



If you're like me, you have probably noticed all those annoying little icons down by your clock – each one eats up system resources and most have no real useful purpose and add to the clutter of your user interface. Here are a few tips for preventing and removing those startup programs from loading when booting into Windows.

I. - Watch the installation
Stay alert during the installation. If you have the option, always opt for the custom installation. You'll probably have a choice of where the program plants its icons. Besides avoiding system tray litter, you can sometimes stop programs from adding icons to the Start menu and desktop.

II. - Protect your system tray
WinPatrol is a free early-warning system that stops unsavory programs, such as Trojans, phone dialers, and spyware, from doing damage to your system or reporting your surfing habits to others. WinPatrol watches for anything that adds itself to the Startup group or Windows Registry, flags suspicious items, and offers to remove nasty programs. In order to remove or disinfect the offending program, you'll still need a spyware removal tool, such as AdAware, and an antivirus program.

When WinPatrol starts yelling about an unwelcome entry, you can allow the program into your Startup group if it's legit; if you say no, and the program tries again, WinPatrol blocks subsequent attempts. That's especially handy for notoriously insistent programs such as QuickTime, RealPlayer, and MSN Messenger. WinPatrol also lets you see a list of Active Tasks, cookies, and Win XP's running Services, and it works with all versions of Windows. In most cases, you can also gain some insight into the applet's source and purpose. The program is available at <http://www.oreilly.com/pcannoyances>.

III. - Make a clean sweep
Start by hovering the pointer over the icon to identify the application it belongs to — then decide if the icon needs to be in the system tray. (Most don't. Programs such as RealOne Player, RealPlayer Jukebox, ATI's Video Manager, and AOL's Instant Messenger are typical culprits.) Select Start > Programs ("All Programs" in XP) > Startup to see what's in your Startup group, and you'll probably find a few programs you can dump.

To dig deeper, use Windows msconfig (select Start > Run, type msconfig, and press Enter) or use Startup Control Panel, a free utility that lets you examine and remove programs that are loaded at startup (get it at <http://www.oreilly.com/pcannoyances>).

IV. - Extra ammunition
Many programs have mysterious, abbreviated filenames, so check the Greatis Application Database (see <http://snipurl.com/greatis>) for an extensive list that identifies and explains the function — and potential danger — of the programs in your system tray and Startup group.

That's all for this month – remember that if you've got an Internet or computer related question, send it to whiz@kanokla.com and you might see your question in next month's article.

We have a \$50 Winner

Neal and Alice Wampler of Mayfield, KS won the drawing for paying their bill by the 10th of the month. Congratulations Neal and Alice!

Survey Winner

Leslie Rice of Caldwell, KS Congratulations! Leslie won a \$25 KanOkla Gift Certificate.

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Greg and Lacy Turek



KanOkla employee, Lacy McDonald, married Greg Turek on November 29, 2003. Congratulations Lacy and Greg!

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Inside this Chatter...
You will love our New Voice Mail
Meet Tony Hall'
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Meet Tony Hall

Tony Hall comes from the Winfield area and has been employed at the KanOkla Store since December 2002. Tony and his wife Leslie have three boys Trey (10), Steven (8), and Carson (13 months).

Tony answers your questions and works out problems on the Internet Help Desk. He also installs DSL and does PC repair. Tony enlisted into the Navy shortly after high school graduation. He served five years in the Navy where he received his training in computers. He also received his MCSE (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer) while serving in the Navy. One of his many tasks in the Navy was to encrypt codes.

Tony's free time is spent with his family, mostly keeping up with his boys' sporting events. We are very fortunate to have Tony's expertise at KanOkla and his family is an asset to the Caldwell Community.



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Whirlwind DSL Plowing Through KanOkla Country

Hi again, we had another good year here at KanOkla Country. I thought things were going really good for communities except for the war in Iraq and the mad cow disease, which hit the United States. We can only hope for the best of it.

So far we have had an outstanding winter for the contractor to plow in fiber optic cable. We are more than half done with our project, which we started a couple of months ago. This has enabled us to install more of you with high-speed data, or as we call it Whirlwind DSL. When we get this plowing contract completed, we will be able to provide over 90% of our customers with DSL. We have been working on a plan on how to serve the remaining percentage of KanOkla Customers with DSL.

We still have three counties in Oklahoma, which do not have anything going on E-911. If you live in Alfalfa, Grant, or Major counties, please work on your County Commissioners to get started on E-911.

Assistant General Manager~Dick Cantrell

Valentine Fact...

Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, an "Improvement in Telegraphy", on Valentine's Day, 1876.

Slow Down...Flashing Lights at Braman

Flashing amber light...slow down...25 mph! Drivers, please be alert as you travel on Highway 177 by the Braman Schools. Braman Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture took the opportunity to pursue the project to provide two lighted crossing guards for the Braman Schools on US Highway 177. The Chamber felt the presence of the crossing lights would prevent serious injury or death to a child. The light has an option to be set on a timer and can be used during other events to slow the traffic down. The Chamber worked with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and their project became a reality with the completion on December 17, 2003. The group "sweat equity" came with a Memorial Day Name Brand Clothing Sale, Town Yard Sale, and donations. This money was then matched through the KanOkla Community Development and Assistance Program.

KanOkla's matching funds program is designed to promote and assist projects, which are intended to sustain, enhance or improve the quality of life or safety in the KanOkla service area. This successful program has made community projects a reality. KanOkla is pleased to have been a part of this project and gives Braman Chamber a big pat on the back for seeing this project through.



J.E. Miller (Braman Chamber), Jerry Johnston (Mayor of Braman), and Rev. Gary Moody (Braman Chamber).



Barb checking voice mail messages!

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These new features will be available by February 16, 2004. Call KanOkla for details Or questions! Dial 611 Or 620-845-5682

2004 KanOkla Town Meetings

February 26, 2004 - Caldwell starting at noon at KanOkla Headquarters
 March 5, 2004 - Braman starting at 5:30 at Braman Town Hall
 March 18, 2004 - Hardtner starting at 5:30 at Hardtner Methodist Church

Please attend and listen to proposed by-law changes and learn more about your company!

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- 1-FRS Youth Tour to Washington D.C.



Chuck Tyler and David Sharp celebrated five years of service for KanOkla.

Congratulations!

February 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 KanOkla Town Meeting at Caldwell	27	28
29	30	31				
March 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 KanOkla Town Meeting at Braman	6
7 South Haven Township Library Spring Stew/Chili Dinner 11:30-1:30 @ Community Building	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Wear Green!	18 Goltry Blood Drive 4:30 at Goltry Community Building KanOkla Town Meeting at Hartner	19	20

For more details check out KanOkla's Community Calendar at www.kanokla.com.