

Re: Screen Saver During Playback

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I only have (5) desktops, no laptops, and they're all used for enough critical work that I don't tinker with power management settings. I don't know anything about your issues in this sphere, and I'm also unaware of anything that WMP is doing in this sphere (I don't think Dave's team does much here, since WMP should just play the rules they set anyways). I haven't played with Power Management at all and don't know if you have the ability to tune it to your whim. Sorry: way outside of my sphere of knowledge at this point in time. I can help you with the Screen Saver checkbox question that I was responding to, but the Power Management area is one I don't know about.

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"Skier7667" <Skier7667@xx> wrote in message news:BA0D7E95-4AD8-48F8-AAB3-45CE24E3494B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi Zachd,

Yes, I didn't see any setting/options in WMP to control the screen from powering down or dimming. However it appears no one has a concern with this issue, so how do others deal with this.

In other words, if the power management in Display/Screen Saver/Power/Turn Off Monitor is set to 20 minutes as in my case, which is the default/normal usage setting that is set (comes from the factory), for normal operation of the PC and display and one plays a streaming video that lasts longer than the selected time, how can one control the screen from not powering down. Yes, I know one can select never, however for normal usage that defeats the

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purpose
of the setting.

Does one have to keep on changing the Power Management setting each time after viewing the video? That would seem odd. Have you tried playing streaming video and witnessed your experience?

They do have an option in WMP that allows the screen saver to either be active or not be active while using the WMP. It's hard to fathom that MS would offer streaming video capabilities in WMP, but not offer some control for the dimming of the display while video is play and expect one not to have any power management features on.

"zachd [MSFT]" wrote:

I'm unaware of any unique power management features within WMP – I do not believe you would be able to manage this internally in WMP.

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"Skier7667" <Skier7667@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:CFA09A79-D06C-4E3D-A24C-64CF4C6E02C2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi zachd,

Well, the problem I'm having is that if I am watching streaming content, XP Media Center is dimming my display, hence the video is gone. The content keeps play, I can hear the audio. What I have to keep on doing is either moving my mouse slightly or depressing the volume +/- button on my Microsoft Media Center Remote. Then the video comes back on. This keeps on happening every 20 minutes. The only way around it seems to turn off

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power
management
for the monitor. That is a burden, since then after watching, I
would
have
to
turn it back on again each time.

What I don't understand is that the PC is not really inactive –
there
is
video playing which is using CPU cycles and there is audio
as well. I
can't
find any setting within Media Player that will allow it to play
without
this
interruption. I did find the check box that allows the screen
player to
be
turned On or Off during video playback and it was
"Unchecked" – so the
video
is not interrupted by the screen saver.

Is there a setting I'm missing here to allow the video to
continue to
display on the monitor without having to disable "Power
Management" for
the
monitor each time?

Thanks,

Roger

"zachd [ms]" wrote:

WMP's Tools:Options . You only get one
global checkbox here, though,
there's no specific audio/video option.

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"Skier7667"

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wrote in message

news:D3A4132E-D296-4BD1-BD15-E142E3B624BC@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi Anger,

Where is this option to
allow the screen saver to
activate during
playback
if
listening to music. Mine is
coming on while watching a
video stream
in
Media
Player and it wasn't before. I
believe something might
have changed.

Please let me know!

Thanks,

Roger

"Anger" wrote:

This option
to Allow
Screen Saver
during
playback is
nice if I'm
listening
to
music but if
I'm
watching a
movie I
don't want
my screen
saver to
start.
I
don't know
if this is the
right way of

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going about
this but
maybe
someone
out
there might
know
someone
who can get
this
changed or
modified to
exclude
the
screensaver
during the
playing of
movies and
allowing it
during
music.
I
am
using
Windows
Media
Player
Version:
10.00.00.4036.
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Anger