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Hi

I posted some time ago a question concerning WinXP/Win2000 screen saver security

(<http://groups.google.com/groups?dq=&hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&threadm=4067ce15%240%24267%2480>)

The situation is that I have disk encryption software (Safeboot Solo) that asks for the password `_before_` Windows is started. So my password should be quite safe from password sniffers etc. BUT my concern is that if I activate the screen saver, is it possible for someone to access Windows for example bypassing screen saver password (there seems to be software doing just that with Win95), or accessing the file system via network (even if I use firewall & drives are not shared) or whatever.

I.e. are there known vulnerabilities making it possible to access my computer's filesystem without the need to boot, if the computer is locked with Windows screen saver?

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