

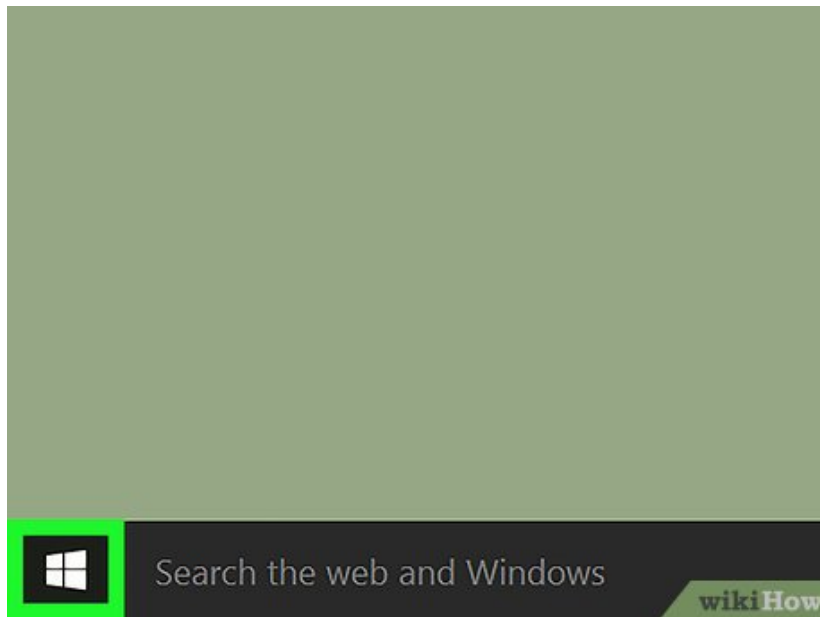
How to Access the System Configuration Utility

This wikiHow teaches you how to open and use the System Configuration program on a Windows computer. You can use System Configuration to disable hidden programs or services, which can speed up your computer. Open Start . Click the Windows...

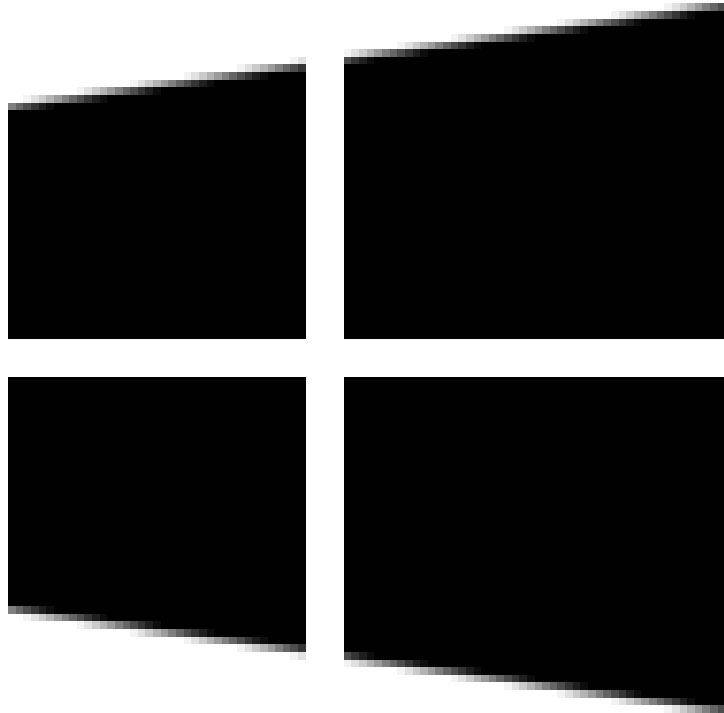
Part 1 of 2:

Opening System Configuration

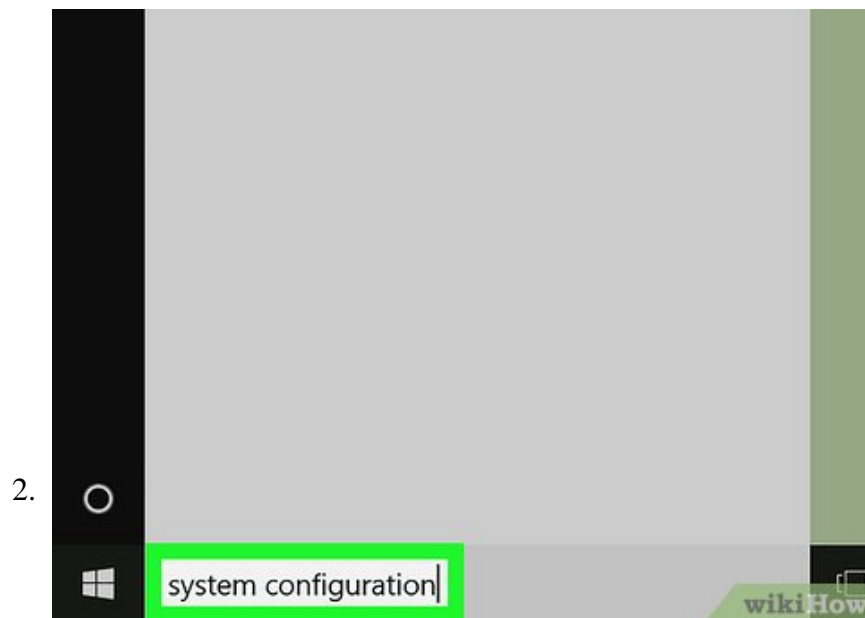
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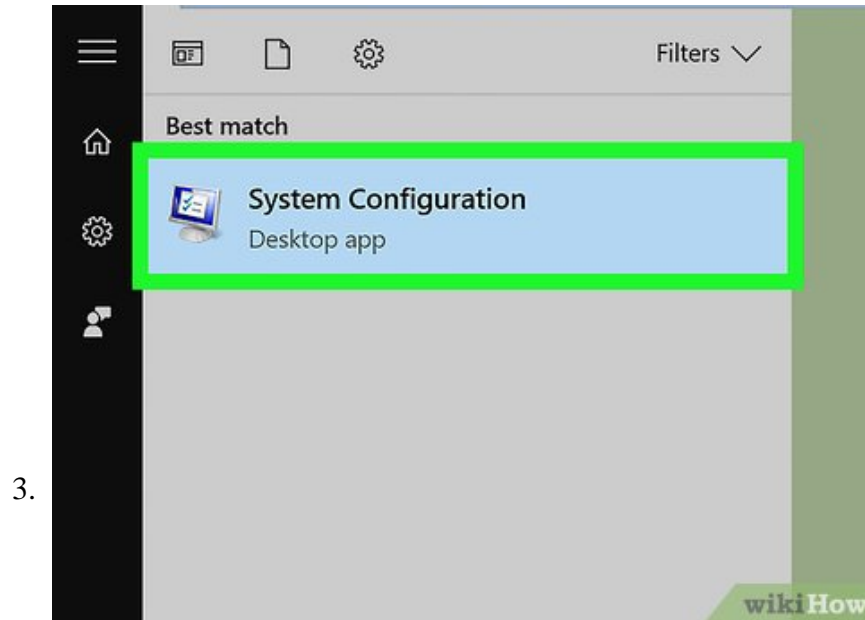
Open Start



. Click the Windows logo in the bottom-left corner of the screen, or press the `Win` key.



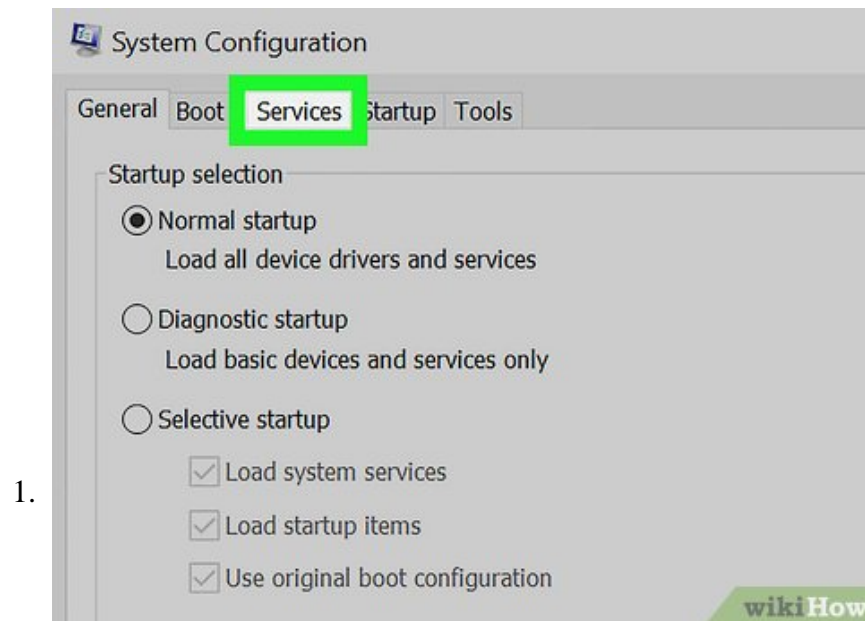
Type `system configuration` into Start. This will search your computer for the System Configuration program.



Click **System Configuration**. It's a computer monitor-shaped icon near the top of the Start window. Doing so will open the System Configuration program.

Part 2 of 2:

Disabling Services

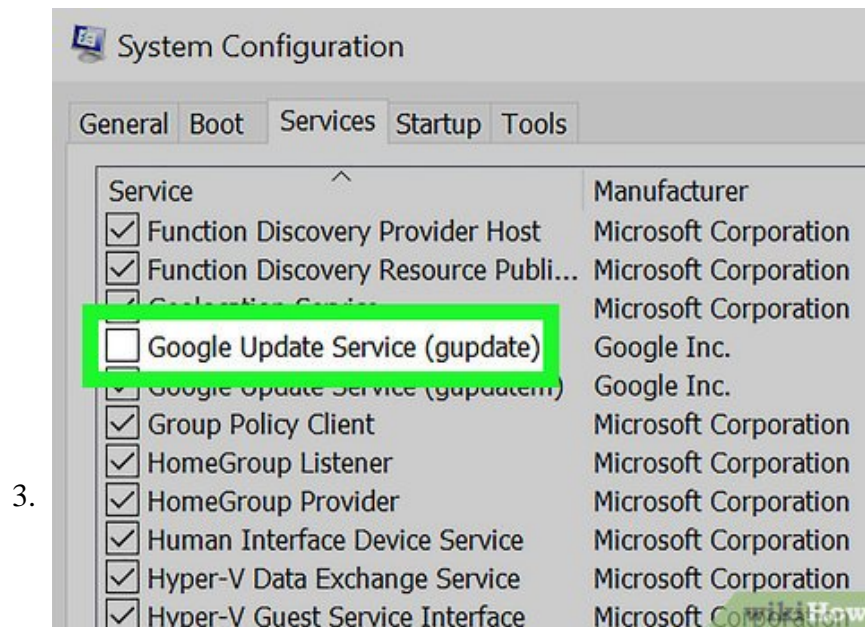


Click the **Services** tab. It's near the upper-left side of the System Configuration window. This is where you can view things like program update processes, Windows services (e.g., audio), and other background running items.



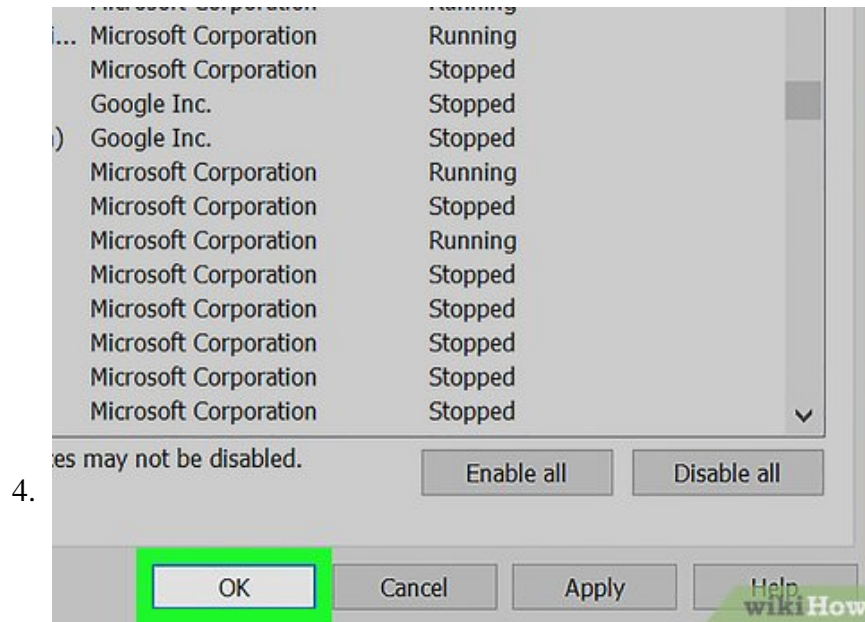
Locate a service you want to disable. Scroll through the list of currently running services until you find the one you want to disable. Services are arranged alphabetically by default.

1. If you don't have a specific service in mind when you open System Configuration, consider leaving the current services alone. Disabling random services can harm your computer.

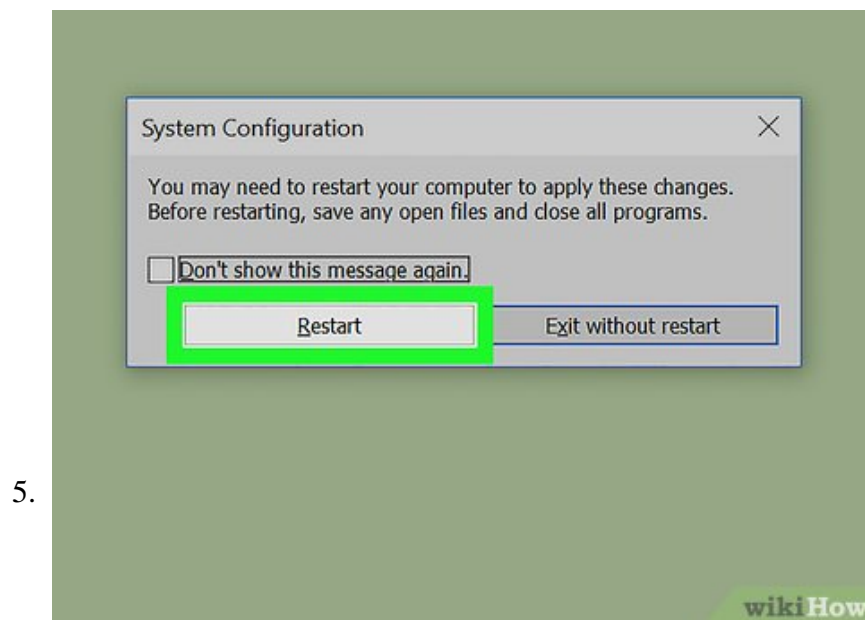


Un-check the service. Click the checkbox to the left of the service to remove the checkmark.

1. You can't disable vital Windows processes (e.g., the Wi-Fi service).



Click **OK**. These are both at the bottom of the window. Doing so will mark the selected service(s) as disabled and close the System Configuration window.



Click **Restart** when prompted. This will restart your computer. Once it finishes restarting, your selected service(s) will officially be disabled.

1. You can also click **Exit without restarting** if you want to manually restart your computer later.

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