

# Windows - Disable Ctfmon.exe at startup

**Ctfmon.exe** is a Microsoft Office process that works with the Windows operating system. This process activates the language bar and alternative user input. It is a non-essential system process which runs in the background even after quitting all programs. This **ctfmon.exe** can be annoying, as even after disabling it, it remains in **Task Manager**. To prevent the process from starting with every boot, some steps need to be followed.



This can be done from the '**stop advanced text services**' selection under system configuration, or one can alternatively disable the process at start-up. Additionally from the office start-up, the **Modes User Input** should be disabled.

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**ctfmon.exe** is a Windows generic process for managing information entry using alternative text input software such as voice recognition, electronic recognition and braille keyboards. The **ctfmon.exe** process is only necessary when dealing with other languages or when information is inputted using a device other than a standard keyboard. The **ctfmon.exe** file starts the component of the "Language Bar" (via the system tray), and launches every time Windows starts. It continues to run in the background, whether an Office XP program was started or not. If you have no need for **ctfmon.exe** to be running, you can safely disable it from launching automatically without it affecting your computer.

## Disable advanced text services

Here is how you can stop the application launching every time you boot your machine:

- From the **Control Panel**, go to **Regional Options > Date, time and language**
- Then click on **Regional and Language Options**
- Select the **Languages tab** and click **Details**
- Click on the **Advanced tab**
- Under **System Configuration**, check the box **Stop advanced text services**
- Click on **Apply** and validate with **OK**

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- Open the **System Configuration Utility**:

- Open the Start menu
- Click **Run**
- Type in *msconfig*
- Click the Startup tab and uncheck the startup item for *ctfmon*
- Click **Apply** and validate with **OK**
- Restart your PC.
- After rebooting, a warning message will inform you the startup has ben modified.
  - Check "Do not show this message", then click **OK**

## Additional information

- MS Office users should the set **Alternative User Input** in Office Setup to **Not available**

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