

# Run a Program Automatically at Startup

If you always open the same application every time you turn on your computer, it might be to your advantage to place that program (for example, Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Gmail, or a favorite Website) inside the little-used Startup folder that is hidden inside the Windows 10 operating system.

To do so:

1. Click on the Start button in the lower left corner of the Taskbar.
2. Click on the Windows key to access all your Apps.
3. Locate the target app that you would like to open at startup.
4. Right-click on the target app and then click on Open File Location. This action will take you to the location of the target's shortcut icon.
5. Right-click on the target's shortcut and click *Copy*. This action will place the shortcut into the clipboard.
6. Now you can close all windows to take you back to the Desktop.
7. Press Windows-R to display the Run dialog.
8. Type **shell:startup** into the Open field and click OK or press Enter. This action will open the Startup folder in a new File Explorer window.
9. Right-click on an empty spot in the Startup folder and select **Paste** from the context menu to create a shortcut that points to the file you copied to the clipboard.
10. Close all File Explorer windows and return to the Desktop.
11. When you reboot, the target app that you selected will load.