

RE: Screen Saver Lock Event ID

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I found an acceptable intermediate solution until we can go to WinVista or higher:

By default, there is not an event log was recorded in the Security log when a screen saver locks. But we can enable audit on the logon.scr file to record the screen saver event in Security log by the following steps:

Note: we suppose use the logon.scr as the screen saver, you can change to another .scr screen saver.

A: Enable Audit object access policy on the server

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1. Click Start > Run, type Gpedit.msc
2. Navigate to Computer Configuration\Windows Settings\Security Settings\Local Policies\Audit Policy
3. In the details pane, double-click Audit object access .
4. In the Audit object access Properties dialog box, check Success and Failure on Local Security Setting tab.
5. Click OK.
6. Run gpupdate /force in command window to refresh the group policy.

B. Add the user right settings of logon.scr

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1. Browse to %systemroot%\system32 and right-click on logon.scr. Then choose Properties, switch to Security Tab and click Advanced.
2. Switch to Auditing, click Add and add proper groups or users(Such as Administrator).
3. Double-click the proper groups or users, check Full Control in Successful and Failed. And click OK to enable the auditing.

If you use your PDC to provide trusted time to all computers, restrict acceptable time to be within 15min using a GPO, force a screen saver for all PCs to lock after a certain amount of time using a GPO, and limit the amount of users that have administrative rights over the computers, then you should be able to trust time and force a screen saver lock to generate an error.

One caveat: If the user manually locks their computer, then no event is recorded. The screen saver MUST kick in first before the computer is locked in order to generate the error.

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"BrianG" wrote:

Is there an event ID that can be/is written to the Security log when a screen saver locks in WinXP, for either when the screen saver locks itself or if a user manually locks it? I want to track the last time of the day when a person has stopped using their computer. Thanks