

Boot optimizer

A commonly perceived issue with computers is the length of time it takes to boot up. A skilled computer technician can help reduce your computer's boot-up time, but there's a new tool for Windows users that can be very effective in this department, and is easy enough to use that most people could use it themselves.

It's called "Soluto" and it claims to be "Anti-Frustration Software". Marketing hype aside, it is a very slick, and potentially useful, tool. It is currently in Beta, so use it with caution. Go to their website, soluto.com, look at the screen-shots, watch the how-to video, read the reviews, and then decide if you want to give it a try.

If you're feeling brave, click the download button and follow the instructions (download, run, run, agree, reboot). It will tell you if you along the way if you need .NET updates. After the reboot (and until you disable or uninstall it), it will time your startup and give you a clear but detailed report of what caused your startup to take as long as it did.

The best part is that the results are sorted into "Required", "Potentially removable", and "No brainer" categories. You can selectively pause or delay the startup of the software items in your computer's startup group, focusing on the biggest time hogs that are the least needed. There's plenty of reference material in there in case you don't know, for example, the purpose of "Bonjour".

I'm sure the early owners of motor vehicles were afraid to check their own oil or tire pressure, or even wash it for fear of breaking or rusting something. Now that we're used to them, basic automotive maintenance doesn't scare us. What I'm trying to say is, don't be afraid to do some basic maintenance of your own computer such as updating, cleaning, and scanning. Soluto makes boot optimizing easy too.



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