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Remove Startup Items in System Preferences

One of the easiest ways to remove Startup Items is by navigating to System Preferences > Users & Groups. Once there, click your username, and then click on the Login Items tab.

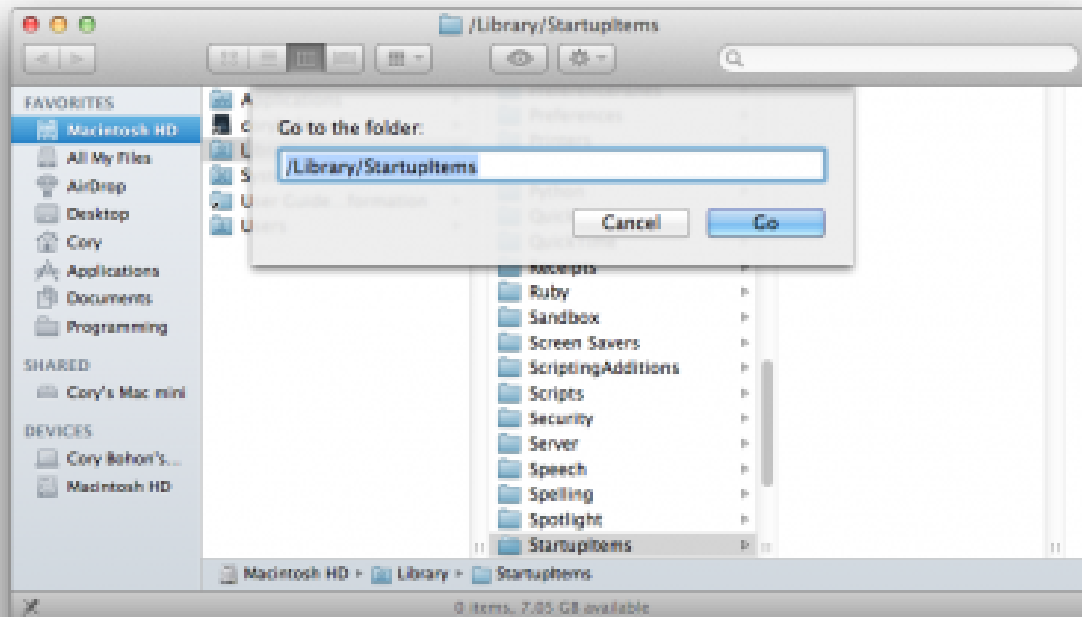
Remove Startup Items Manually from All Accounts

If a startup item is set to automatically load for all accounts, you can manually remove the application from loading by following these steps.

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Remove these Startup Items manually by opening a new Finder window and pressing Command + Shift + G, and then typing in the following directory path:

/Library/StartupItems

Move any of the files in this folder to another location (like, your Desktop), and then restart your Mac to make the changes. You can always move files back to this location from your alternate location (your Desktop, for example) if you encounter any issues after removing the Startup Items.

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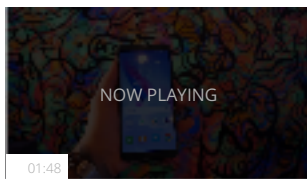
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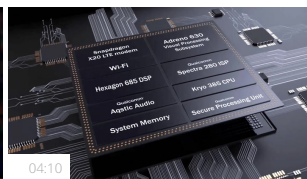
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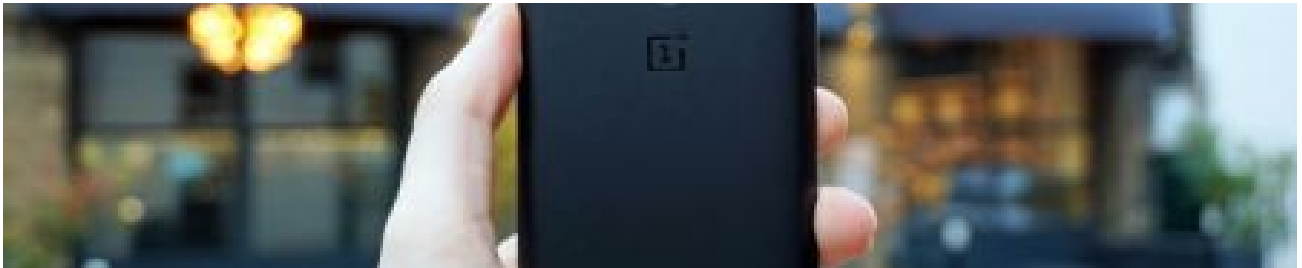
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