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When the option 'Launch on System Startup' is selected in the interface on an administrative account, the application will start when logging in to the administrative account. This can also be invoked on a standard user account, but doing so requires taking the actions detailed below:

1. First, be sure you have installed the PIA application, which can be found here: https://www.privateinternetaccess.com/pages/download

2. Log in to the account you would like to configure the PIA application to auto-start on.

3. Open the PIA application and in the Settings > General tab of the application interface, select 'Connect on Launch'.

Settings	General	
🤨 General	🛃 Launch on System Startup	Show Desktop Notifications
● Protocols	Connect on Launch Show Service Communication Messages	
🖧 Network	Show Geo-Located Regions	
Privacy	Language	Tray Icon Style
Dedicated IP	English \checkmark	🔒 Light 🗸
🍯 Automation	Theme	Dashboard Appearance
🌱 Split Tunnel	Dark 🗸	Window 🗸
🚭 Multi-Hop		
🚨 Account		
? Help		
	Reset All Settings	

- 4. Close the PIA application
- 5. Open the Task Scheduler
 - 1. Press the 'Windows Key'
 - 2. Type "Task Scheduler" to locate the application
 - 3. Click the 'Task Scheduler' app to open it

6. Click 'Create Basic Task'

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	that your computer will carry out	🐌 Create Task	
	automatically at the times you and specify. To begin, click a	Import Task	
	command in the Action menu.	Display All Running Tasks	
	Task Status	Enable All Tasks History	
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	Status of tasks th Last 24 hours	View	۲
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7. Title the task to indicate what it does, such as "PIA on Login"

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Create a Basic Task	¢		
Create a Basic Task Trigger	Use this wizar such as multi	d to quickly schedule a common task. For more advanced options or settings ple task actions or triggers, use the Create Task command in the Actions pane.	;
Action	Name:	PIA on Login	
Finish	Description:	Starts the PIA application upon loggin in to the user account.	
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8. Click 'Next'

9. For the trigger select 'When I log in'

Create Basic Task Wizard		×
Task Trigger		
Create a Basic Task	When do you want the task to start?	
Trigger Action	O Daily	
Finish	○ Weekly	
	O Monthly	
	○ One time	
	○ When the computer starts	
	When I log on	
	○ When a specific event is logged	
	< Back Next >	Cancel

10. Click 'Next'

11. For the action select 'Start a Program'.

Create Basic Task Wizard		×
Action		
Create a Basic Task		
Trigger	What action do you want the task to perform?	
Action		
Finish	Start a program	
	○ Send an e-mail (deprecated)	
	 Display a message (deprecated) 	
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12. Navigate to the location of the PIA client or type the file location as shown below.

Create Basic Task Wizard		×
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Create a Basic Task		
Trigger	Program/script:	
Action	"C:\Program Files\Private Internet Access\pia-client.exe"	Browse
Start a Program Finish	Add arguments (optional): Start in (optional):	
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13. Click 'Next'

14. On the finish screen no further customization is required, click 'Finish'.

Create Basic Task Wizard		×
Summary		
Create a Basic Task		
Trigger	Name:	PIA on Login
Action	Description:	Starts the PIA application upon loggin in to the user account.
Start a Program	beschpholm	11 1 33
Finish		
	Trigger:	At log on; At log on of DESKTOP-
	Action:	Start a program; "C:\Program Files\Private Internet Access\pia-client.exe"
	Open the	Properties dialog for this task when I click Finish
	When you cli	ck Finish, the new task will be created and added to your Windows schedule.
		< Back Finish Cancel

15. Close the task scheduler.

Now, if you log in on this user account the PIA application will start and connect when

possible.