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Every time Windows starts up, BootRacer will calculate Windows boot time and tell me exactly how many seconds did Windows take to boot. With more installed applications that are set to automatically run at the beginning, I find Windows starting up slow. Waiting is a painful thing for me, so I consult some tech who told me to cut back on the number of programs that start automatically on my PC. However, it is hard for some people to do, just like me. Therefore, I have to ask some startup program for help.

There are so many popular startup programs in the market, such as Jockersoft's Startup Delayer, Glarysoft's Quick Startup, LaunchLater and so on. After a period of deep study, I appreciate Quick Startup which is quite powerful and flexible. It gives me an almost total control of what starts, and in what order. What's more, it is very easy to add, delete and delay the launch of applications that run at Windows.

In my Quick Startup, all applications are listed under normal startup by default, but can be edited to the disabled or moved to the delayed groups instead. Applications in the disabled group are no longer launched, while delayed applications are started when the system meets specific requirements and can be dragged and dropped to the Startup list. Applications can be added via the Add program button and all local executable files can be selected.

Let's take a look at how to make Quick Startup work effectively:

Add/Delete/Delay Programs on Windows Startup

Add a program to one of the startup folders yourself, just click "Add program...", and then enter the name of the needed application in the dialog and enter the directory path of the program file in the Path/Command Line box, or use the Find button to find the needed file.

Unmark the check box in front of an entry to disable it, and the program will no longer be started the next time we start Windows. In this way, we can easily find out for certain whether the entry is needed. If something doesn't work properly, all we have to do is select the check box again. If we are sure that we do not need an entry at all, we can remove it from the list entirely by clicking "Delete this entry". We can also drag and drop each program to the Startup list or Delayed list.

Rating Bar Shows How Program Trustworthy

Sometimes the startup list is heavily populated. We may not be aware of all the programs by name. Quick Startup attaches every entry with a rating bar, which indicates the danger level that the entry brings to our computer. The bar consists of red and green. The longer the red part is, the more dangerous the entry is to our computer. It also helps we out by giving us some basic product information on the selected program. Convinced that it could be a threat "delete it. Slightly unsure"we can choose to disable it and lookup Google for more detailed information with a right-click on the item.

Quick Startup is a handy program that weighs 3.8 MB and runs on Windows XP/2003/Vista 32-bit. The most attractive part for me is that it is free to use. As its name suggests, Quick Startup is a simple and free startup manager for both novices and experienced users to speed up Windows boot by delaying some programs auto-startup after system boot, or removing unnecessary programs that snatch resources to launch themselves at the system boot.

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