

Re: Locking Desktop in Win XP Home Edition

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Tevibear wrote:

Is there are way to lock the desktop with a password like in professional version if you need to leave the computer for a minute but don't want to shut down all of your applicaitons and log off?

Certainly.

I find this very annoying that I cannot use a shortcut to a password protected screen saver like I used to in older version of windows.

Why can't you? What errors do you get when you try?

There at least 4 ways to lock a WinXP (Home or Pro) workstation:

- 1) Use the Windows Key + L hot key.
- 2) You can press CTRL+ALT+DEL and then <ENTER>, once you've turned off the Welcome Screen and Fast User Switching. (This is the default in a domain environment, as FUS is contrary to the domain security paradigm.)
- 3) You can create a desktop shortcut with "%windir%\System32\rundll32.exe user32.dll, LockWorkStation" in the target field. (It is case-sensitive, BTW.) You can then assign a keyboard shortcut.
- 4) Set a password protected screensaver, and wait the allotted time without touching the mouse or keyboard.

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They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.
–Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. –Bertrand Russell

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