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Subject: Re: XP Startup Items

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Open your start menu; click on "Run." When the window pops up, type in "msconfig" (without the quotes) and hit OK. What this does is bring up the system startup configuration utility.

Most of what you're looking for will be under the last two tabs, "services" and "startup." Turn off (uncheck) anything you know for a fact that you don't want- if you don't know what something is, look it up before turning it off as it might be useful. If you want to get really extreme, you can uncheck anything that isn't required (there will be a note under the "essential" header if it is)- but that's a bit unnecessary. Basically, as long as you know what you're turning off, you shouldn't have any problems.

When you're done, click "apply" then "Ok" and you'll be prompted to reboot- the changes will be applied when you do so. Be aware that some programs, such as MSN Messenger and pretty much anything AOL, will re-select themselves for automatic startup every time you run them- and the only way to keep them from doing so is to not use them.

Hope it's helpful.

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