

Re: Screen Saver Doesn't Start

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The screen saver does not work when you use a Wireless Optical Desktop mouse on a Windows XP SP2-based computer
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/911895>

The screen saver does not work on a Windows XP-based computer
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/916256>

The screen saver does not start after you install the Wireless Optical Desktop device
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/913405>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In [news:E15EE3A5-B9FF-4E5F-B466-45702B031B50@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:E15EE3A5-B9FF-4E5F-B466-45702B031B50@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx),
Steven Bendis <StevenBendis@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Greetings everyone,

I have about 60 users whose screen savers do not automatically start after the specified idle period. The screen saver names and idle times can be changed and the registry shows that the changes are made but the screen saver doesn't trigger. The user is able to do everything else on their system without a problem. These are all local administrative users. Please review the following MS KB:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/326719/en-us>

This is the closest article that could apply to my environment. Many systems in my company went from XP "Gold" to XP SP2. The article confirms that the problem was first corrected in SP1. We currently correct the problem by recreating the user's local profile. Is it possible that applying the service pack does not correct the problem on an existing profile originally created pre-SP2 installation, but it's corrected in profiles created post-SP2 installation?

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I have seen similar corrective behaviour with Windows 2000 Server SP4. If the root directory of a server's boot volume has too many files, the server will not boot even if SP4 has been installed on it. MS documents say the problem was corrected in SP4. But further reading reveals that Windows 2000 installs that are service packed do not get the updated boot code to fix the problem. You have to call MS to get a small email-able exe to update the boot code. Servers installed with SP4 built-in install the updated boot code and do not experience the problem.

Has anyone seen this screen saver behaviour before and corrected it? Any feedback is appreciated.

Thanks!

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