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SUMMARY

Outlook 2000 includes a feature called Animated Assistant. This feature prevents the activation of the screen saver whenever animated assistant is active. This exposes a security vulnerability, since the security policy of locking the workstation doesn't affect those workstations that have the animated assistant feature enabled.

DETAILS

A problem in the way that the inactivity mechanism used in the Windows operating system incorrectly detects the user inactivity period whenever Outlook 2000's Animated Assistant is enabled. This causes it not to activate the screen saver, resulting in the desktop not getting automatically locked.

Workaround:

Lock the workstation manually via: CTRL-ALT-DEL and click on Lock.

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