



## Coffee Break


Question on Software or Operating system.

### Disable New Programs Installed Alerts in Windows XP


When you install software onto a Windows XP computer, a "New programs installed" balloon will usually appear on the Start menu. The newly installed software will also be highlighted in the "All Programs" sub-menu.

For many XP users, this "New programs installed" alert is unnecessary and can become somewhat irritating. The majority of users will know they have installed new software and will not need to be reminded of the fact. What's more, the balloon tends to obscure the "Log off" button.

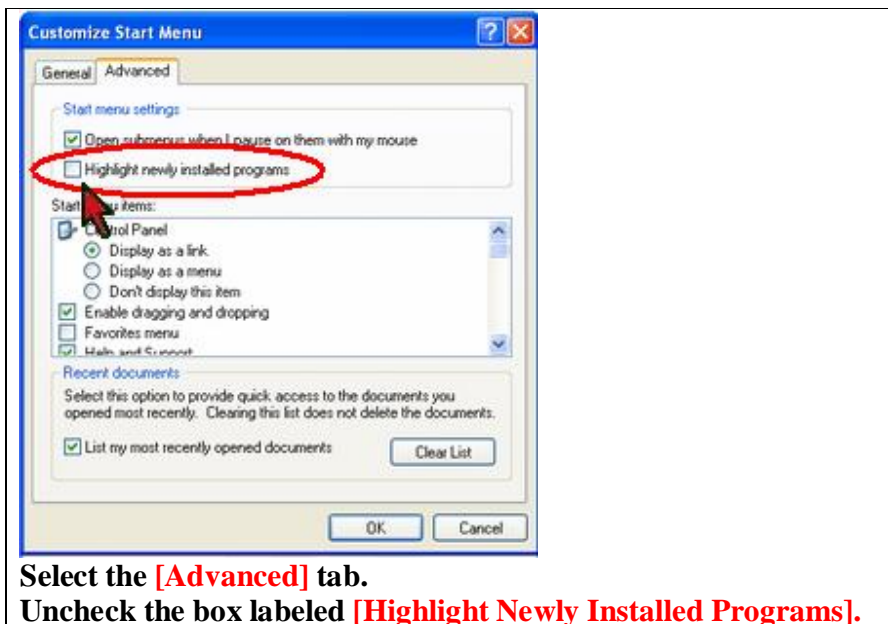
If you feel you can get by quite well without the new programs installed alerts, here are instructions for disabling them:



**Right-Click on Start and select [Properties].**



**On the Start Menu tab click [Customize].**



**Select the [Advanced] tab.**  
**Uncheck the box labeled [Highlight Newly Installed Programs].**

If you find you miss the "new software" alerts, you can easily enable them again by proceeding to step (3) on the left and placing a tick in the check box labeled, **[Highlight newly installed programs].**