

re:Transparent Screensaver for 2003 Server

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Hi Olaf,

Thanks for you comments. I agree with a lot of what you had written but believe that you have missed the point of my message. I completely agree that these forums should not be used to advertise any product in any way and I also agree that password security is a very big issue. I have mentioned Transparent Screen Lock not to advertise the product but to open a discussion about it. As far as I know (from all the tests I have run personally) the product does not have any backdoors. As system administrators and members of the Windows community it is our responsibility to look for these things and report any malware when we see it. If anyone finds a backdoor in this program it should be reported to the virus companies so they can add it to their definitions and reduce any harm it may cause to others. If anyone has had any problems of any sort it should be discussed here. If the bug is not malicious it should be reported to the company producing the program.

This program is not free, they give you a free demo but after a certain amount of time you have to actually pay for it. If I find this program to be malicious in any way I will bring this up to our legal department and may sure they rip those guys apart! As a responsible member of the community I do everything I can to make sure this kind of stuff does not go on.

Personally, I also avoid using programs that prompt the user for accounts and passwords but in some cases it is necessary. In this case, I was asked for a way of securing machines running demos. We needed a way to allow only select users from interrupting the demo and we needed this information to be logged (i.e. when it was interrupted and by who). I had great difficulty finding such a solution. Transparent Screen Lock seemed to solve the problem. If you have a better solution I invite you to tell us all what it is. That is why this message was posted here.

Steve