

WinDefender for Win2000

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The final version of Windows Defender does not install on Windows 2000 due to an intentional limitation placed in its MSI installer file (WindowsDefender.msi) by Microsoft. WindowsDefender.msi can be modified so that it will install Windows Defender in a fully updated Win2000. Here's how.

1. Download Orca (MSI editor).

You can download a ZIPped version of it at:

<<http://astebner.sts.winisp.net/Tools/Orca.Zip>>

and unzip it into its own folder revealing Orca.msi,

or you can download it already unZIPped at:

<<http://www.cockle.us/download/Orca.Msi>>.

2. Download the Windows Defender installation file (WindowsDefender.msi):

<<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=435BFCE7-DA2B-4A6A-AFA4-F7F14E605A0D&displaylang=en>>

or

<<http://tinyurl.com/dyvaw>>.

3. Install Orca by running the Orca.Msi file. A Shortcut will be placed in the Programs folder.

4. Open the WindowsDefender.msi with Orca.

6. Click on "Launch Condition".

7. On the right pane you'll see:

"VersionNT > 500"

Right-click on this value and choose CUT.

8. Save the WindowsDefender.MSI file and run it.

You'll need GDI+ in Win2000 to run the 'modified' WindowsDefender.msi file.

Here's how to get it if you need it:

<<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/915052>>.

To simplify this process, you can instead:

1. Download the gdiplus.dll file at:

<<http://www.cockle.us/download/gdiplus.dll>>

2. Copy the downloaded gdiplus.dll file into your Win2000's

...\WINNT\System32 folder (aka, directory).

If you don't want to mess with the techie stuff above, you can download a WindowsDefender.msi file already modified by the steps above for Win2000:

<<http://www.cockle.us/download/WindowsDefender.msi>>.

On the next WinApps CD, I'll include the modified version of WindowsDefender.msi for the convenience of our Win2000 users.

Enjoy!