

## Disable Programs that Run at Startup

Most of us are aware that Microsoft and third-party software companies try to install their products so that they will run at Startup. As long as your computer has only one or two of these applications starting when you boot up, the boot time is indiscernible. However, over time, more and more of these programs are added to Startup without your knowledge, thus creating a noticeable slowdown at bootup. When this happens, do the following:

1. Right-click on the **Taskbar** and select **Task Manager**.
2. Click on the **Startup** tab and disable startup applications that you don't need. Windows will helpfully tell you which applications slow down your startup process the most.
3. If you have a question about one of the entries, right-click on it and select *Search online*.