

# Lab - Managing the Startup Folder in Windows 7 and Vista

## Introduction

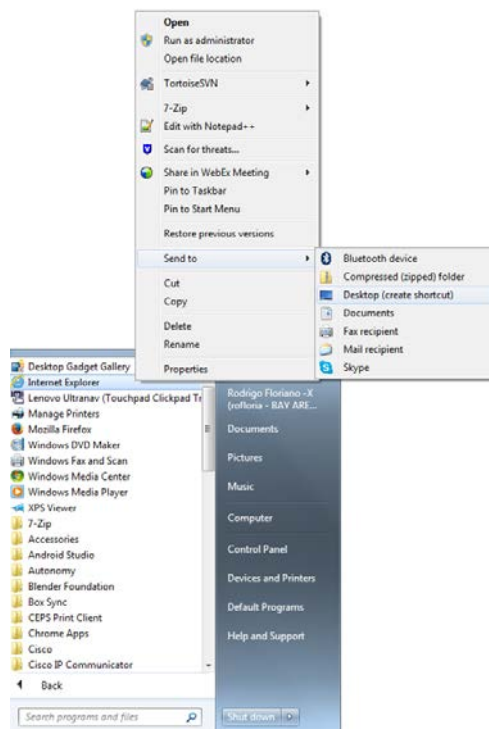
In this lab, you will customize the Startup Folder and the Run Key in the registry.

## Recommended Equipment

- A computer running Windows 7 or Vista

## Step 1: Creating a shortcut for Internet Explorer.

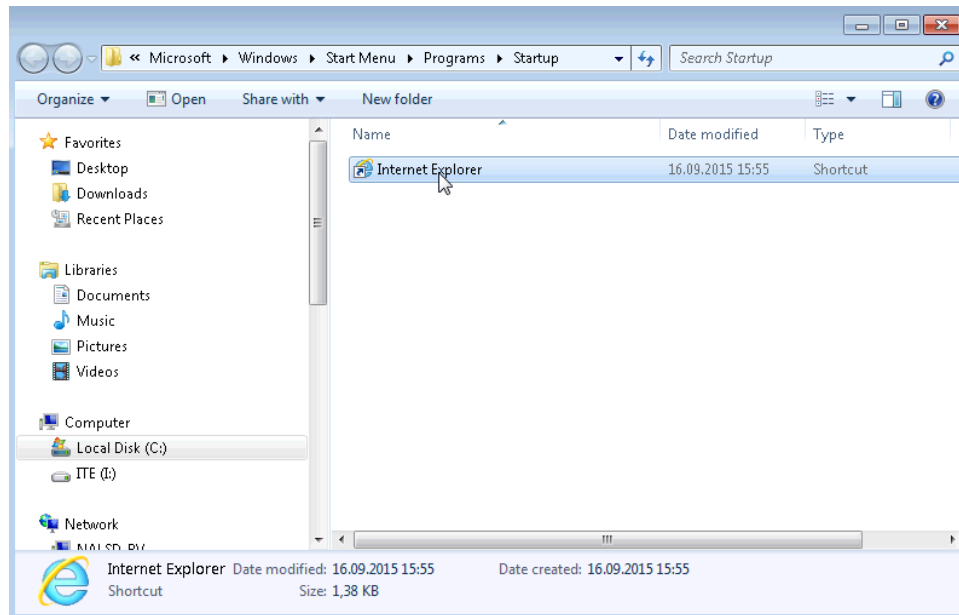
- Click **Start > All Programs**, right-click **Internet Explorer** and click **Send To > Desktop (create shortcut)**.



## Step 2: Adding the shortcut to the Startup Menu.

- To open the Startup folder, click **Start > All Programs**, right-click the **Startup** folder, and select **Open**.

- b. Drag the **Internet Explorer** shortcut icon to the right pane of the **Startup** folder.



- c. Restart Windows.
- d. Log on to Windows as an administrator.  
What happens when you log in?

- e. Close **Internet Explorer**.

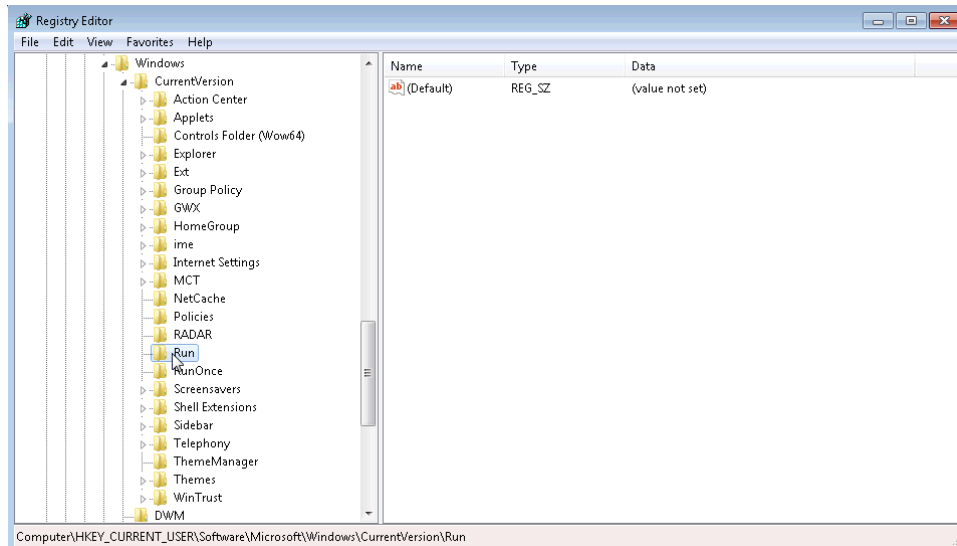
### Step 3: Manage Startup applications using Windows Registry.

- a. Click **Start**, type **regedit** and press **Enter**.

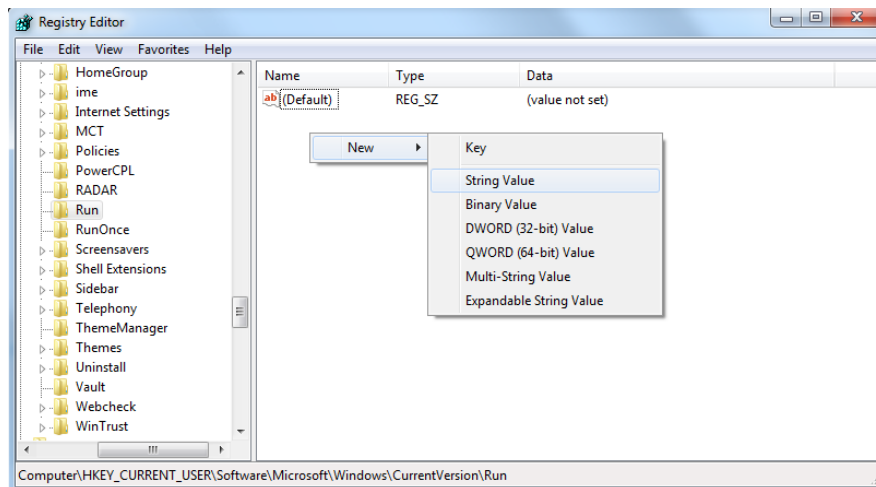
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- b. The **Registry Editor** window opens. Expand **HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER > Software > Microsoft > Windows > CurrentVersion > Run**.

**Note:** Incorrect changes to the registry can cause system errors and/or system instability.



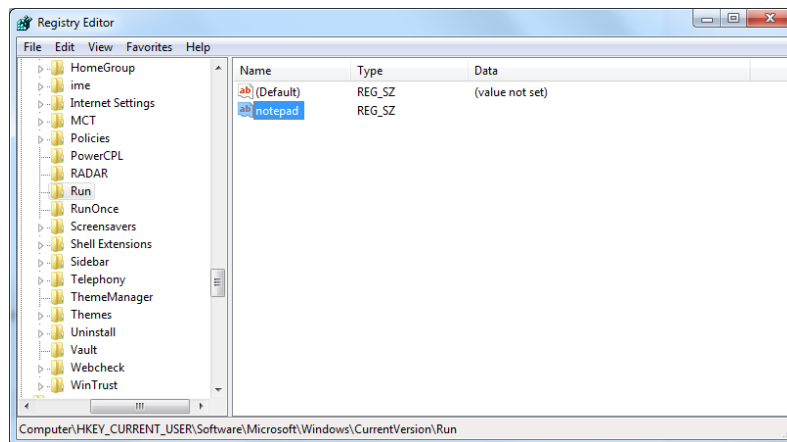
- c. Right-click anywhere in the white space on the right side of the window. Select **New** and click **String Value**. A new **String Value** is created.



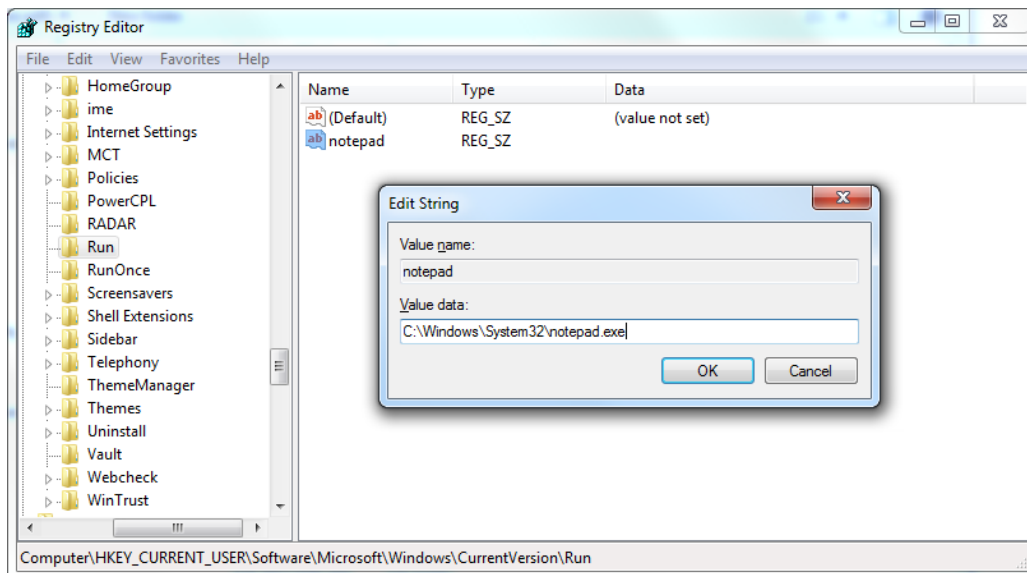
- d. Click anywhere in the white space of the window.

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- e. Right-click **New Value #1** > **Rename**. Type **Notepad** and press **Enter**.



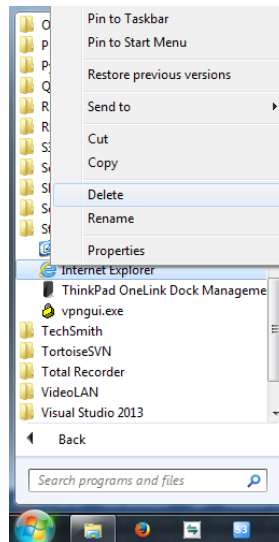
- f. Right-click **Notepad** > **Modify**. Type **C:\Windows\system32\notepad.exe** in the **Value data** field. Click **OK**.



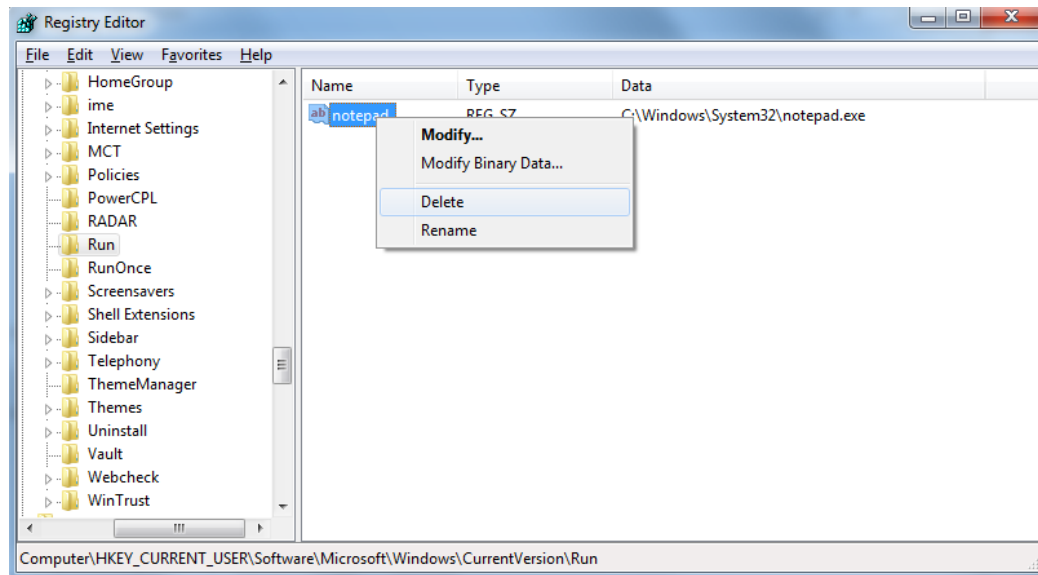
- g. Close the **Registry Editor** window.
- h. Restart Windows.
- i. Log on to Windows as an administrator.  
What happens when you log in?
- j. Close all open Windows.

### Step 4: Removing Programs from the startup folder and registry

- a. Click **Start > All Programs > Startup**. Right-click **Internet Explorer** and select **Delete**. Click **Yes** on the **Delete File** window.



- b. To remove **Notepad** from the **Run** folder in the **Registry**, click **Start**, type **regedit** and press **Enter**.
- c. Expand the **HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER > Software > Microsoft > Windows > CurrentVersion > Run**.
- d. Right-click **Notepad** and select **Delete**. Click **Yes** for the **Confirm Value Delete**.



- e. Restart Windows.
- f. Log on to Windows as an administrator.  
What happens when you log in?
- g. Close all open windows.

## **Reflection**

Why would a user want to stop programs from starting automatically?