

Re: Num Lock Key

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Windows XP ignores whatever setting that you have for Num Lock in the BIOS.

The status of the NUM LOCK key is specific for each user and it is disabled by default. If you want the NUM LOCK key enabled for use before a user presses CTRL+ALT+DEL to log on, you must use Registry Editor to change the default behavior.

HKEY_USERS\.Default\Control Panel\Keyboard

Value Name: InitialKeyboardIndicators

Data Type: REG_SZ

Value Data: 0 or 2

0 = Num Lock off before a user logs on.

2 = Num Lock on before a user logs on.

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How to enable the NUM LOCK key for the logon screen

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/154529>

HKEY_USERS\.Default stores the profile used when no users are logged on to the computer (such as when the CTRL+ALT+DELETE logon prompt is displayed).

This only applies until a user logs on, then...

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\Keyboard

Value Name: InitialKeyboardIndicators

takes over.

Windows XP will remember the status of the Num Lock key and enable it after you next log on. If Num Lock is on when the machine is shutdown, then Num Lock will be on the next time after you log on. If Num Lock is off when the machine is shutdown, then Num Lock will be off the next time after you log on.

You can change settings in the key below, all you want. But, Windows XP will remember the status of the Num Lock key and enable it that way the next time after you log on.

Toggling the Num Lock key toggles the value from 0 to 2 in the registry key

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below. But the data isn't written to the registry key until you log off or shutdown.

HKEY CURRENT USER\Control Panel\Keyboard

Value Name: InitialKeyboardIndicators

Value Type: REG_SZ

Value Data: 0 or 2

0 = Windows XP turns NUMLOCK off when it starts.

2 = Windows XP turns NUMLOCK on when it starts.

[[Change method

To change the value of this entry, press the NUMLOCK key on your keyboard.]]

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InitialKeyboardIndicators

<http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/Windows/2000/server/reskit/en-us/regentry/34674.asp>

Hope this helps. Let us know.

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In news:9A87D768-79FF-455B-A95A-A2CE8504BE9E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx,

Jen <pigsrule6969@xxxxxxxxxxxxx(donotspam)> hunted and pecked:

Can anyone tell me where (and how) to set the num lock key to already be on, after shutting down the computer or coming out of standby?

Win XP Professional, some of the new computers in my office already stay on, but mine and a couple of others that are also new, dont keep it on.

Jen

you can reply directly to my email..

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