

## Re: SP 2 questions

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Hello Joe,

I have installed SP2 on over 130 computers, 128 are work computers and 2 are my personal computers. After the installation, only change that I really noticed was the splash screen just stating Windows XP, no professional.

As to how it will affect certain aspects of your computer, it all depends on what you have installed and how you have it configured.

All the work computers that I installed SP2 on, no one seems to have noticed anything different, except a slight speed increase. On my personal computers, I haven't had any problems with the diverse set of programs on it. I have various game programs, tools, application, etc and haven't had any problems with them.

Since you stated that you keep your computer in top condition, you shouldn't have any problems. Also if you followed the pre-install guide on how to prepare your computer for SP2, then you should be fine.

Granted there have been some problems with wireless cards, but as long as the manufacture has a patch for it, then you won't have any problems. My notebook I use a wireless card for it and haven't had any problems.

As to the list you posted, most of the links that you were shown, would have answered them. I'm not a MVP, but a network administrator/tech/designer, so you can take my word as a non-microsoft collaborator. I personally do not care for MS, but have no choice but to use their products if I wish to be able to play enjoyable games and such.

Jeff

>-----Original Message-----  
>> *My computer is completely virus free, ad-ware free, spyware free,*  
>> *cookies, temp folders and recycle deleted/emptied.*  
It's just been  
>> *defragged and the disk is only using 16Gb on a 60Gb drive. A printer*  
>> *and a wireless adapter are all the hardware that is installed and*  
>> *both are on the xp approved products list – drivers up to date. I*  
>> *have all the sp1 updates installed.*  
>>  
>> *If I install the XP Service pack 2 will it:*  
>>  
>> *1 – Change the View – Layout setting in OE*  
>  
>No  
>  
>> *2 – Change any of the OE Tools – Options settings*  
>  
>*One obvious change I saw was in SP1 there was (under the Maintenance tab) an*  
>*option to "compact messages in the background" and that is missing after SP2*  
>*was applied.*  
>*Also under the Security tab, there is a new section once SP2 is installed*  
>*for "download images" where you can "Block images and other external content*  
>*in HTML e-mail".*  
>  
>> *3 – Change any Toolbar Customized settings in OE*  
>  
>*Who knows? Didn't seem to.*  
>  
>> *4 – Change any Toolbar Customized settings in IE*  
>  
>*May add an option..*  
>  
>> *5 – Change any Cookies and/or Custom Level Security settings in IE*  
>  
>*Well, yeah. Since they added more security and a popup blocker.*  
>  
>> *6 – Add any items to my Links folder in IE*  
>  
>*Another update did this – yes – and I believe it is done in SP2 as well.*  
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>> 7 – *Add any Items to my Favorites folder in IE*  
>  
>*Actually, other than under the links subfolder, I do not think so.*  
>  
>> 8 – *Add any Toolbar items in IE*  
>  
>*None that I saw. Options for more – possibly.*  
>  
>> 9 – *Change my Home Page in IE*  
>  
>*No.*  
>  
>> 10– *Enable/Install Windows Messenger and/or MSN messenger and/or*  
>> *Windows Messenger Service*  
>  
>*Three different things. You already have the Windows Messenger Service –*  
>*although it may disabled. It stayed disabled for me. I already had MSN*  
>*messenger and as for the original Windows Messenger, I had made my own*  
>*directory and put the old executable in there a long time ago (nothing else)*  
>*and have never been bothered by it.*  
>  
>> 11– *Add any items to my start sequence (Startup folder and/or*  
>> *Mconfig Start Tab items*  
>  
>*Startup items? Technically – the Security Center service gets added and*  
>*will be started each time you boot up unless you disable it.*  
>  
>> 12– *Add any icons to my task and/or system tray(s)*  
>  
>*No – unless the security center detects something wrong or cannot do*  
>*something (like monitor your antivirus software) – but again this can be*  
>*turned off..*  
>  
>> 13– *Make any changes to my Folder Options – General, View or File*  
>> *Types settings*  
>  
>*No.*  
>  
>> 14– *Enable the firewall*

>  
>*By default – yes.*  
>  
>> *15– Add Sample Music and/or Pictures to my folders*  
>  
>*None that I got.*  
>  
>> *16– Enable Automatic Updates*  
>  
>*It will ask on the first reboot.*  
>  
>> *17– Effect my wireless network in any way*  
>  
>*Yes.*  
>  
>> *18– Effect my Internet connection in any way*  
>  
>*Well, possibly – as the firewall is on and some network components have*  
>*changed looks.*  
>  
>> *19– Have any effect on the way my AV functions*  
>  
>*Yes – it monitors your AV – if you let it and the AV software supports it.*  
>  
>> *20– Require constant attention to system checks and notices*  
>  
>*Require – no – nothing gets added you cannot turn off/ignore.*  
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>  
>*Why not just backup your system and try it? Seems ridiculous to ask some of*  
>*these questions so particular to certain applications. I can understand*  
>*your anxiety, I suppose – but SP2 will still be the same SP2 in 6 months and*  
>*sooner or later you will either install it or start not being able to update*  
>*your PC – possibly making it insecure.*  
>  
>*I assure you – the changes (when they are applied correctly) are minor. For*  
>*someone who seems as prepared as you are to do this should be a minor*  
>*annoyance – as long as you know how to find the answers you need – which I*  
>*suppose you do or your system would not be as ready as*

you claim it to be.

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>*The information is provided "as is", it is suggested you research for*

>*yourself before you take any advice – you are the one ultimately*

>*responsible for your actions/problems/solutions. Know what you are*

>*getting into before you jump in with both feet.*

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