# Answers: 6.3.1.2 Lab - Managing the Startup Folder in Windows 7 and Vista

# Introduction

In this lab, you will customize the Startup Folder and the Run Key in the registry.

# **Recommended Equipment**

• A computer running Windows 7 or Vista

#### Step 1: Creating a shortcut for Internet Explorer.

a. Click Start > All Programs, right-click Internet Explorer and click Send To > Desktop (create shortcut).



### Step 2: Adding the shortcut to the Startup Menu.

a. To open the Startup folder, click **Start > All Programs**, right-click the **Startup** folder, and select **Open**.

b. Drag the Internet Explorer shortcut icon to the right pane of the Startup folder.



- c. Restart Windows.
- d. Log on to Windows as an administrator.What happens when you log in?
- e. Close Internet Explorer.

#### Step 3: Manage Startup applications using Windows Registry.

a. Click Start, type regedit and press Enter.

b. The **Registry Editor** window opens. Expand **HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER** > **Software** > **Microsoft** > **Windows** > **CurrentVersion**> **Run.** 

Note: Incorrect changes to the registry can cause system errors and/or system instability.

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d. Click anywhere in the white space of the window.

e. Right-click New Value #1 > Rename. Type Notepad and press Enter.

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f. Right-click Notepad > Modify. Type C:\Windows\system32\notepad.exe in the Value data field. Click OK.

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- g. Close the Registry Editor window.
- h. Restart Windows.
- i. Log on to Windows as an administrator. What happens when you log in?
- j. Close all open Windows.

- Step 4: Removing Programs from the startup folder and registry
  - a. Click Start > All Programs > Startup. Right-click Internet Explorer and select Delete. Click Yes on the Delete File window.



- b. To remove Notepad from the Run folder in the Registry, click Start, type regedit and press Enter.
- c. Expand the HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER > Software > Microsoft > Windows > CurrentVersion> Run
- d. Right-click Notepad and select Delete. Click Yes for the Confirm Value Delete.

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# Reflection

Why would a user want to stop programs from starting automatically?