
Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [Ripintou](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 15:37:04 GMT
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As of February 28, Windows users who purchased their PC will no longer be able to reinstall without calling Microsoft and answering a series of questions. The move is part of an anti-piracy effort to close 'a loophole that enabled unscrupulous resellers to use Windows XP product keys that were stolen from large OEMs.'

Source: BetaNews

I swear they do this deliberately because they know you'll pay for upgrades. One can always download updates from the P2P scene. Always keep a copy of win98 handy so you can easily get updates before your install.

Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 15:42:07 GMT
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Pfft, my computer runs fine without SP2, shit, I'm not even running SP1.

Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [ADM](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 16:46:42 GMT
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Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 17:24:08 GMT
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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 17:44:19 GMT
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Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [GetSm0keD](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 22:24:18 GMT
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Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 22:28:23 GMT
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Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [tooncy](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 22:37:38 GMT
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Still running SP1 Here. SP2 fucked up my cousin's computer bad. He had to format.

Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 22:39:00 GMT
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I love SP2 because it made my wireless network 100% more stable.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 23:14:32 GMT
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I've heard of so many horror stories with SP2 and tons of apps not working with it that I'm afraid to install it.

In fact Windows XP as a whole gave me such absurd problems that I was forced to use Windows 2000 because it's the only NTFS Windows OS that has a tiny bit of security.

Does this Feb 28 thing apply to all versions of Windows or only versions that come on package PCs?

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Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 04:36:24 GMT

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I am using cracked XP PRO by winshits with a cracked sp2

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Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 04:54:51 GMT

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Sp2 done about 2% damage.. a few programs did not work and that was it.. but it was only like a week before new releases where online

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 05:12:28 GMT

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 05:59:48 GMT

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The good thing is that if someone does have problems with SP2 to the point where they want to revert to SP1, all they have to do is go to the add/remove programs panel and simply uninstall it like any other program.

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Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 06:32:41 GMT

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Posted by [PointlessAmbler](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 07:15:48 GMT

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SP2 has given me a grand total of 21315359235158105891358726 x 0 problems.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 07:16:53 GMT

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My reason for having it that big: I have a flat panel LCD monitor that doesn't want to make my display (especially text) nice and crisp, so anything less than 1280 x 1024 @ 72MHz won't do. I didn't pay \$300 for a monitor for the picture to look like shit.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 08:07:18 GMT
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Posted by [Deactivated](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 09:12:11 GMT
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Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [Opalkilla](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 13:45:31 GMT
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I hate 1024x768, it's way too big. My graphics card supports up to 1920x1440.. lol. I run at 1152x864 though.

Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [emperorz0](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 14:04:53 GMT
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I heard about that and that sucks. Now you can see that what is programs and such things future.

Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [GetSm0keD](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 19:09:13 GMT
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i aggre.. 1024 by 768 is just corney looking

i went to 1280 by 1024..
but moved up to 1600 by 1200 soon after..

i have a max of 2048 by 1536
which i would run if i had that size of a monitor
every thing like icons are the same size as 1600 by 1200
just more right and up space..

Edit
ive used both SP1 and SP2

not sure if i had any problems DUE to SP2..
but i recently reformated my comp and im not gettin SP2 this time around
it really only added things into internet explorer that i could tell..
and that dumb securtiy center.. as if i dont know if my FW and AV are on....

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 20:13:45 GMT
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Both of my 19" LCDs are set to 1280x1024. It's their optimum resolution, so I don't really have a choice. It gives me plenty of room to work, and since it's LCD and not CRT, there's no headaches.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 20:17:42 GMT
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CrimsonBoth of my 19" LCDs are set to 1280x1024. It's their optimum resolution, so I don't really have a choice.
That's the reason why mine's set at that too.

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Posted by [_ToXiN_](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 21:24:01 GMT
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J_ball, what linux distribution were you using? I'm pretty sure Redhat supports 1280 x 1024 ...not certain though since I use 1152 x 864 @ 60mhz.

Anyway, SP2 gave me a shitload of a problems with Steam, Bit Torrent and Firefox to begin with and the first itme I got it I had to do a full format because it uber-fucked my system. (And believe me, I keep my computer clean as a whistle so the only logical thing that could have caused the uber-fucking of computer was the installation of SP2)

Subject: M\$ shuts down windows activation
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 21:33:19 GMT
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I was using Mandrake 10.1. I think it may just have been something to do with my drivers or w/e. I can't really switch to Linux though because of what I use my PC for.

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Posted by [icedog90](#) on Sun, 06 Mar 2005 00:54:31 GMT

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Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Sun, 06 Mar 2005 06:11:37 GMT

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SUSE/Fedora for teh win.

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Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Sun, 06 Mar 2005 06:25:28 GMT

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icedog90I'm stuck on 1024x768 because my crappy 17" monitor will be blurry if I set it any higher. Plus, I can't have 75hz at any higher resolution than 1024x768.

I am using a plasma TV as my monitor so 1024x768 is the highest it can go, but it is plasma so it it is extremely high quality. I have a 19" monitor set up behind it, but I don't use it much anymore.
