

If you support Windows XP users, you may have heard some of them asking what happened to the Kodak Imaging for Windows application. Upon closer inspection you may have discovered that some of the Windows XP systems have Imaging and others do not. The reason for the discrepancy is that when you upgrade an existing Windows 2000 installation to Windows XP, Setup leaves Imaging on the system. But if you have a brand new Windows XP installation, Imaging is nowhere to be found.

Unfortunately, Microsoft didn't relicense the Imaging application from Kodak for inclusion with Windows XP. Instead, Microsoft replaced the Imaging functions on the operating system with the Windows Picture And Fax Viewer and the Scanner And Camera Wizard. While these features, along with others in the Windows XP operating system, will provide most of what you need, there are some operations, such as scanning multiple images into one document or applying a rubber stamp annotation, that are no longer available.

If you have users who need and are accustomed to using the Imaging for Windows application, there's a way to extract Imaging's files from a Windows 2000 Professional CD and then to install Imaging in Windows XP. While you can perform the steps manually, the batch file contained within this download, created by TechRepublic contributing author **Greg Shultz**, can perform the entire operation.

## Using the batch file

Armed with the ImagingInstall.bat batch file, installing Imaging from the Windows 2000 CD to Windows XP is a snap. To begin, insert the Windows 2000 CD into the CD-ROM drive. As you close the drive door, hold down the [Shift] key to prevent the Windows 2000 CD's Autostart program from kicking in and to prevent Windows XP from recognizing the CD as being from an earlier operating system.

Next, use Windows Explorer to locate and run the ImagingInstall.bat file. As soon as you do, a command prompt window will appear, and you'll see each of the Expand commands being executed. Once that part of the procedure is complete, you'll see the first of four RegSvr32 dialog boxes. Just click OK to continue.

Once the registration part of the procedure is complete, you'll need to create a shortcut to Imaging's executable file—Kodakimg.exe—in the \Windows folder. To do so, use Windows Explorer to locate the executable file. Then, right-click on the file and select SendTo | Desktop (Create Shortcut). You can then place the shortcut on your Start menu.

## Running Imaging

As soon as the installation procedure is complete, you can launch and begin using Imaging—there's no need to restart your system. Imaging will work in Windows XP just the same as it does in Windows 2000. But keep in mind that this little installation routine won't revive any of the file associations that a regular installation procedure would perform. Fortunately, you can take advantage of Windows XP's Open With feature. To do so, right-click an appropriate file, select Open With, and then select Choose Program command. Use the controls in the Open With dialog box to reconfigure the file association or to simply open a file in Imaging.

For more information on the process described here, check out Greg Shultz's TechProGuild article, ["Add Kodak Imaging for Windows to Windows XP"](#).

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