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Basic advice on enabling/disabling items using Autoruns in advance:

- If you change an item, write down the item that you change. This is particularly useful if you are changing more than one item at a time.
- If you disable an item, just untick (=disable) it. Do not delete it. If you just disable it and you need to re-enable it you simply need to tick it again. If you deleted it, it's gone for good.

I will suppose that you are using Autoruns v8.5 and go through the different tabs that Autoruns shows.

- **Tab "Everything":**
will be skipped, because it is the summary of all the other tabs.
- **Tab "Logon":**
HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon\Userinit: Never ever touch it, unless you are told to do so by an expert and unless you have to set it back to its default value, because some rogue software maliciously modified it. Never untick it or delete it. You will not be able to logon ever again.
HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon\Shell: Never touch, unless you are told to do so by an expert and unless you have to set it back to its default value, because some rogue software maliciously modified it. Never untick it or delete it. You will not see your desktop if you do.
In general, be careful with entries starting with **HKLM\....**, because changing them will affect all users.
Unticking items under
+ **HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run,**
+ **HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run,**
+ **C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Start Menu\Programs\Startup,**
+ **C:\Documents and Settings\<yourloginname>\Start Menu\Programs\Startup**
may or may not negatively affect some of your applications, but it will not render your system unbootable and it can be undone easily.
- **Tab "Explorer":**
Simply leave the items as they are, unless you are told by an expert to untick a particular entry.
- **Tab "Internet Explorer":**
You may try to disable some Browser Helper Objects by unticking them in case you suspect they have been put in by some kind of malware.
If your I.E. does not function properly after such changes, simply tick the disabled items again and relaunch I.e.
- **Tab "Scheduled Tasks":**
I would rather use Control Panel => Scheduled Tasks to administer my tasks than Autoruns. Unticking tasks should not do permanent damage to your system.
- **Tab "Services":**
Basically, do not untick any service, if you are not absolutely sure your system does not need it.
Never simply delete a service from the list, unless told to do so by an expert.
Inside Autoruns you can only enable (ticking) or disable (unticking) a service.
If you need to reconfigure the way a service is launched (automatically, manually, never) use **services.msc** instead of Autoruns.
With a lot of services you will only learn during the next reboot if disabling it was a good idea or not. Some services are more vital than others.
- **Tab "Drivers":**
Never ever simply untick any driver!
Drivers have to be maintained (installed, updated, deactivated, removed) using **devmgmt.msc**.
- **Tab "Boot Execute":**
simply do not touch, unless told to do so by an expert.
- **Tab "Image Hijack":**
simply do not touch, unless told to do so by an expert.
- **Tab "LSA Providers":**
simply do not touch, unless told to do so by an expert.
- **Tab "Print monitors":**
simply do not touch. Printer configuration should be done using **Control Panel => Printers**.
- **Tab "Winsock Providers":**
simply do not touch, unless told to do so by an expert.
- **Tab "Winlogon":**
simply do not touch, unless told to do so by an expert.
- **Tab "KnownDLLs":**
simply do not touch, unless told to do so by an expert.
- **Tab "AppInit":**
simply do not touch, unless told to do so by an expert.