

Re: script to set screensaver

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If your computers are in an Active Directory domain you can use Group Policy user configuration to apply screen saver settings. If not, and I have never done this myself, you could probably use a .reg file to do the screensaver settings. You can use a registry snapshot program such as the free regshot to see what registry keys are changed or created when you configure screen saver settings. Do a snapshot before and then after you change the settings via mmc. However you want to use the HKCU key for that registry setting and it will apply to all users that logon to the computer. As far as a weekly task you could look at using Scheduled Tasks and there is a command line version called schtasks. Below is the example of what was shown using regshot after using Group Policy to set screen saver timeout to 900 seconds though like I said you want to use HEY_CURRENT_USER in the .reg file and not specify user SID as in

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HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Control
Panel\Desktop\ScreenSaveTimeout: "900" . You can also export a registry key
from a configured computer to a .reg file to import into other
computers. --- Steve
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<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/310516> -- using .reg files

<http://www.snapfiles.com/get/regshot.html> -- Regshot

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HKEY_USERS\S-1-5-21-1123561945-152049171-1343024091-1003\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Cont
rol\Desktop\ScreenSaveTimeout: "900"
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"mxd" <mxd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Hi Guys

I have various PC's that I need to set the screensaver to be a picture slide show from a particular directory, to be set for 15 min and not to allow the user to change the screensaver and also add a weekly task (if it is not already present) to run a exe.

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I have found ways to do parts of this in mmc but have not found a way to do this via a script or executable.

Is it possible,

thanks
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