

How to start / stop Windows Event Log

The Service Windows Event Log manages events and event logs. This service supports logging, querying, registering, logging, and managing event metadata.

It can display events in both XML and plain text formats. Stopping this service can affect the security and reliability of the system.

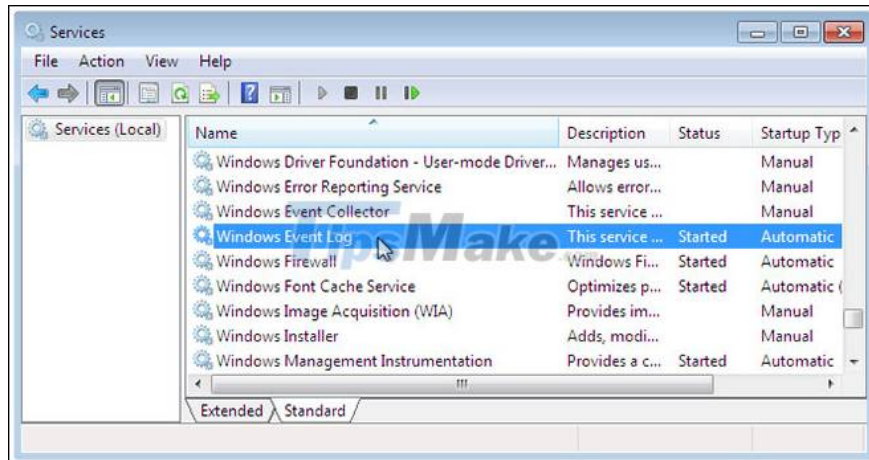
How to start / stop the Windows Event Log service from Services.msc

Take the following steps:

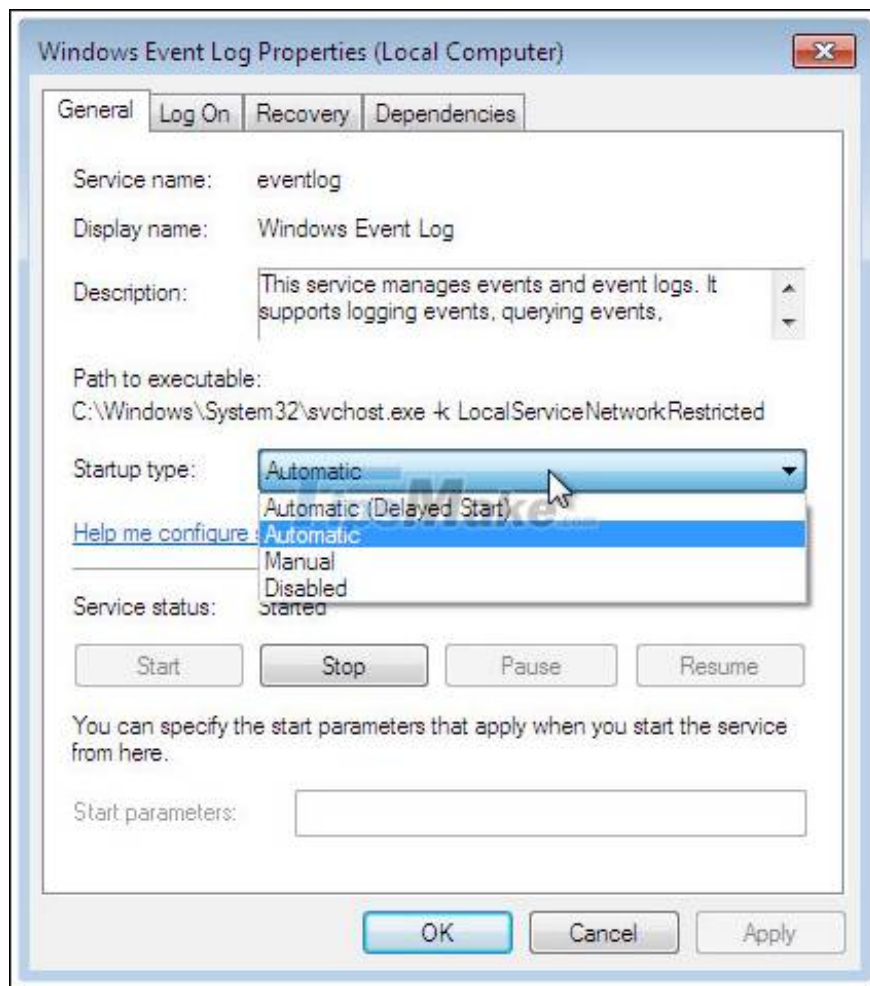
Click the **Start** menu and select **Search programs and files** .

Enter **services.msc** and press **Enter**.

Locate the **Windows Event Log** service , observe its current state, and open it to make changes.



From the **General** tab , you can choose **Start / Stop** and change the **Startup type** of the **Windows Event Log** service .



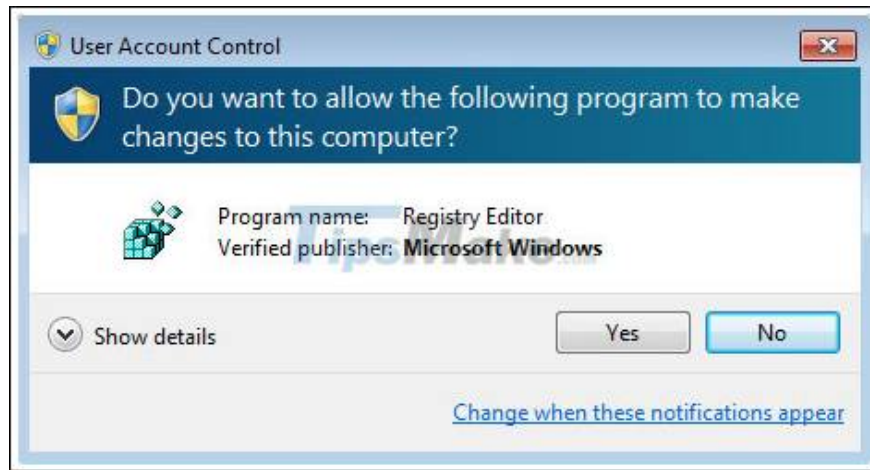
How to start / stop the Windows Event Log service from Registry Editor

Take the following steps:

Click the **Start** menu and select **Search programs and files** .

Enter **regedit** and press Enter.

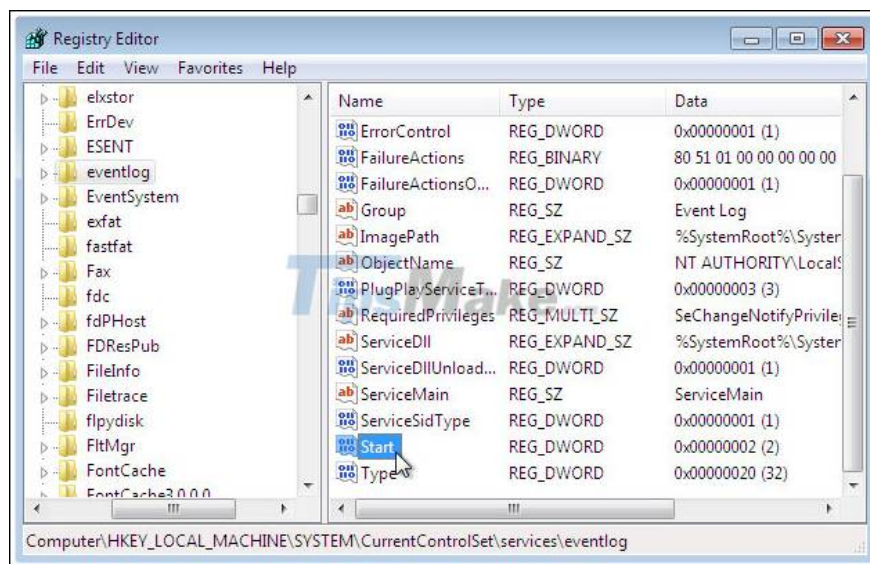
Confirm the **User Account Control** pop-up window .



Warning:

Serious problems might occur if you modify the registry incorrectly by using Registry Editor or by another method. You may need to reinstall your operating system and Microsoft cannot guarantee that these problems can be resolved.

Navigate to **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\eventlog** and locate the **Start** registry key .



Double click on **Start** and edit the value:

Change **Startup type** :

1. Automatic - 2
2. Manual - 3
3. Disabled - 4
4. Automatic (Delayed Start) - 2

Note : When you change to **Automatic (Delayed Start)** , the new key **DelayedAutostart** is created with the value **1**.

How to start / stop the Windows Event Log service from the Command Prompt

Take the following steps:

Click the **Start** menu and select **Search programs and files** .

Open Command Prompt with admin rights (enter **cmd** , right-click on the **cmd** icon in **Programs** and click **Run as administrator**).

Confirm the **User Account Control** pop-up window .



Select and copy a registry key, then right-click on the Command Prompt window, then click Enter.

To start the Windows Event Log service:

```
net start eventlog
```

Note : You cannot start a service if the **Startup type** is **Disabled**.

To stop the Windows Event Log service:

```
net stop eventlog
```

To change the **Startup type** :

1. Automatic:

```
REG add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\eventlog" /v Start /t REG_DWORD /d 2
```

1. Manual:

```
REG add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\eventlog" /v Start /t REG_DWORD /d 3
```

1. Disabled:

```
REG add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\eventlog" /v Start /t REG_DWORD /d 4
```

1. Automatic (Delayed Start):

```
REG add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\eventlog" /v Start /t REG_DWORD /d 2
```

Note : When you change to **Automatic (Delayed Start)** , the new key **DelayedAutostart** is created with the value **1** .

```
REG add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\eventlog" /v DelayedAutostart /t REG_DWORD /d 1
```

When you change from **Automatic (Delayed Start)** to **Automatic** , **DelayedAutostart** changes the value to **0** .

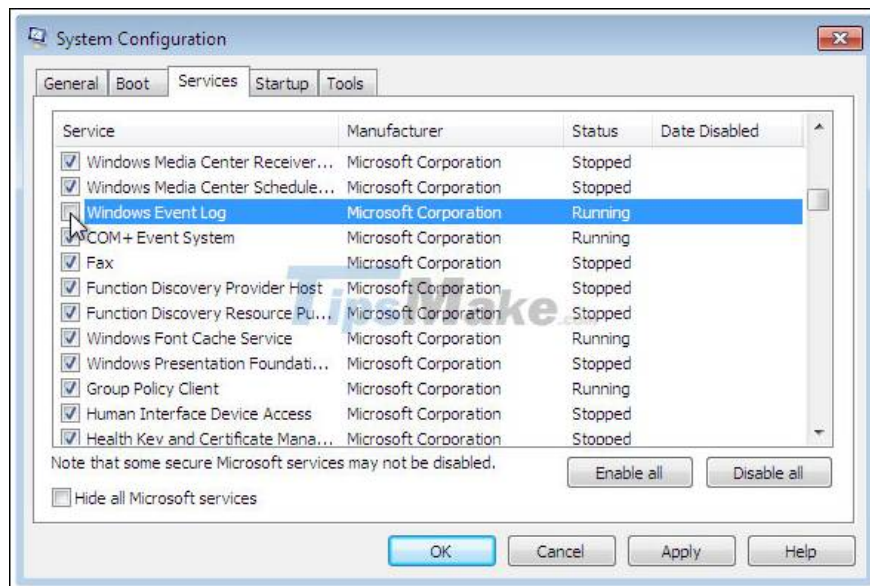
How to start / stop the Windows Event Log service using System Configuration

Take the following steps:

Click the **Start** menu and select **Search programs and files** .

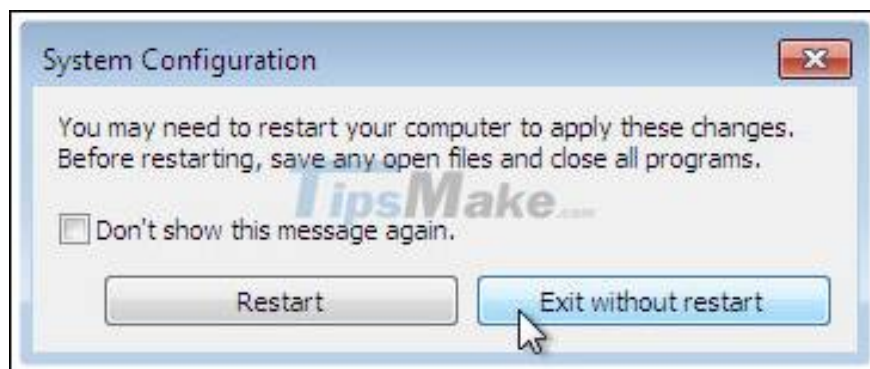
Enter **msconfig** and press **Enter**.

In **System Configuration** , go to the **Services** tab and look for **Windows Event Log** service .



Uncheck the corresponding box to prevent this service from starting and then click **OK** to finish

Any changes in **System Configuration** will be applied later.



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