

# Re: Monitor Is Not Automatically Turning Off

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Thanks for your suggestions Stuserver. Once I go into the display properties tab though the monitor does consistently shut off at 15 minutes of activity even with the screen saver at 9999 minutes. It works all day then at precisely 15 minutes. But when I first start my computer in the morning and without going into the display properties the monitor does not shut down. I will try restarting my computer with the screensaver disabled and also with your suggestions of 1 min to see if it works. Thank-you! Kent

"Stuserver" <[Stuserver@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Stuserver@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:9AB844E2-FB27-407C-AC93-5E409576D313@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:9AB844E2-FB27-407C-AC93-5E409576D313@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

If you have your screen saver set to 9999 it means that it will wait 9999 minutes before displaying the screen saver, and after 15 minutes of screen saver display, the monitor will turn off,

simple as that. test it with one min of wait before screen saver, and 1 min before turning off the monitor.

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Stuserver

"Kent Moore" wrote:

Thanks Bill. I will try your suggestions. I have the screen saver on but set to 9999. I use it for a password from time to time. I have the latest video drivers. I have a wired mouse and it is fairly new. This seems to have happened just in the last 3 or 4 weeks I think for me so I also think it is some update or software that I installed. But I have installed a lot since then and narrowing it down would be very difficult. Thanks again.  
Kent

"BillW" <[xxx@xxxxxxx](mailto:xxx@xxxxxxx)> wrote in message

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Kent,

I recently ran into the same problem with my Dell which is similar to yours. Power and screen saver always worked without a problem, so I don't know if it was a recent update from Microsoft that caused my problem or a drive update, etc. Anyway, the only fix I found with my most recent encounter with this problem was to turn off the screen saver. After turning off the screen saver, the power option worked again.

I have had this same problem in the past with my Dell and found that installing the latest video driver helped – I assume you have NVIDIA like I do. Strangely enough, I found in the past that a weak mouse or keyboard battery (if your wireless) or a loose connection (if wired) would send a false signal to the computer indicating a non-idle situation preventing the monitor from powering off. Hope this helps.

"Kent Moore" <kent.moorensam@xxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hi:

Under power options I have my monitor set to turn off every 15 minutes.

It does not turn off unless I go into the power menu and then hit OK.

Any ideas? I have XP SP2 on a Dell Dimension 8400. I don't believe I have any spyware on my system. I have the usual anti spyware software including Microsoft's Defender which is running in the background.

Thank

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you very much, Kent