

# Re: Blank screen when returning from full screen programs

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joshogigantor@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

When I exit any full screen application in windows xp I'm left with a blank screen with only the mouse pointer visible. My desktop is still there I just cant see it, the only way I have found to return the desktop to normal is to put my computer into standby, then starting it up again (I have a special standby shortcut key that makes it easy). I have had problem with Age of Empire II, Return to Castle Wolfenstein, System Shock 2 and many other games (my system is fairly old hence the older games!). I also recently discovered that the problem also occurs when i run the DirectX Diagnostic Tool. I have upgraded my video card drivers and installed and reinstalled various codecs but nothing seems to work.

System:  
Windows XP home  
amd Duron 900  
384mb RAM  
GeForce2 32mb video card  
Phillips 105S 15in monitor

You could try lowering the Hardware Acceleration slide to see if that helps. If it does, you need better, but not always newer drivers. Have you tried pressing F5 to refresh the screen right after the screen turns black?

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Joe =o)

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