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Several options are given for your consideration.

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Speedup startup-up tips for advanced users: There are several programs that you can use to identify and selectively disable programs from running up at startup. Windows Vista, itself, has that capability, but I prefer using:

"What's Running? 2.2" available free at

<http://www.download.com/What-s-Running/3000-2094-10256718.html>

A simpler program "Startup Inspector for Windows" is also available free at

<http://www.windowsstartup.com/download.php>

Don't fool around with these unless you have ample time to burn (to read, consider, and comply with cautions.)

I disable these startup programs that otherwise would otherwise run in the background robbing other resources (of memory); most are quick start (elements of programs) that I frequently use. Some that I disable follow:

- Adobe Acrobat Assistant 8.0
- Adobe ARM
- Advanced System Care
- SunJavaUpdateSchud
- LightScribe Control Panel
- HotKeys Cmds
- HP Photosmart Fast Start
- HP Software Updater
- FileHipo (software updater)
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