloading
>>personal data backup and recovery chores to the end user"' User
>>choice/not required.
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>>>"ccApp"="\"C:\\Program Files\\Common Files\\Symantec Shared\\ccApp.exe\" "
>>
>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-ccApp.exe.html
>>"Part of Norton AntiVirus 2003. Auto-protect and E-mail check will not
>>function without this" Required. Don't disable.
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>>>"Symantec NetDriver Monitor"="C:\\PROGRA~1\\SYMNET~1\\SNDMon.exe"
>>
>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-SNDMon.exe.html
>>"Part of Symantec's LiveUpdate (eg, Norton). Not required if you run
>>>manual upadtes but probably require if you leave them to run
>>automatically. Also, if one runs a small office network and SNDMon is
>>disabled on one of the computers " then other computers disappear from
>>the network for this computer, including shared devices like printers
>>and scanners." User choice.
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>>>"gcasServ"="\"C:\\Program Files\\Microsoft AntiSpyware\\gcasServ.exe\" "
>>
>>Part of GIANT/MS AntiSpyware. Required.
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>>
>>>"HPDJ Taskbar
>>>Utility"="C:\\WINDOWS\\system32\\spool\\drivers\\w32x86\\3\\hpztsb09.exe"
>>
>>from http://www.answersthatwork.com/Tasklist\_pages/tasklist\_h.htm
>>"Background print job spooling tasks associated with some HP DeskJet
>>printers (eg. DJ-930C, DJ-990C, DJ-3580). This task also displays an
>>icon in the System Tray called the HP Toolbox which enables the end-user
>>to do various things such as cleaning the heads, aligning the heads,
>>checking the ink level, etc...
>>
>>Recommendation :
>>Essential under most versions of Windows " leave alone. Under Windows
>>2000/XP, however, it is no longer essential to printing as, as long as
>>the "Print Spooler" service is enabled (which it always is by
>>default), printing to the printer will be fine. It then becomes a
>>matter of preference as to whether you want to have the HP Toolbox in
>>your System Tray or not. If you choose to disable it, you can do so
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>>with The Ultimate Troubleshooter."
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>>>"HPHUPD05"="c:\Program
>>>Files\Hewlett-Packard\{5372B9A6-6E51-4f90-9B40-E0A3B8475C4E}\hphupd05.exe"
>>
>>from
>>>http://www.liutilities.com/products/wintaskspro/processlibrary/hphupd05/
>>" hphupd05.exe is a process belonging to the HP Photosmart application
>>and is responsible for keeping this software upto date. This program is
>>non-essential process to the running of the system, but should not be
>>terminated unless suspected to be causing problems."
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>>>"HP Component Manager"="\C:\Program Files\HP\hpcoretech\hpcmpmgr.exe\"
>>
>>from http://startup.iamnotageek.com/srch-hpcmpmgr.exe.html
>>'Checks the internet for updated drivers/utilities for your HP product -
>>update manually. Disabling will remove the error "Windows can't shutdown
>>the computer because hpcmpmgr.exe can't be ended'
>>
>>
>>>"HPHmon05"="C:\WINDOWS\system32\hphmon05.exe"
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>>from
>>>http://www.liutilities.com/products/wintaskspro/processlibrary/hphmon05/
>>" hphmon05.exe is a process relating to the Hewlett Packard software HP
>>Photosmart, and provides easy access to flash card reading functions.
>>This program is non-essential process to the running of the system, but
>>should not be terminated unless suspected to be causing problems."
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>>>[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\OptionalComponents]
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>>>[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\OptionalComponents\IMAIL]
>>>"Installed"="1"
>>>
>>>[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\OptionalComponents\MAPI]
>>>"Installed"="1"
>>>"NoChange"="1"
>>>
>>>[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\OptionalComponents\MSFS]
>>>"Installed"="1"
>>>
>>>The only thing that jumps out at me is "NvCplDaemon", which looks like
>>>support for a video card that has since been replaced.
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>>>Hope you can make sense of the above.
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>>>Thanks in advance.
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>>>"Bob Dietz" wrote:
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>>>>PiratePete wrote:
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>>>>>Iâ€™m trying to sort through all the accumulated dreck that runs at startup.
>>>>>When I click on the Startup tab of the System Configuration Utility a see a
>>>>>number of lines where absolutely nothing appears in the "Startup Item" and
>>>>>"Command" columns, but the line is checked to run at startup. The "Location"
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>>>>column says:
>>>>@HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run.
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>>>>Any ideas what these mystery items are, and whether or not it's safe to
>>>>uncheck them.
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>>>>More info is needed.
>>>>Paste the following line into the Run box (eg. START> Run...)
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>>>>reg export HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
>>>>"%userprofile%\desktop\hklm_run.txt"
>>>>
>>>>(above is all one line)
>>>>Copy the contents of hklm_run.txt into your next message.
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>>>>--
>>>>Bob Dietz
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