

Screen Savers

Several years ago, screen savers were necessary because if a particular screen was left showing on the monitor too long, it could be burned into the monitor screen so that it was faintly always visible. The monitor screens of today do not require a screen saver...it is best to NOT use one as they are also resource hogs.

Q. I have a screen saver that I want to remove but it won't allow me to delete it. How can I get rid of it?

A. The screen savers are .scr files. The ones that came with the computer will be listed in the Windows\system32 folder or in the SP2 folder. Screen Savers that you have added to the computer as .scr files may be stored anywhere. So do this:

- 1. Rightclick Start...click Search**
 - 2. Type into the top box *.scr**
 - 3. In the LOOK IN box, click the down arrow and select your C: drive as the place to look.**
 - 4. Click Search. (this will search for every .scr file on your hard drive)**
- Every screen saver file will be listed, so give it time to find all of them. Then scroll down the list to the one you do not EVER want on your computer again, rightclick it and select DELETE. It will put it in the recycle bin...leave it there for a week to make sure you don't change your mind. Then you can empty the recycle bin.**

But...if you just don't like the screen saver that's being used now, you can select NONE for screen saver and you want get a screen saver popping up. Just

- 1. rightclick the desktop and select Properties.**
- 2. Click the Screen Saver tab.**
- 3. Scroll up the list of screen savers and select NONE**
- 4. Click Apply and Ok**

Or....if you just want to use a different screen saver,

- 1. Rightclick the desktop and select Properties (in Win 7 click Personalize)**
- 2. click the Screen Saver tab to bring up the list of screen savers available.**
- 3. Scroll down the list and pick the one you want to use, click it and click Apply and Save.**