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O&O StartupManager Documentation

Inspect startup entries, review recommendations and enable, disable or delay supported entries.

This English user guide explains how to get started, use the main features and interpret the results. Choose a chapter from the sidebar, or follow one of the links below.

- [First Steps](#): complete your first session.
- [Feature Overview](#): find the right workflow.
- [System Requirements](#): check access and prerequisites.
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#): resolve common questions.
- [Support](#): prepare a support request.

Menu names and buttons in this manual use their English labels. If your application uses another language, the controls remain in the corresponding places.

Feature Overview

Inspect startup entries, review recommendations and enable, disable or delay supported entries.

Feature	Learn how to use it
Startup Sources	Read the guide
Views and Recommendations	Read the guide
Enable, Disable, Delay and Delete	Read the guide
Boot Measurements and Entry Details	Read the guide

Start with First Steps for a complete first session. See System requirements for access and operating requirements.

The chapters describe the controls available in the current application. A feature may be unavailable when its required Windows service, device information or permissions are missing.

System Requirements

Windows and the application package

Use the Windows application package supplied for your computer by O&O Software or by the O&O product that includes this tool. The current application targets Windows 10 and Windows 11. Individual features depend on the operating-system version, services, permissions and hardware available.

You can inspect entries as the current user. Whole-computer changes and some boot measurements need administrator rights; use File > Restart as administrator when required.

Before starting

Keep the application in a writable, stable location when using a portable distribution. Use the complete O&O-supplied package for your architecture; copying one file out of a development build may omit required runtime components.

A browser is sufficient to read this online manual. The manual itself does not install the Windows application. Network access is needed to open online help and support pages or check for application updates.

First Steps

1. Start **OOStartupManager.exe** and allow the scan to populate the startup list.
2. Begin with **All**, or choose **Recommended to disable** to review suggested changes.
3. Select an entry and read its recommendation, publisher or signature information, command and source in the details area.
4. Choose **Disable** from **Actions** or the entry's context menu if you want to prevent that item starting automatically.
5. If the entry applies to the whole computer and cannot be changed, use **File > Restart as administrator** and approve the Windows prompt.
6. Test the result at the next relevant sign-in or startup. To bring an entry back, find it in **Disabled** and choose **Enable**.

Change a small number of understood entries at a time. Keep security software and required device helpers enabled. A recommendation helps you review an entry; it does not know every requirement of your work or hardware.

Use **Delay** for supported services and scheduled tasks that should start later. Use permanent deletion only when you understand the entry and no longer need it. See Managing entries.

Startup Sources

StartupManager scans nine sources. Use **Sources** or **File > Settings** to decide which sources appear in the list.

Source	Entries shown
Registry	Run and RunOnce entries, policy autostarts and win.ini-style entries.
Startup folders	Shortcuts in the current-user and all-users Startup folders.
Windows apps	Store apps that register a startup task.
Task Scheduler	Tasks triggered at logon or boot.
Services	Windows services configured for automatic startup.
Active Setup	Components that run once per user at first logon.
Explorer extensions	Shell extensions and browser helper objects loaded by Explorer.
WMI subscriptions	Permanent event subscriptions that launch commands.
Drivers	Kernel and file-system drivers loaded at boot; these are informational only.

Visibility is different from startup state

Turning a source off in Settings hides it from the list; it is still scanned. It does **not** disable the startup entries in that source. The Microsoft-entry and unchangeable-entry filters also hide rows without changing Windows startup configuration.

User and computer scope

An entry may belong to the current user, the whole computer or another user. Whole-computer entries generally require administrator rights to change. The details area shows the source and scope so you can distinguish otherwise similar entries.

Views and Recommendations

Use the view buttons above the list to focus on a particular question. The selected sources and search text still apply inside a view.

View	Purpose
All	All entries allowed by the current sources and filters.
Recommended to disable	Entries the rules suggest reviewing for removal from automatic startup.
Delay candidates	Entries worth keeping that could start later.
Worth reviewing	Entries that need an individual decision.
Unsigned	Entries with no verified signature or a signature problem.
Broken	Entries whose target program cannot be found.
Disabled	Entries currently switched off.

Read the reason

Recommendations include **Keep**, **Disable**, **Delay** and **Review**. Reasons can come from a known-program rule or from properties such as a missing target, a duplicate registration, an updater, a tray helper or long inactivity.

Select a row to read its explanation. "Unsigned" alone does not prove a file is malicious; small legitimate tools can be unsigned. Conversely, a familiar name alone does not establish trust. Check the path, publisher and purpose before acting.

Windows components, security tools and hardware software can be important even when they add startup work. If you rely on an application feature, keep its required helper enabled.

Empty views

If nothing appears, switch to **All**, clear the search and review Sources and filters. An empty filtered view does not mean the computer has no startup entries.

Enable, Disable, Delay and Delete

Select an entry, then use **Actions** or its right-click menu. Availability depends on the source, current state and your permissions.

Disable and enable

Disable prevents the entry's automatic startup while preserving its registration where supported. It does not uninstall the associated program or necessarily stop an already running process.

To restore automatic startup, choose the **Disabled** view, select the entry and choose **Enable**. Test the change at the next startup or sign-in relevant to that entry.

Delay

Delay is available for eligible automatic services and enabled scheduled tasks with logon or boot triggers. Services use Windows' delayed automatic start; supported task triggers receive a two-minute delay.

Registry Run entries, Startup-folder shortcuts and Store startup tasks do not support this delay action. An already delayed or unchangeable entry cannot be delayed again through this action. Changing a service requires administrator rights.

Delete an entry

Deletion removes its startup registration and asks for confirmation. The effect depends on the source: deleting a service or task registration is more significant than removing a Startup-folder shortcut. For a WMI subscription, the confirmation explains that the filter-to-consumer binding is removed.

Deletion Has No General Undo

Prefer disabling when you want to try a change. Recreating a deleted entry may require the application's own settings, repair or reinstallation. Deleting a startup entry is not the same as uninstalling its program.

Inspect first

Use **Properties**, the folder-opening action or the copy action to inspect the target and its details. Drivers are listed for information and cannot be changed through these actions.

Boot Measurements and Entry Details

The headline can show the last boot time and an average of recorded boots. These measurements come from Windows' Diagnostics-Performance log.

Missing measurements

Windows may not have recorded a suitable boot, or the log may require administrator rights. Use **File > Restart as administrator** if the interface identifies a permissions limitation. "Not measured" is different from a measured delay of zero.

Per-entry details

Select a row to inspect its recommendation, startup source, command, file location, version and user scope. Where available, the details also show boot delay, the entry's own startup time and last-use information.

Boot delay reflects entries Windows reported as slowing startup. If Windows did not report an entry, the application says so; it cannot conclude that the entry never consumes resources. The **Impact score** is an assessment distinct from recorded elapsed time.

Use **Columns** to choose the information shown in the list. Compare boot measurements across several boots under similar conditions: updates, devices and background work can change startup time independently of the entry you changed.

Settings and Updates

Choose **File > Settings**. Startup sources and filters are described in Startup sources.

Language and appearance

The General settings let you choose a language and display mode. Light and dark modes control the application's appearance; a system-based choice follows Windows. A changed language can require an application restart; follow the message in the dialog and finish active work first.

When this tool runs as part of an O&O product, it can offer an option to follow that product's language and appearance.

Application updates

The **Updates** page controls automatic update checks and shows the last check and its result. Use **Check now** to check manually. A newer version is announced in the main window's status bar; choosing it asks before downloading and applying an update.

The normal automatic check runs at most once per day when the application starts. An available update is not downloaded merely because a background check found it. The update process validates the downloaded application and restarts the tool to replace it.

Finish active work before updating. If the package cannot replace itself, the update action opens the download page instead. Checks are suppressed in a Windows recovery environment.

An application update changes the tool itself. It is separate from the Windows or file-system operations described in the feature chapters.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does disabling an entry uninstall the program?

No. It changes automatic startup. The program may still run if you launch it manually, and a process already running may continue until it exits.

Why is an action unavailable?

The entry may require administrator rights, may be protected or may not support that operation. Drivers are informational. Delay applies only to eligible services and scheduled tasks.

Why is an entry missing?

Switch to **All**, clear the search and inspect Sources and filters. Hiding a source does not disable its entries.

Is every “Recommended to disable” entry safe for my setup?

Read the reason and consider the features you use. Recommendations cannot account for every device or business requirement. Test a few reversible changes at a time.

Can I undo deletion?

There is no general restore function for deleted registrations. Disable an entry first if you only want to test its effect. Restoring a deleted entry may require repair or configuration in its owning application.

Why is boot time unavailable?

The Windows performance log may require elevation or may not contain a suitable event. The absence of a measurement is not a zero-second boot.

Why did an entry return?

An application update, repair or policy may recreate its startup registration. Review the owning application's settings if you need a lasting change.

Support and More from O&O

Get help

Press **F1** or use the help button to open online help for the current window.

For assistance, visit O&O Software Support. Include:

- The O&O StartupManager version and your Windows version.
- The steps that led to the problem.
- The exact message and any error code.
- Relevant findings or log excerpts, if available.

Review reports and logs before sharing them: they can include file paths, process names or other machine details.

Product information

See the O&O product catalog for downloads, product descriptions and licensing information for the package you use. If this tool was supplied with another O&O product, include that product's name and version in your support request.

O&O Software also offers tools for backup, recovery, storage optimization and Windows administration. Choose a tool according to the task you need to perform; reading this manual does not install or activate another product.