Windows add to startUP / Make MS Windows XP / Vista / 7 and 8 to start program automatically on start-up
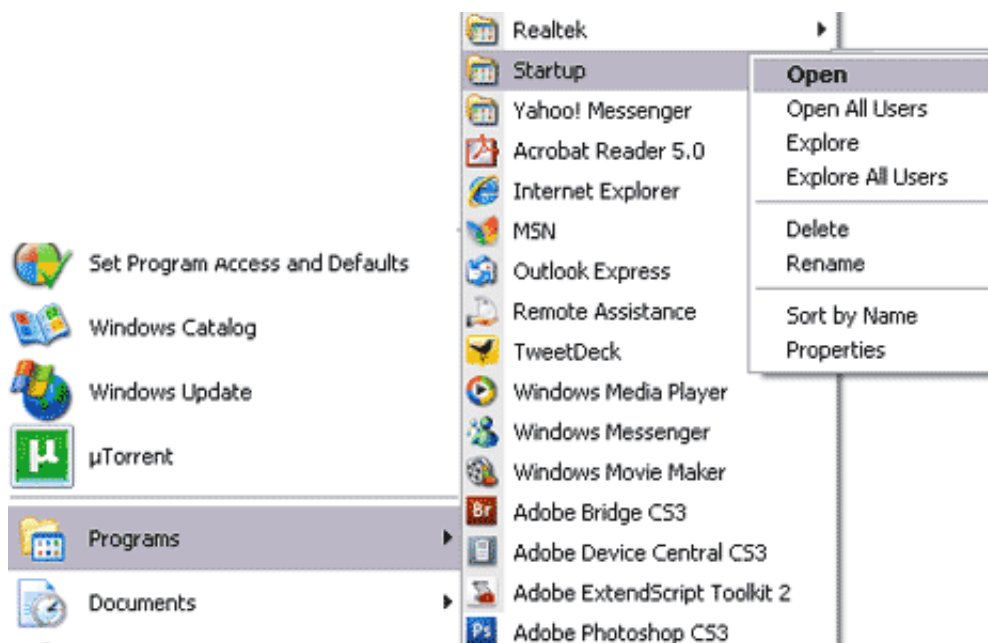
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On *Linux*, it is quite easy to run programs on OS boot via **/etc/rc.local**.
For Linux admins like me who are not much into Windows, it is interesting **How it is possible to make Application run on Windows boot?**
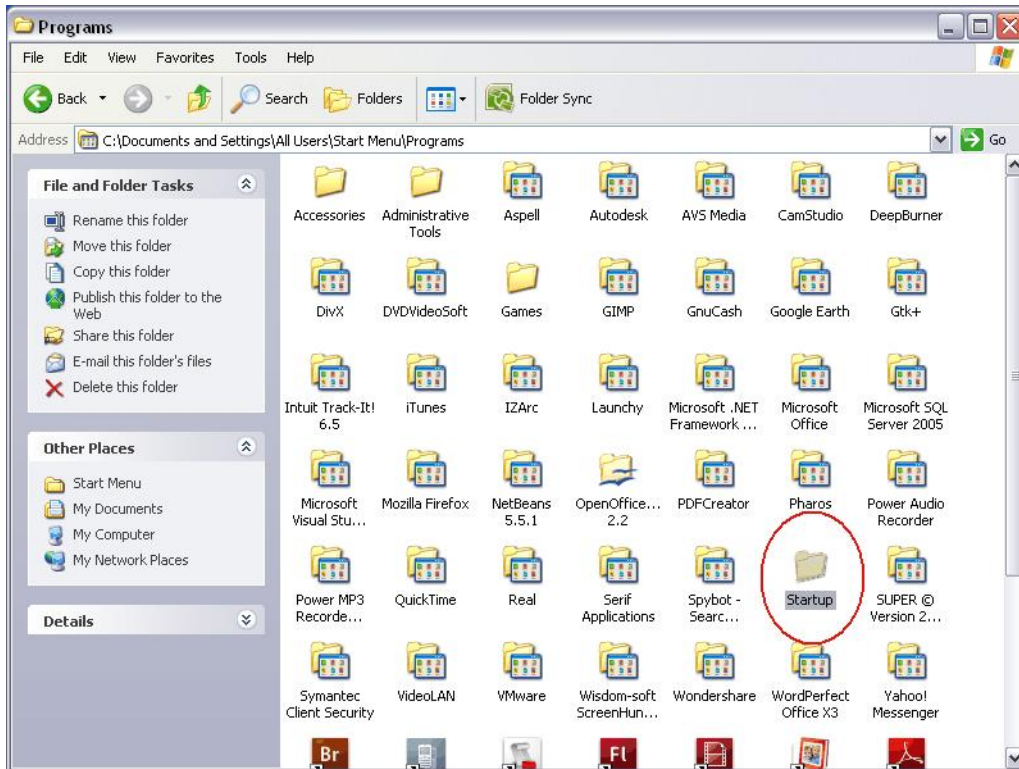
Running Program auto on boot is precious, especially for running small custom written *.BAT (batch scripts)*
On *Windows XP* there is a **Startup Folder**. Anything placed in **Startup folder** launches whenever Windows start.

- Click on **Start button** -> **All Programs**, right mouse click on **Startup folder** -> **Open**.
- Open Folder location that contains Program want to make start-up on Windows start.
- Right-click Program and then click **Create Shortcut**. Newly created shortcut appears in same location as the original item.
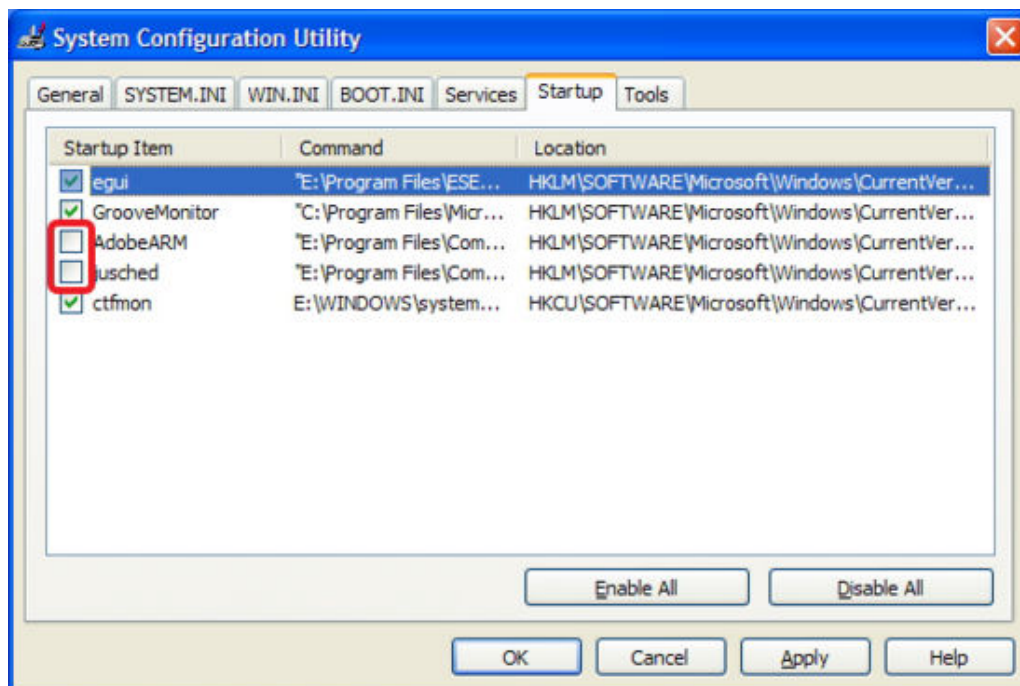- Drag with Mouse new shortcut into the **Startup folder**.

Alternative way to reach Windows **Start-Up (on Windows XP)** is via **C:\Users\Documents and Settings\All Users\Start Menu\Programs**
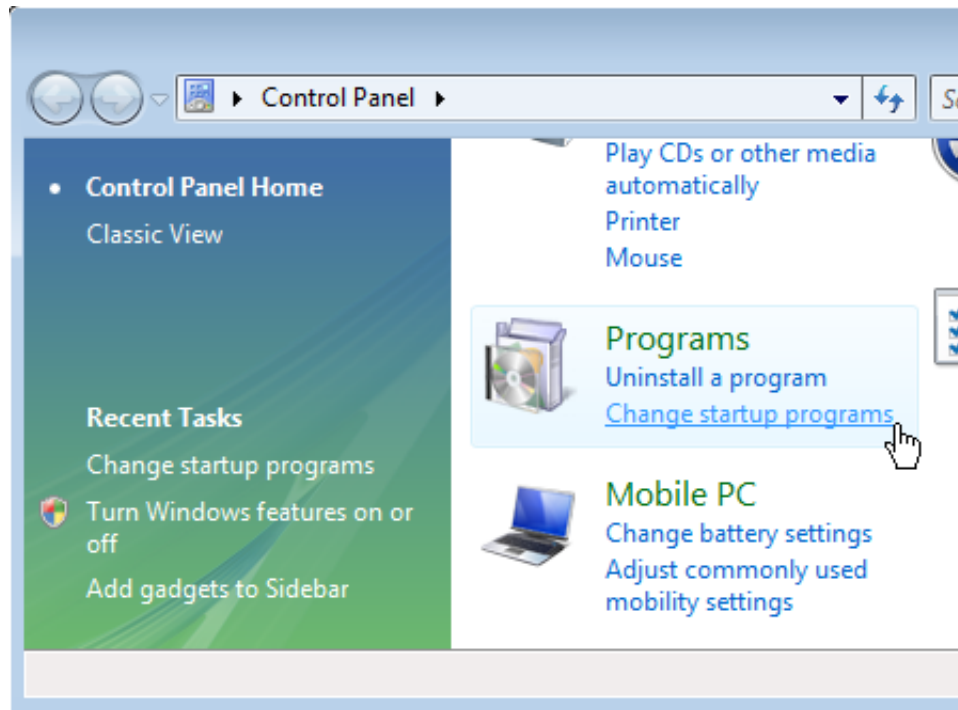
To remove already, scheduled program to start, just remove it from *Startup Folder* or run in command prompt **Start -> run (cmd.exe) ->**

 msconfig

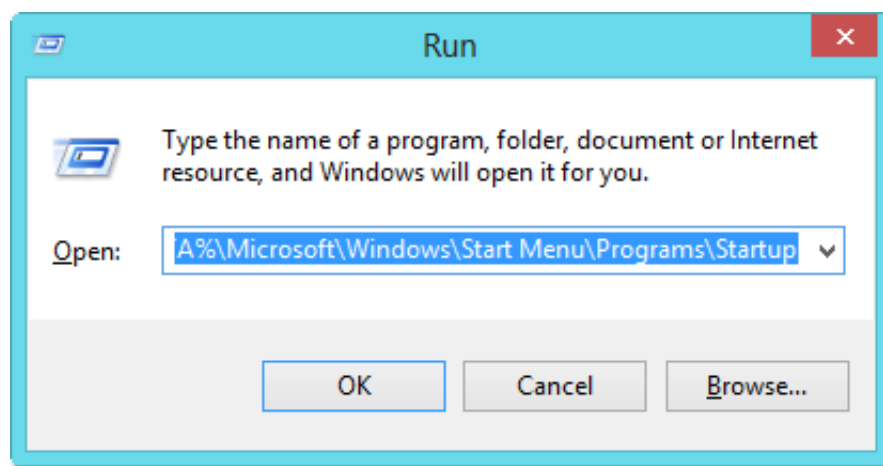And from StartUp tab, remove tick from Program you'd like to disable:

On **Windows Vista / 7** *Add / Remove* Program on *Start-up* is done also from:
Control Panel -> Program -> Change Startup Programs

On **Windows 8 to add / remove Programs to Startup (press Ctrl+C)** in Run box that appears run:

 %APPDATA%\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup

Then just like on XP, create shortcut and *Paste Shortcut* linked to program to run on *Win Start*

That's all you have to do on *Next Windows Startup-up Program will automatically run*.
Following same logic it is possible to make *Word DOC / .TXT / PDF / Mp3 / Movie* run automatically on

Windows boot. Enjoy :)

P.S. *Dear Windows Admin Gurus, I'm sorry if this article was too boring, please accept my kind apologies if so:)*