Automatically Start LANforge GUI

**Goal:** Configure LANforge to automatically start LANforge GUI on boot or login.

Follow these steps to Configure LANforge to automatically start LANforge GUI on boot or login. Requires version 5.4.1

1. Quick Start
   A. Open a terminal or connect to your lanforge machine via ssh:
   
   B. `$ cd /home/lanforge/LANforgeGUI 5.4.1`
   `$ cp LANforge-auto.desktop ~lanforge/.config/autostart`
   `$ sudo systemctl restart vncserver@:1.service`

   C. If you were connected via VNC, your session will close. When you reconnect via VNC, you will see a LANforge GUI running on the desktop. This will now start again every reboot.

2. Using desktop file manager
A. Locate your **LANforge GUI** Folder by right clicking on your LANforge GUI icon

B. Right-click your **LANforge GUI** icon

B. Select **Properties**

B. Your LANforge GUI directory is in the **Command** textbox:
C. Using the HOME desktop icon, navigate to the LANforge GUI directory

D. Highlight the LANforge-auto.desktop file. It might appear as LANforge client
E. We need to show hidden directories to place this file.

A. Using the HOME desktop icon, open your home directory and open the Edit->Preferences menu

B. Select Show Hidden Files

F. Find your .config directory
G. Navigate to `/home/lanforge/.config/autostart`

H. Copy and paste file into the `autostart` directory.
1. In a terminal, issue the command: `sudo systemctl restart vncserver@:1.service`

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