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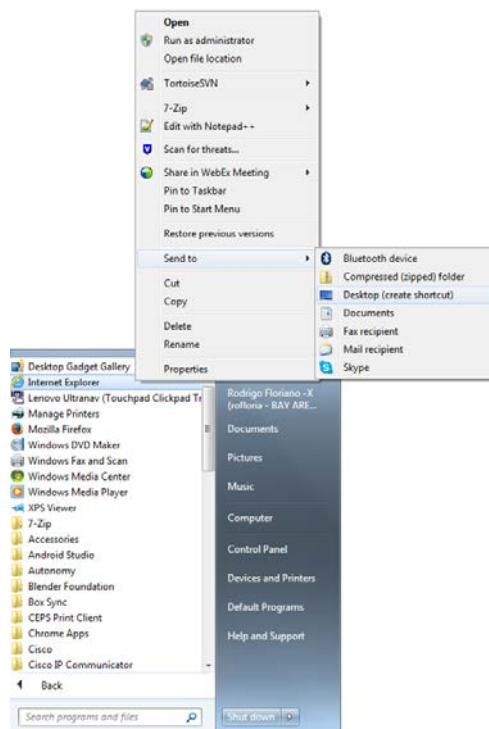
Introduction

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)**.
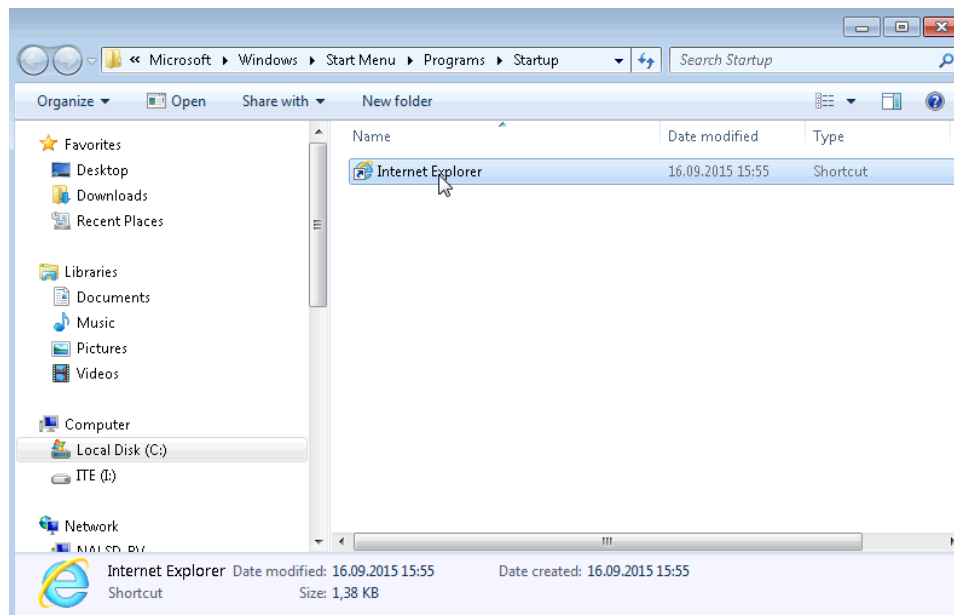
Step 2: Adding the shortcut to the Startup Menu.

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.

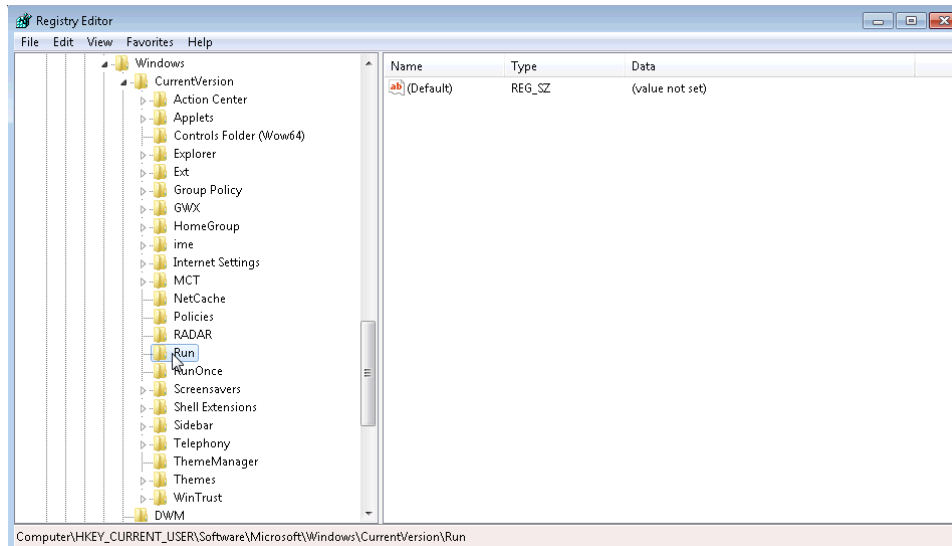What happens when you log in?

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.**

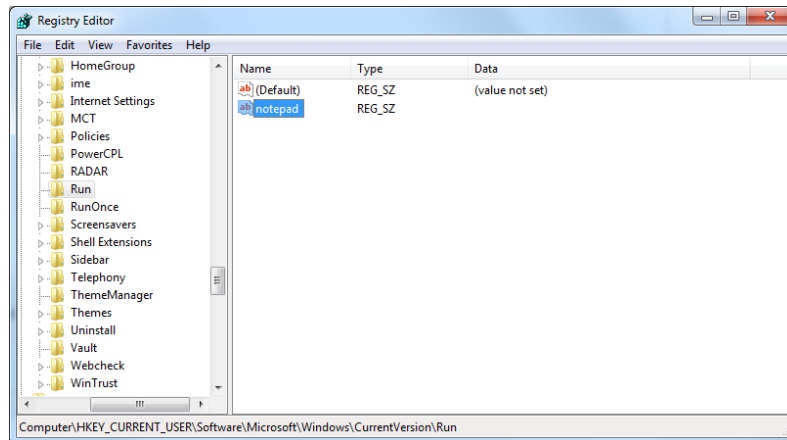> **Note**: Incorrect changes to the registry can cause system errors and/or system instability.

c. Right-click anywhere in the white space on the right side of the window. Select **New** and click **String Value**. A new **String Value** is created.
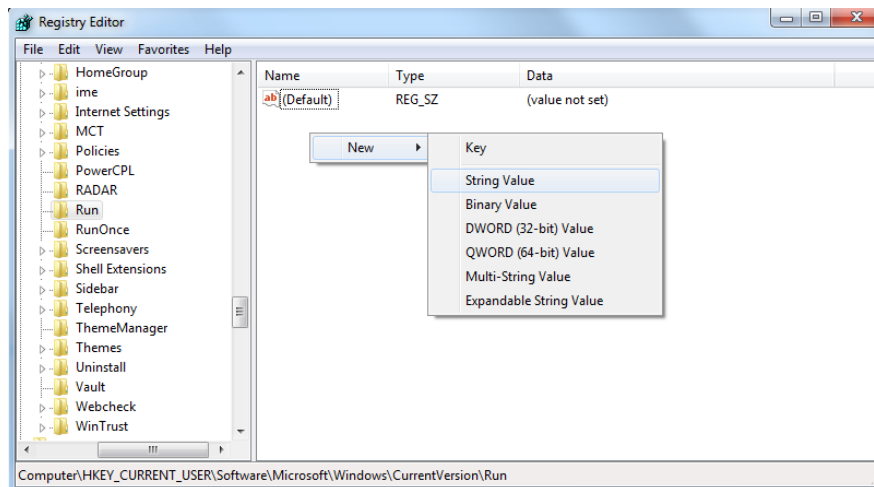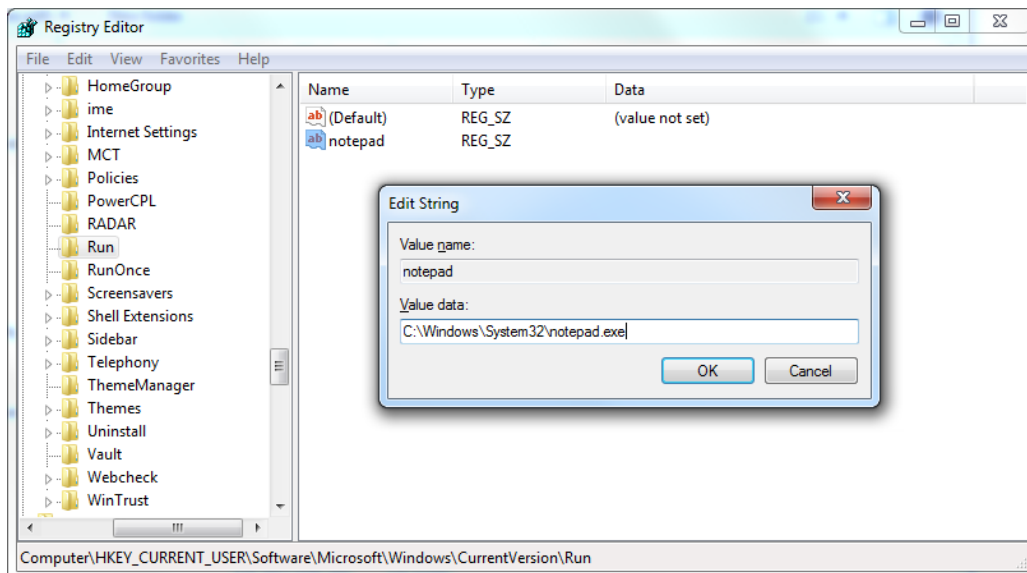

d. Click anywhere in the white space of the window.

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

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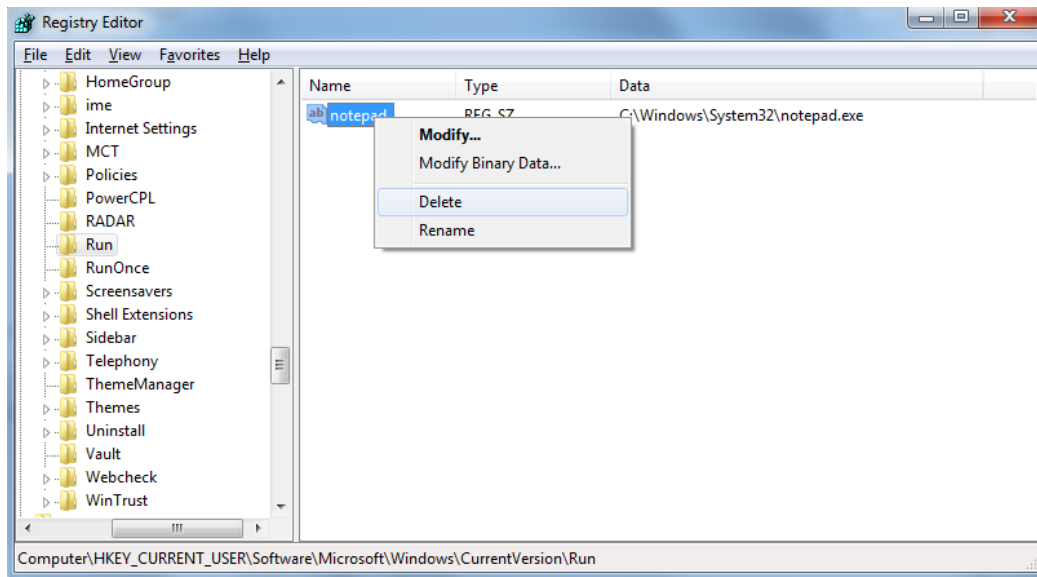

g.   Close the **Registry Editor** window.

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.
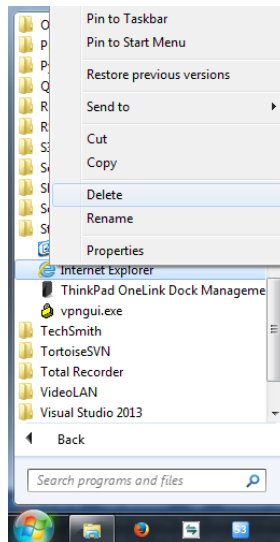
b. To remove **Notepad** from the **Run** folder in the **Registry**, click **Start**, type **regedit** and press **Enter**.

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**.

e. Restart Windows.

f. Log on to Windows as an administrator.

  What happens when you log in?

g. Close all open windows.

Reflection

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