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On Sat, 12 Apr 2008 12:24:00 -0700, Stewart Fluney  
<StewartFluney@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Ken Blake:

Thank you for your response.

You're welcome. Glad to help.

I have noted your advice and have tried to eliminate the LimeWire icon in the System Tray in the manner you outlined; i.e., through the program itself; however, that option doesn't appear to be available unless I missed it. Therefore, I have resorted to eliminating the icon through the Startup section of the System Configuration Utility window. Do you agree?

Normally, yes, I would agree. But note Leonard Grey's comment: "You may have a problem there because LimeWire is a known source for viruses and spyware." I have no experience with LimeWire myself, so I'll defer to others who know more about it than I do. But if he is right, that may complicate the issue.

"Ken Blake, MVP" wrote:

On Sat, 12 Apr 2008 09:04:01 -0700, Stewart Fluney  
<StewartFluney@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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Can you advise me how to dispose of an icon in the bottom right-hand corner of the Task Bar? In an effort to do this, I removed the shortcut of the program from my screen, but an icon still persists in appearing at start-up in the Task Bar.

I didn't want to eliminate the program to achieve the above.

First, two points:

1. This area, near the clock, is called the System Notification Area, or informally, the System Tray.
2. The icons there represent running programs (normally programs running in the background).

So presumably what you want to accomplish is not simply removing the icon, but stopping the program from starting automatically. Here's my standard post on stopping programs from starting automatically:

First, note that you should be concerned with *\*all\** programs that start automatically, not just with those that go into the tray. Not all autostarting programs manifest themselves by an icon in the tray.

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 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

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decision about what you want to keep and what you want to get rid of.

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