

Re: Screen Saver During Playback

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- *From:* Skier7667 <Skier7667@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Fri, 13 Oct 2006 03:32:02 -0700
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Hi zachd,

Thanks for getting back to me. You mentioned Dave – is there another forum that I should be posting this question where he might see it and shed some light on this power management question. I posted it here because naturally the problem occurs in WMP, but I fully understand what you mean.

Let me know and I can try in a more appropriate forum.

Thanks,

Roger

"zachd [ms]" wrote:

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@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:BA0D7E95-4AD8-48F8-AAB3-45CE24E3494B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi Zachd,

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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 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

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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 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

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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"
<Skier7667@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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

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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

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know
if
this
is
the
right
way
of
going
about
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but
maybe
someone
out
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know
someone
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get
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or
modified
to
exclude
the
screensaver
during
the
playing
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and
allowing
it
during
music.
I
am
using
Windows
Media
Player
Version:
10.00.00.4036.
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Anger

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