

## Mouse Misbehaving

Does your mouse seem to have a mind of it's own? Moving around when you're not telling it to move

around? Try this:

For XP Windows but I'm sure it probably works the same with other windows OS.

1. Click Control Panel
2. Doubleclick the Mouse icon.
3. Select the Pointer Options tab.
4. In the Visibility box check 'Hide Mouse while typing'.
5. If you tend to lose your mouse arrow, you may also want to check 'show my cursor when I press the CTRL key.
6. Click Save and Ok

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## Mouse Jumps Around (laptop)

Using a wireless or USB mouse can cause problems with the mouse. The mouse may seem to jump around aimlessly, but it may really be because you're constantly bumping the keyboard (and mouse pad) while typing.

Covering the Laptop's mouse pad may solve your problem with a jumping mouse. I have found no easy way to disable the touchpad although it is very easy to use a USB, Wireless or P/S2 mouse with your laptop instead of the touchpad. Go to control panel, click Mouse and select the particular type of mouse you wish to use from the list presented.

## Wireless Mouse Jumps around

1. It could be as simple as you needing new batteries in the unit since it's wireless.
2. Secondly, [optical mice](#) are very sensitive to the material upon which they sit: are you using an optical mousepad or other surface that is optical friendly?
3. You could be seeing interference with the wireless unit. Do you have other radio or wireless units right by your [computer](#)? If you hook up a traditional wired mouse, does the cursor exhibit the same behaviors? If you move your computer and mouse to another room, does the behavior remain?
4. You might also want to check the sensitivity that you have selected for your mouse in the [Windows XP](#) Control Panel area. Choose Start ->

[Control Panel](#) -> Mouse then go to the Pointer Options tab and see if any of those settings affect the behavior you're seeing.

5. Also, do you have the speech recognition turned on? That can sometimes cause problems as it tries to recognize what it hears.

Note: One of the **first things** to do when this starts happening, is check the battery. I have ONLY had this erratic behavior with any wireless mouse when the battery started to get too weak to transmit.

And with **some** mouse-transmitters, after you installed the new batteries, be sure to push the little synch button on the transmitter, and be within a certain range when next you push the synch button on the mouse. It doesn't work pushing the mouse button first and then the transmitter.

While the mouse may often work if you don't "synch" (on those mice where you have to do it), they will also jump around until they are synched.

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