

## Re: xp professional -- taskbar nuisance

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Hi,

No, for me, sometimes after a reboot, I IME gets screwed up or when I open a window, instead of one tab in the task bar I get two. Usual I have to go to the taskbar toolbars and unselect quick launch, language bar, then reboot the system, then everything is okay. This happens maybe once ever 3 to 4 weeks. I had this problem with SP1, but have not seen it happen at all with SP2, it just sounds like maybe some malware is the blame. Until about 4 months ago, I didn't have any spyware detecting software on my systems, once installed, it found like 50 to 60, since then I have been free of spyware. Granted I am using 5 spyware programs on my system, all 5 run in the background, 2 will do schedule system checks. I hope this might help.

Jeff

>-----Original Message-----

>hi jeff:

>thanks. i may well be guilty of blaming SP2 just because the inconsistent

>order of the taskbar icons became more pronounced and noticeable after i

>downloaded SP2. of course i know that even though mcafee hasn't turned up any

>virus, worms, etc... it doesn't mean i haven't fallen victim to something of

>that nature. thanks for checking in. does your taskbar assume different

>configuration/position of icons every time you reboot?

>

>mike

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>"Jeff" wrote:

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>> *Hi,*  
>>  
>> *Are you sure you don't have some type of malware. I*  
*have*  
>> *SP2 on two of my systems and I have no problem with my*  
>> *task bar. Sounds like something else is screwing with*  
*the*  
>> *task bar.*  
>>  
>> *Jeff*  
>>  
>> >-----Original Message-----  
>> >*thank you very much georgia. i'm using xp professional*  
>> *and before SP2 it was*  
>> *a little erratic (the arrangement of icons on taskbar*  
>> *after reboot). after*  
>> *SP2 it seems to be much worse. but problem is*  
*reverting*  
>> *back to SP1 doesn't*  
>> *make it act as it did before. i rue the day i*  
*downloaded*  
>> *SP2, though it is*  
>> *probably unavoidable if i don't want to get left*  
*behind*  
>> *with the necessary*  
>> *evil of updates.*  
>> >  
>> *the best consolation i've gotten (in lieu of*  
*resolution)*  
>> *is your final*  
>> *comment: surely there must be a solution to the*  
*ordering*  
>> *of the icons on our*  
>> *taskbar so that it can finally perform what i assume*  
*it*  
>> *is designed to do --*  
>> *increase the ease of starting up our most frequently*  
*used*  
>> *applications, and*  
>> *also making it easy to monitor volume and power.*  
>> >  
>> *DOES YOUR VOLUME icon always appear right after the*  
*power*  
>> *icon from right to*  
>> *left? the power icon used to be the first one to come*  
*up*  
>> *after reboot, now*  
>> *there's no telling where it will go. same for the*  
*volume*  
>> *icon too. at least*  
>> *they haven't disappeared altogether yet, as it seems*

to

>> *have done for some*

>> *>users as i follow this thread.*

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>> *>seems like people are spending more time obsessing over*

>> *these insignificant*

>> *>yet maddening details and less time being able to do*

>> *actual work.*

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>> *>.... surely there must be a way...*

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>> *>"Georgia" wrote:*

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>> *>> I have the same problem, the notification area icons*

>> *always being in*

>> *>> different positions, with XP Home and it was there*

>> *before SP2. I asked the*

>> *>> forum about it on Sept. 6 and the only response I*

got

>> *was that there is no*

>> *>> solution. After searching and searching I found a*

>> *shareware product that*

>> *>> will keep the icons in the order you want. It will*

>> *also restore missing*

>> *>> icons after an Explorer crash. The program is PS*

>> *Trayfactory, but it is*

>> *>> 24.95 which seems a bit much.*

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>> *>> Kelly's TaskbarRepairPlus may help with the icons*

that

>> *do not appear.*

>> >>

>> *>> Surely there is a solution to the ordering of the*

icons.

>> *>> Georgia*

>> >>

>> *>> "mwong911" <mwong911@discussions.microsoft.com>*

wrote

>> *in message*

>> *>> news:C625A58D-E087-4AE2-B126-*

>> *BB9BBA15658C@microsoft.com...*

>> *>> > i'm searching for advice to resolve a nuisance*

that

>> *seem to be related to*

>> *>> > SP2*

>> *>> > update that i performed a few days ago. now the*

task

>> *bar is totally*

>> *>> > unpredictable, or even more unpredictable than it*

>> *used to be. typical*

>> >> > *windows*  
>> >> > *SNAFU. everytime i restart my thinkpad the taskbar*  
>> *reappears with icons*  
>> >> > *all*  
>> >> > *jumbled up.*  
>> >> >  
>> >> > *this is worse than ever before. now the power icon*  
>> *appears somewhere else,*  
>> >> > *and the volume icon and other things appear at*  
*random.*  
>> >> >  
>> >> > *it's a nuisance because it takes time to search*  
*for*  
>> *the dozen or so icons*  
>> >> > *if*  
>> >> > *they keep changing locations. some icons don't*  
*even*  
>> *appear that i want,*  
>> >> > *others appear even though i've "deleted" them. any*  
>> *help would be*  
>> >> > *appreciated.*  
>> >> > *thanks!*  
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