

VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by DeltaAgent26 - 2013/07/21 16:57

After installing workstation, and before installing XP Mode, mouse and keyboard stopped functioning.

Mouse is not able to right-click items. And keyboard becomes unresponsive once xp mode is activated.

All items on win7 desktop become selected, cannot navigate to drop-down menus, or when right clicking to get options from drop-down menus, the drop-down menu disappears immediately.

Any fixes/patches, updates or work-arounds for this?

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by glen67 - 2013/07/21 22:17

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Try to reinstall the Work Station.

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Posted by DeltaAgent26 - 2013/07/22 01:28

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Thank you. Will try reinstalling and see what happens.

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by glen67 - 2013/07/22 02:38

Hi,
thank you for your note.
What is your host machine ? In the moment I am running VMLite Beta on two machines, Win7 and Win 8. I find that a lot of old progs are starting significantly faster on the Win 7 host machine, but I find no differences in the execution of them.
Regards-glen67

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by DeltaAgent26 - 2013/07/24 06:53

I am running Win 7 Ultimate 64bit. I just zero'd my drives. Reinstalled the OS. Tried reinstalling Workstaion to default location. Still having same issue with mouse and keyboard. Is it maybe because they are wireless devices?

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by glen67 - 2013/07/24 12:37

Hi,
my both mouses are wireless devices 2,4 GHz, the keyboards are wired (both machines are the notebooks). I have no problems with it.
VMLite Workstion has no influence on my OS. I have installed and deinstalled VMLite for several times, once the regular, once the Beta version witout any problems.
glen67

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by DeltaAgent26 - 2013/07/24 16:37

I noticed also that the program is almost 3 years old, or at least hasn't been updated since 2010, according to the download info page. am thinking that it is corrupt, or being corrupted by my machine. even though I DBAN-d the hard drives.

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by glen67 - 2013/07/24 23:49

Hi,
you are right, VMLite Workstation is a relatively old programm, and the Beta-Version is relatively old, too. It seems, VMLite has no lust to improve anything therewith. But it works.

May be, your download is corrupt.
My first download of Work Station I have made undirectly via a german electronics paper service. Here you have the address of it:

http://www.chip.de/downloads/VMLite-XP-Mode_41034533.html

But, however, the Beta-Version, which I have now on my both machines, has been downloaded by me directly from VMLite page, and it works also without any problem.

Here you have the link:

http://www.vmlite.com/index.php?option=com_rokdownloads&view=folder&Itemid=153&id=58:beta

You can try the both download possibillities, may be you will be successfull.

Have a nice day
glen67

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by glen67 - 2013/07/25 00:27

Hi,
I have also an idea:

During the installation of VMLite you must enable all VMLite drivers to be installed on your machine. Perhaps your Windows Firewall or your antivir-software prevents the installation ? It would be not wrong to check this.

glen67

Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after

install.

Posted by DeltaAgent26 - 2013/07/25 15:01

After doing some more research, I found an article in the microsoft forums that "bulldozer" architecture is not able to run XP Mode without a hot fix. I have an AMD FX 8350 8-core processor.

Here is the link to the hotfix article.

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2519499>

"You cannot install Windows XP Mode on a Windows 7-based computer that has an AMD Bulldozer-based multicore processor installed"

Also you have to make sure you have H.A.V. (Hardware Assisted Virtualization) turned on in your bios. There is also a Microsoft Update for this.

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/977206>

There are two downloads available depending on your OS, either x86, or x64.

I am currently able to run the Microsoft Virtual PC and XP Mode through that, but it crashes to the desktop, if I set the memory usage to more than 2048MB. with xp mode being only a 32bit OS, it will only allow a total of 3517MB memory usage.

I am going to try re-installing the VMLite workstation again and see if I can get it to work.

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by glen67 - 2013/07/25 23:06

Hi,
I have no AMD-processor, but Intell core i3 on my both machines, so I don't know which problems this processor architecture causes.

But that, being described by Microsoft, seems to be a problem of XP Mode, but not of VMLite Workstation itself.

As you have described, your problem occurs when you install the VMLite, not after you have installed XP Mode first.

VMLite runs as well on the machines with Hardware Assisted Virtualization being presented/activated in host machine BIOS, as well without it.

On my machines this virtualisation hardware assistance there is an "Intel Virtual Technology", which can be activated in BIOS or not. I have tried the both possibilities and I have observed, that some of my old progs (e.g. my CAD program) are starting in XP Mode significant faster when this parameter has been set "on", but I did not observe any differences in running.

But, in opposite, some third parties programs have a problem with running inside the virtual VMLite machine, when Intel Virtual Technology has been enabled. Some of them are not running at all. I think, that these programs does not accept PAE supporting being thereby enabled, but I am not sure this. For these reasons, and also, because I am using XP Mode not for playing, but for working only, the hardware virtualisation assistance is by me permanently disabled.

glen67

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by DeltaAgent26 - 2013/07/26 00:16

Yes I understand that it is not meant to be used for gaming, as there is not enough video ram in xp mode. I have been able to run it in the past without issue (even as recently as three months ago), however, now it plays havoc with the mouse and keyboard.

I am trying to use it for older versions of Office, Photoshop and Nero software.

However, I am still getting the original problem that I posted with, with the mouse and keyboard, that either do not function properly, or, do not function at all, once I have clicked on any of the VMLite programs.

I do not know if it is a USB issue, or an issue with the VMLite software, which is why I originally posted in the "Bugs" thread.

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by glen67 - 2013/07/26 01:42

As I have written, I am using VMLite XP Mode, in the moment the Beta-version of the Work Station, on my both i3-core machines (Win7 and Win8) without any problems regarding wireless mouses or keyboard. Furthermore, I can print and scann via WLAN, as well with Canon as with Kodak software too.

I am working with such programs, as Libre Office, old Spice Symulator SWCAD III from Linear Technologies, old versions of AVR Compiler, old XILINGS and CAD programs.

Maybe your problem is a general problem of this processor architecture. Microsoft has it observed regarding the XP Mode running in Virtual PC, but it can be a general problem of virtual work stations with such processors.

glen67

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by DeltaAgent26 - 2013/08/08 23:36

As it turns out, part of my problem was due to a bios update on my motherboard.

The latest two updates created, stopped the xp/xp mode functionality. I have since notified the mobo manufacturer, and they have their R&D department looking into it, and hopefully creating another hotfix, or Bios update that will re-instate the xp/xp mode functionality.
In the meantime, I have rolled my bios back to one that still workes.

And as far as the USB issues, I was using an additional numeric keypad which I believe was causing a conflict. I have removed that, and have not been experiencing any more issues. However, I still cannot get my printer to be recognized.

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by glen67 - 2013/08/09 11:45

Hi,
in the present state VMLite XP Mode will never recognise any USB Device.
Please, read my last answer to the post under
http://www.vmlite.com/index.php?option=com_kunena&Itemid=158&func=view&catid=9&id=10815
Have a nice weekend -glen67

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Re:VMLite XP Mode, causes mouse and keybd to stop functioning after install.

Posted by DeltaAgent26 - 2013/08/09 14:23

Yes, I have read that post, and I am now in the process of buying a USB-Ethernet printer server (adapter) to solve that issue.

Thank you much for your comments, and information.

Have a great weekend.

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