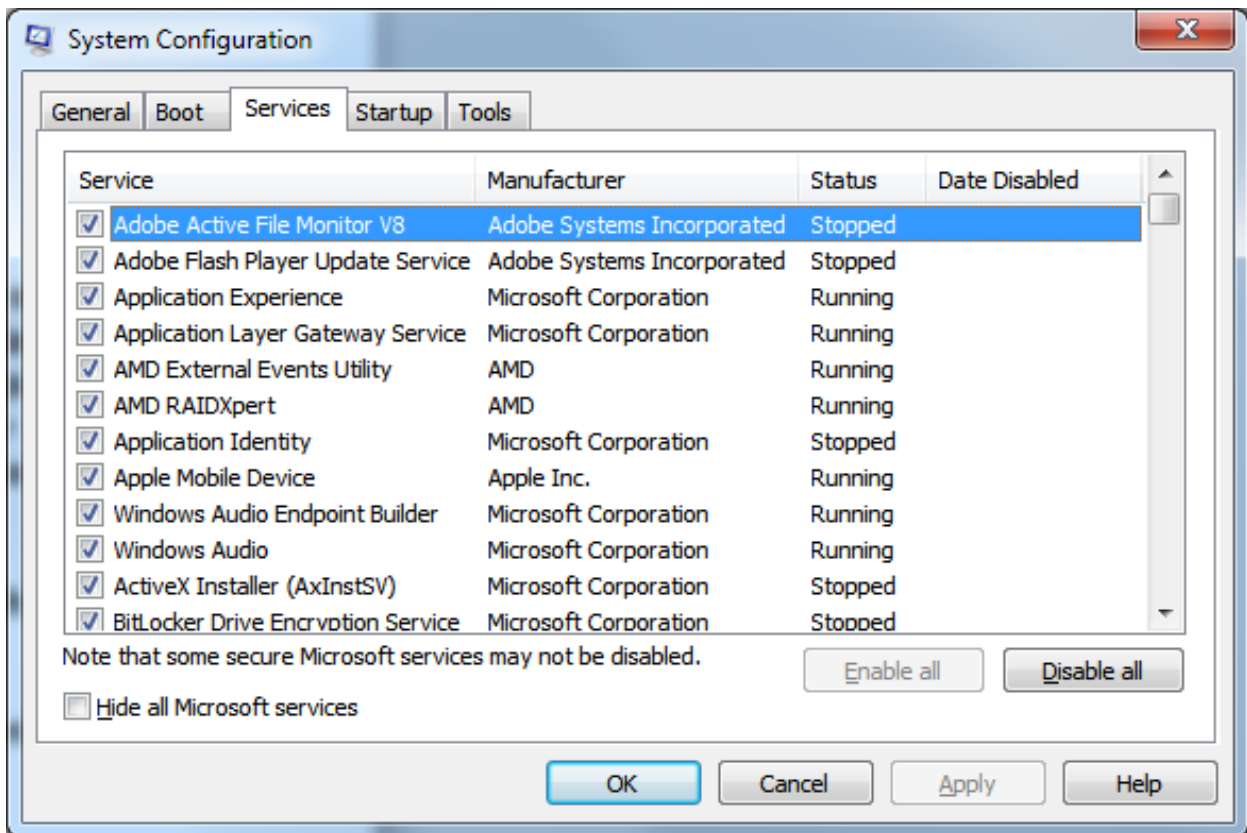


Windows Autoruns program

Windows 7 has a few tools you can use to peek at programs and services that run automatically at startup or logon, most notably the System Configuration utility, Msconfig. But that built-in tool pales in comparison to the undisputed heavyweight champion of the category. What I'm talking about is Autoruns, which is available for free from Windows Sysinternals.

Here is what msconfig opens. Msconfig is run from the command line. Click the orb, then type msconfig in the search box at the bottom.



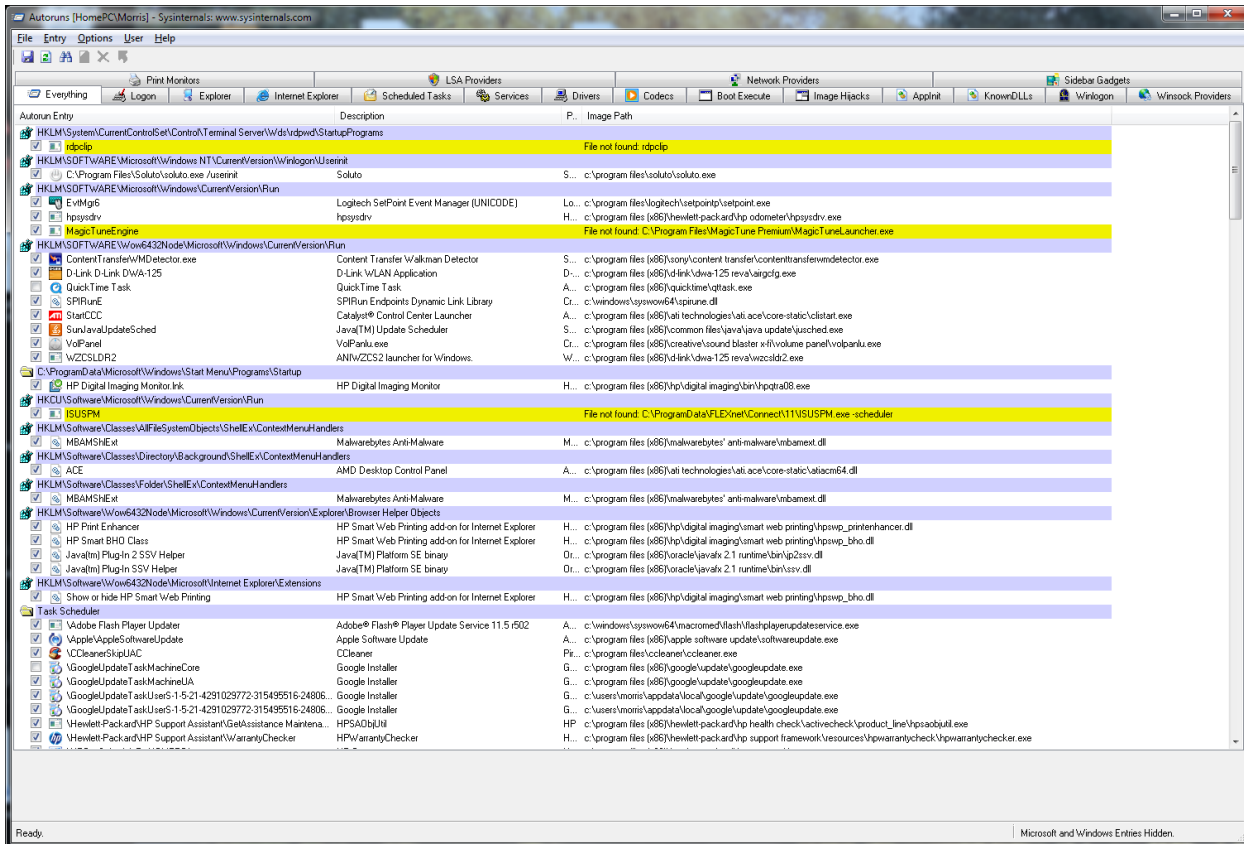
To find it search for "autoruns.exe". The only place to download it is from Windows sysinternals.

You can also just type "sysinternals" in your search bar and hit Enter.

This program monitors all programs in your Startup folder and in registry keys, showing you the exact order in which those programs will run. You can also configure Autoruns to show Explorer shell extensions, toolbars, browser helper objects, Winlogon notifications, and auto-start services, among other categories. Shortcut menus allow you

to search for more information about a process or service whose name is unfamiliar, and clearing a check box to the left of each entry disables that item. The Everything tab gives you an unfiltered look at everything your system starts automatically.

Compare screenshots of Autoruns, below, to Msconfig



Filter option to hide entries from Windows

