How to turn the Plug & Play service on

Open the following registry key: [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services]. This is where the Startup type for every Service is stored.

Select the appropriate Service (If unsure check the DisplayName value in the Right hand pane) from this subfolder. In the Right hand pane there will be a DWORD value entitled Start. The value (Decimal or Hexadecimal) for this entry determines the Services Startup type, as in the previous section.

To change the value Right click on the entry and select Modify. Valid values are as follows:

- A value of 2 sets the Startup type to Automatic.
- A value of 3 sets the Startup type to Manual.
- A value of 4 sets the Startup type to Disable.

This following example illustrates how to change the Plug & Play Service Startup type from Disable to Automatic. As you can see in the [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\PlugPlay] key the initial value of Start is set to 4, i.e. Disabled.

Right click on the Start entry and select Modify. Select the Value data field.

Change the value to 2 and select the OK button, this will set the Startup type to Automatic. Reboot for the change(s) to take effect. Should this fail you should resort to the ERD which you made as directed earlier on.