

SystemParametersInfoA function

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Retrieves or sets the value of one of the system-wide parameters. This function can also update the user profile while setting a parameter.

Syntax

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BOOL SystemParametersInfoA(  
    UINT uiAction,  
    UINT uiParam,  
    PVOID pvParam,  
    UINT fWinIni  
);
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Parameters

uiAction

Type: **UINT**

The system-wide parameter to be retrieved or set. The possible values are organized in the following tables of related parameters:

- Accessibility parameters
- Desktop parameters
- Icon parameters
- Input parameters
- Menu parameters
- Power parameters
- Screen saver parameters
- Time-out parameters
- UI effect parameters
- Window parameters

The following are the accessibility parameters.

Accessibility parameter	Meaning
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SPI_GETACcesstimeout 0x003C	Retrieves information about the time-out period associated with the accessibility features. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an <u>ACcesstimeout</u> structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(ACcesstimeout)</code> .
SPI_GETaudiodescription 0x0074	<p>Determines whether audio descriptions are enabled or disabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a pointer to an <u>Audiodescription</u> structure. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(Audiodescription)</code>.</p> <p>While it is possible for users who have visual impairments to hear the audio in video content, there is a lot of action in video that does not have corresponding audio. Specific audio description of what is happening in a video helps these users understand the content better. This flag enables you to determine whether audio descriptions have been enabled and in which language.</p> <p>Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_GETclientareaanimation 0x1042	<p>Determines whether animations are enabled or disabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if animations are enabled, or FALSE otherwise.</p> <p>Display features such as flashing, blinking, flickering, and moving content can cause seizures in users with photo-sensitive epilepsy. This flag enables you to determine whether such animations have been disabled in the client area.</p> <p>Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_GETdisableoverlappedcontent 0x1040	<p>Determines whether overlapped content is enabled or disabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE otherwise.</p> <p>Display features such as background images, textured backgrounds, water marks on documents, alpha blending, and transparency can reduce the contrast between the foreground and background, making it harder for users with low vision to see objects on the screen. This flag enables you to determine whether such overlapped content has been disabled.</p> <p>Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_GETfilterkeys 0x0032	Retrieves information about the FilterKeys accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>FILTERKEYS</u> structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(FILTERKEYS)</code> .

SPI_GETFOCUSBORDERHEIGHT 0x2010	Retrieves the height, in pixels, of the top and bottom edges of the focus rectangle drawn with DrawFocusRect . The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT value. Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETFOCUSBORDERWIDTH 0x200E	Retrieves the width, in pixels, of the left and right edges of the focus rectangle drawn with DrawFocusRect . The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT . Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETHIGHCONTRAST 0x0042	Retrieves information about the HighContrast accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a HIGHCONTRAST structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(HIGHCONTRAST)</code> . For a general discussion, see Remarks.
SPI_GETLOGICALDPIOVERRIDE 0x009E	Retrieves a value that determines whether Windows 8 is displaying apps using the default scaling plateau for the hardware or going to the next higher plateau. This value is based on the current "Make everything on your screen bigger" setting, found in the Ease of Access section of PC settings : 1 is on, 0 is off. Apps can provide text and image resources for each of several scaling plateaus: 100%, 140%, and 180%. Providing separate resources optimized for a particular scale avoids distortion due to resizing. Windows 8 determines the appropriate scaling plateau based on a number of factors, including screen size and pixel density. When "Make everything on your screen bigger" is selected (SPI_GETLOGICALDPIOVERRIDE returns a value of 1), Windows uses resources from the next higher plateau. For example, in the case of hardware that Windows determines should use a scale of SCALE_100_PERCENT , this override causes Windows to use the SCALE_140_PERCENT scale value, assuming that it does not violate other constraints. Note You should not use this value. It might be altered or unavailable in subsequent versions of Windows. Instead, use the GetScaleFactorForDevice function or the DisplayProperties class to retrieve the preferred scaling factor. Desktop applications should use desktop logical DPI rather than scale factor. Desktop logical DPI can be retrieved through the GetDeviceCaps function.
SPI_GETMESSAGEEDURATION 0x2016	Retrieves the time that notification pop-ups should be displayed, in seconds. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a ULONG that receives the message duration. Users with visual impairments or cognitive conditions such as ADHD and dyslexia might need a longer time to read the text in notification messages. This flag enables you to retrieve the message duration. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_GETMOUSECLICKLOCK 0x101E	Retrieves the state of the Mouse ClickLock feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE otherwise. For more information, see About Mouse Input . Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETMOUSECLICKLOCKTIME 0x2008	Retrieves the time delay before the primary mouse button is locked. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to DWORD that receives the time delay, in milliseconds. This is only enabled if SPI_SETMOUSECLICKLOCK is set to TRUE . For more information, see About Mouse Input . Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETMOUSEKEYS 0x0036	Retrieves information about the MouseKeys accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a MOUSEKEYS structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(MOUSEKEYS)</code> .
SPI_GETMOUSESONAR 0x101C	Retrieves the state of the Mouse Sonar feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled or FALSE otherwise. For more information, see About Mouse Input . Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETMOUSEVANISH 0x1020	Retrieves the state of the Mouse Vanish feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled or FALSE otherwise. For more information, see About Mouse Input . Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETSCREENREADER 0x0046	Determines whether a screen reviewer utility is running. A screen reviewer utility directs textual information to an output device, such as a speech synthesizer or Braille display. When this flag is set, an application should provide textual information in situations where it would otherwise present the information graphically. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a pointer to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if a screen reviewer utility is running, or FALSE otherwise. Note Narrator, the screen reader that is included with Windows, does not set the SPI_SETSCREENREADER or SPI_GETSCREENREADER flags.
SPI_GETSERIALKEYS 0x003E	This parameter is not supported. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: The user should control this setting through the Control Panel.

SPI_GETSHOWSOUNDS 0x0038	<p>Determines whether the Show Sounds accessibility flag is on or off. If it is on, the user requires an application to present information visually in situations where it would otherwise present the information only in audible form. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the feature is on, or FALSE if it is off.</p> <p>Using this value is equivalent to calling <u>GetSystemMetrics</u> with SM_SHOWSOUNDS. That is the recommended call.</p>
SPI_GETSOUNDSENTRY 0x0040	<p>Retrieves information about the SoundSentry accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>SOUNDSENTRY</u> structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(SOUNDSENTRY)</code>.</p>
SPI_GETSTICKYKEYS 0x003A	<p>Retrieves information about the StickyKeys accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>STICKYKEYS</u> structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(STICKYKEYS)</code>.</p>
SPI_GETTOGGLEKEYS 0x0034	<p>Retrieves information about the ToggleKeys accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>TOGGLEKEYS</u> structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(TOGGLEKEYS)</code>.</p>
SPI_SETACCESSTIMEOUT 0x003D	<p>Sets the time-out period associated with the accessibility features. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an <u>ACCESSTIMEOUT</u> structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(ACCESSTIMEOUT)</code>.</p>
SPI_SETAUDIODESCRIPTION 0x0075	<p>Turns the audio descriptions feature on or off. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a pointer to an <u>AUDIODESCRIPTION</u> structure.</p> <p>While it is possible for users who are visually impaired to hear the audio in video content, there is a lot of action in video that does not have corresponding audio. Specific audio description of what is happening in a video helps these users understand the content better. This flag enables you to enable or disable audio descriptions in the languages they are provided in.</p> <p>Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>

SPI_SETCLIENTAREAANIMATION 0x1043	<p>Turns client area animations on or off. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a BOOL variable. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable animations and other transient effects in the client area, or FALSE to disable them.</p> <p>Display features such as flashing, blinking, flickering, and moving content can cause seizures in users with photo-sensitive epilepsy. This flag enables you to enable or disable all such animations.</p> <p>Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETDISABLEOVERLAPPEDCONTENT 0x1041	<p>Turns overlapped content (such as background images and watermarks) on or off. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a BOOL variable. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to disable overlapped content, or FALSE to enable overlapped content.</p> <p>Display features such as background images, textured backgrounds, water marks on documents, alpha blending, and transparency can reduce the contrast between the foreground and background, making it harder for users with low vision to see objects on the screen. This flag enables you to enable or disable all such overlapped content.</p> <p>Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETFILTERKEYS 0x0033	<p>Sets the parameters of the FilterKeys accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>FILTERKEYS</u> structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(FILTERKEYS)</code>.</p>
SPI_SETFOCUSBORDERHEIGHT 0x2011	<p>Sets the height of the top and bottom edges of the focus rectangle drawn with <u>DrawFocusRect</u> to the value of the <i>pvParam</i> parameter.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETFOCUSBORDERWIDTH 0x200F	<p>Sets the height of the left and right edges of the focus rectangle drawn with <u>DrawFocusRect</u> to the value of the <i>pvParam</i> parameter.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETHIGHCONTRAST 0x0043	<p>Sets the parameters of the HighContrast accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>HIGHCONTRAST</u> structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(HIGHCONTRAST)</code>.</p>
SPI_SETLOGICALDPIOVERRIDE 0x009F	<p>Do not use.</p>

SPI_SETMESSAGEDURATION 0x2017	<p>Sets the time that notification pop-ups should be displayed, in seconds. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter specifies the message duration.</p> <p>Users with visual impairments or cognitive conditions such as ADHD and dyslexia might need a longer time to read the text in notification messages. This flag enables you to set the message duration.</p> <p>Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETMOUSECLICKLOCK 0x101F	<p>Turns the Mouse ClickLock accessibility feature on or off. This feature temporarily locks down the primary mouse button when that button is clicked and held down for the time specified by SPI_SETMOUSECLICKLOCKTIME. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE for on, or FALSE for off. The default is off. For more information, see Remarks and AboutMouse Input.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETMOUSECLICKLOCKTIME 0x2009	<p>Adjusts the time delay before the primary mouse button is locked. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter should be set to 0. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter points to a DWORD that specifies the time delay in milliseconds. For example, specify 1000 for a 1 second delay. The default is 1200. For more information, see About Mouse Input.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETMOUSEKEYS 0x0037	<p>Sets the parameters of the MouseKeys accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a MOUSEKEYS structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(MOUSEKEYS)</code>.</p>
SPI_SETMOUSESONAR 0x101D	<p>Turns the Sonar accessibility feature on or off. This feature briefly shows several concentric circles around the mouse pointer when the user presses and releases the CTRL key. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE for on and FALSE for off. The default is off. For more information, see About Mouse Input.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETMOUSEVANISH 0x1021	<p>Turns the Vanish feature on or off. This feature hides the mouse pointer when the user types; the pointer reappears when the user moves the mouse. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE for on and FALSE for off. The default is off. For more information, see About Mouse Input.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETSCREENREADER 0x0047	<p>Determines whether a screen review utility is running. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE for on, or FALSE for off.</p> <p>Note Narrator, the screen reader that is included with Windows, does not set the SPI_SETSCREENREADER or SPI_GETSCREENREADER flags.</p>

SPI_SETSERIALKEYS 0x003F	This parameter is not supported. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: The user should control this setting through the Control Panel.
SPI_SETSHOWSOUNDS 0x0039	Turns the ShowSounds accessibility feature on or off. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE for on, or FALSE for off.
SPI_SETSOUNDSENTRY 0x0041	Sets the parameters of the SoundSentry accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>SOUNDSENTRY</u> structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(SOUNDSENTRY)</code> .
SPI_SETSTICKYKEYS 0x003B	Sets the parameters of the StickyKeys accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>STICKYKEYS</u> structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(STICKYKEYS)</code> .
SPI_SETTOGGLEKEYS 0x0035	Sets the parameters of the ToggleKeys accessibility feature. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>TOGGLEKEYS</u> structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(TOGGLEKEYS)</code> .

The following are the desktop parameters.

Desktop parameter	Meaning
SPI_GETCLEARTYPE 0x1048	Determines whether ClearType is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if ClearType is enabled, or FALSE otherwise. ClearType is a software technology that improves the readability of text on liquid crystal display (LCD) monitors. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETDESKWALLPAPER 0x0073	Retrieves the full path of the bitmap file for the desktop wallpaper. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a buffer to receive the null-terminated path string. Set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to the size, in characters, of the <i>pvParam</i> buffer. The returned string will not exceed MAX_PATH characters. If there is no desktop wallpaper, the returned string is empty.
SPI_GETDROPSHADOW 0x1024	Determines whether the drop shadow effect is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that returns TRUE if enabled or FALSE if disabled. Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_GETFLATMENU 0x1022	<p>Determines whether native User menus have flat menu appearance. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that returns TRUE if the flat menu appearance is set, or FALSE otherwise.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_GETFONTSMOOTHING 0x004A	<p>Determines whether the font smoothing feature is enabled. This feature uses font antialiasing to make font curves appear smoother by painting pixels at different gray levels.</p> <p>The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the feature is enabled, or FALSE if it is not.</p>
SPI_GETFONTSMOOTHINGCONTRAST 0x200C	<p>Retrieves a contrast value that is used in <u>ClearType</u> smoothing. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT that receives the information. Valid contrast values are from 1000 to 2200. The default value is 1400.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_GETFONTSMOOTHINGORIENTATION 0x2012	<p>Retrieves the font smoothing orientation. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT that receives the information. The possible values are FE_FONTSMOOTHINGORIENTATIONBGR (blue-green-red) and FE_FONTSMOOTHINGORIENTATIONRGB (red-green-blue).</p> <p>Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported until Windows XP with SP2.</p>
SPI_GETFONTSMOOTHINGTYPE 0x200A	<p>Retrieves the type of font smoothing. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT that receives the information. The possible values are FE_FONTSMOOTHINGSTANDARD and FE_FONTSMOOTHINGCLEARTYPE.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_GETWORKAREA 0x0030	<p>Retrieves the size of the work area on the primary display monitor. The work area is the portion of the screen not obscured by the system taskbar or by application desktop toolbars. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>RECT</u> structure that receives the coordinates of the work area, expressed in physical pixel size. Any DPI virtualization mode of the caller has no effect on this output.</p> <p>To get the work area of a monitor other than the primary display monitor, call the <u>GetMonitorInfo</u> function.</p>
SPI_SETCLEARTYPE 0x1049	<p>Turns ClearType on or off. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a BOOL variable. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable ClearType, or FALSE to disable it.</p> <p>ClearType is a software technology that improves the readability of text on LCD monitors.</p> <p>Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>

SPI_SETCURSORS 0x0057	Reloads the system cursors. Set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to zero and the <i>pvParam</i> parameter to NULL .
SPI_SETDESKPATTERN 0x0015	Sets the current desktop pattern by causing Windows to read the Pattern= setting from the WIN.INI file.
SPI_SETDESKWALLPAPER 0x0014	Note When the SPI_SETDESKWALLPAPER flag is used, SystemParametersInfo returns TRUE unless there is an error (like when the specified file doesn't exist).
SPI_SETDROPSHADOW 0x1025	Enables or disables the drop shadow effect. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable the drop shadow effect or FALSE to disable it. You must also have CS_DROPSHADOW in the window class style. Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_SETFLATMENU 0x1023	Enables or disables flat menu appearance for native User menus. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable flat menu appearance or FALSE to disable it. When enabled, the menu bar uses COLOR_MENUBAR for the menubar background, COLOR_MENU for the menu-popup background, COLOR_MENUHILIGHT for the fill of the current menu selection, and COLOR_HILIGHT for the outline of the current menu selection. If disabled, menus are drawn using the same metrics and colors as in Windows 2000. Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_SETFONTSMOOTHING 0x004B	Enables or disables the font smoothing feature, which uses font antialiasing to make font curves appear smoother by painting pixels at different gray levels. To enable the feature, set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to TRUE . To disable the feature, set <i>uiParam</i> to FALSE .
SPI_SETFONTSMOOTHINGCONTRAST 0x200D	Sets the contrast value used in <u>ClearType</u> smoothing. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is the contrast value. Valid contrast values are from 1000 to 2200. The default value is 1400. SPI_SETFONTSMOOTHINGTYPE must also be set to FE_FONTSMOOTHINGCLEARTYPE . Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_SETFONTSMOOTHINGORIENTATION 0x2013	Sets the font smoothing orientation. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is either FE_FONTSMOOTHINGORIENTATIONBGR (blue-green-red) or FE_FONTSMOOTHINGORIENTATIONRGB (red-green-blue). Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported until Windows XP with SP2.

SPI_SETFONTSMOOTHINGTYPE
0x200B

Sets the font smoothing type. The *pvParam* parameter is either **FE_FONTSMOOTHINGSTANDARD**, if standard anti-aliasing is used, or **FE_FONTSMOOTHINGCLEARTYPE**, if ClearType is used. The default is **FE_FONTSMOOTHINGSTANDARD**. **SPI_SETFONTSMOOTHING** must also be set.

Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_SETWORKAREA
0x002F

Sets the size of the work area. The work area is the portion of the screen not obscured by the system taskbar or by application desktop toolbars. The *pvParam* parameter is a pointer to a RECT structure that specifies the new work area rectangle, expressed in virtual screen coordinates. In a system with multiple display monitors, the function sets the work area of the monitor that contains the specified rectangle.

The following are the icon parameters.

Icon parameter	Meaning
SPI_GETICONMETRICS 0x002D	Retrieves the metrics associated with icons. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an <u>ICONMETRICS</u> structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(ICONMETRICS)</code> .
SPI_GETICONTITLELOGFONT 0x001F	Retrieves the logical font information for the current icon-title font. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies the size of a <u>LOGFONT</u> structure, and the <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to the LOGFONT structure to fill in.
SPI_GETICONTITLEWRAP 0x0019	Determines whether icon-title wrapping is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE otherwise.
SPI_ICONHORIZONTALSPACING 0x000D	<p>Sets or retrieves the width, in pixels, of an icon cell. The system uses this rectangle to arrange icons in large icon view. To set this value, set <i>uiParam</i> to the new value and set <i>pvParam</i> to NULL. You cannot set this value to less than SM_CXICON.</p> <p>To retrieve this value, <i>pvParam</i> must point to an integer that receives the current value.</p>
SPI_ICONVERTICALSPACING 0x0018	<p>Sets or retrieves the height, in pixels, of an icon cell. To set this value, set <i>uiParam</i> to the new value and set <i>pvParam</i> to NULL. You cannot set this value to less than SM_CYICON.</p> <p>To retrieve this value, <i>pvParam</i> must point to an integer that receives the current value.</p>
SPI_SETICONMETRICS 0x002E	Sets the metrics associated with icons. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an <u>ICONMETRICS</u> structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(ICONMETRICS)</code> .
SPI_SETICONS 0x0058	Reloads the system icons. Set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to zero and the <i>pvParam</i> parameter to NULL .

SPI_SETICONTITLELOGFONT 0x0022	Sets the font that is used for icon titles. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies the size of a LOGFONT structure, and the <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a LOGFONT structure.
SPI_SETICONTITLEWRAP 0x001A	Turns icon-title wrapping on or off. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE for on, or FALSE for off.

The following are the input parameters. They include parameters related to the keyboard, mouse, pen, input language, and the warning beeper.

Input parameter	Meaning
SPI_GETBEEP 0x0001	Determines whether the warning beeper is on. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the beeper is on, or FALSE if it is off.
SPI_GETBLOCKSENDINPUTRESETS 0x1026	Retrieves a BOOL indicating whether an application can reset the screensaver's timer by calling the SendInput function to simulate keyboard or mouse input. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the simulated input will be blocked, or FALSE otherwise.
SPI_GETCONTACTVISUALIZATION 0x2018	Retrieves the current contact visualization setting. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a ULONG variable that receives the setting. For more information, see Contact Visualization .
SPI_GETDEFAULTINPUTLANG 0x0059	Retrieves the input locale identifier for the system default input language. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an HKL variable that receives this value. For more information, see Languages, Locales, and Keyboard Layouts .
SPI_GETGESTUREVISUALIZATION 0x201A	Retrieves the current gesture visualization setting. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a ULONG variable that receives the setting. For more information, see Gesture Visualization .
SPI_GETKEYBOARDLCUES 0x100A	Determines whether menu access keys are always underlined. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if menu access keys are always underlined, and FALSE if they are underlined only when the menu is activated by the keyboard.
SPI_GETKEYBOARDDELAY 0x0016	Retrieves the keyboard repeat-delay setting, which is a value in the range from 0 (approximately 250 ms delay) through 3 (approximately 1 second delay). The actual delay associated with each value may vary depending on the hardware. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer variable that receives the setting.
SPI_GETKEYBOARDPREF 0x0044	Determines whether the user relies on the keyboard instead of the mouse, and wants applications to display keyboard interfaces that would otherwise be hidden. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the user relies on the keyboard; or FALSE otherwise.

SPI_GETKEYBOARDSPEED 0x000A	Retrieves the keyboard repeat-speed setting, which is a value in the range from 0 (approximately 2.5 repetitions per second) through 31 (approximately 30 repetitions per second). The actual repeat rates are hardware-dependent and may vary from a linear scale by as much as 20%. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a DWORD variable that receives the setting.
SPI_GETMOUSE 0x0003	Retrieves the two mouse threshold values and the mouse acceleration. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an array of three integers that receives these values. See mouse_event for further information.
SPI_GETMOUSEHOVERHEIGHT 0x0064	Retrieves the height, in pixels, of the rectangle within which the mouse pointer has to stay for TrackMouseEvent to generate a WM_MOUSEHOVER message. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT variable that receives the height.
SPI_GETMOUSEHOVERTIME 0x0066	Retrieves the time, in milliseconds, that the mouse pointer has to stay in the hover rectangle for TrackMouseEvent to generate a WM_MOUSEHOVER message. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT variable that receives the time.
SPI_GETMOUSEHOVERWIDTH 0x0062	Retrieves the width, in pixels, of the rectangle within which the mouse pointer has to stay for TrackMouseEvent to generate a WM_MOUSEHOVER message. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT variable that receives the width.
SPI_GETMOUSESPEED 0x0070	Retrieves the current mouse speed. The mouse speed determines how far the pointer will move based on the distance the mouse moves. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer that receives a value which ranges between 1 (slowest) and 20 (fastest). A value of 10 is the default. The value can be set by an end-user using the mouse control panel application or by an application using SPI_SETMOUSESPEED .
SPI_GETMOUSETRAILS 0x005E	<p>Determines whether the Mouse Trails feature is enabled. This feature improves the visibility of mouse cursor movements by briefly showing a trail of cursors and quickly erasing them.</p> <p>The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer variable that receives a value. If the value is zero or 1, the feature is disabled. If the value is greater than 1, the feature is enabled and the value indicates the number of cursors drawn in the trail. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter is not used.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>

SPI_GETMOUSEWHEELROUTING 0x201C	Retrieves the routing setting for wheel button input. The routing setting determines whether wheel button input is sent to the app with focus (foreground) or the app under the mouse cursor. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a DWORD variable that receives the routing option. If the value is zero or MOUSEWHEEL_ROUTING_FOCUS , mouse wheel input is delivered to the app with focus. If the value is 1 or MOUSEWHEEL_ROUTING_HYBRID (default), mouse wheel input is delivered to the app with focus (desktop apps) or the app under the mouse cursor (Windows Store apps). The <i>uiParam</i> parameter is not used.
SPI_GETPENVISUALIZATION 0x201E	Retrieves the current pen gesture visualization setting. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a ULONG variable that receives the setting. For more information, see Pen Visualization .
SPI_GETSNAPTODEFBUTTON 0x005F	Determines whether the snap-to-default-button feature is enabled. If enabled, the mouse cursor automatically moves to the default button, such as OK or Apply , of a dialog box. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the feature is on, or FALSE if it is off.
SPI_GETSYSTEMLANGUAGEBAR 0x1050	Starting with Windows 8: Determines whether the system language bar is enabled or disabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the language bar is enabled, or FALSE otherwise.
SPI_GETTHREADLOCALINPUTSETTINGS 0x104E	Starting with Windows 8: Determines whether the active input settings have Local (per-thread, TRUE) or Global (session, FALSE) scope. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable.
SPI_GETWHEELSCROLLCHARS 0x006C	Retrieves the number of characters to scroll when the horizontal mouse wheel is moved. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT variable that receives the number of lines. The default value is 3.
SPI_GETWHEELSCROLLLINES 0x0068	Retrieves the number of lines to scroll when the vertical mouse wheel is moved. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a UINT variable that receives the number of lines. The default value is 3.
SPI_SETBEEP 0x0002	Turns the warning beeper on or off. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE for on, or FALSE for off.
SPI_SETBLOCKSENDINPUTRESETS 0x1027	Determines whether an application can reset the screensaver's timer by calling the SendInput function to simulate keyboard or mouse input. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE if the screensaver will not be deactivated by simulated input, or FALSE if the screensaver will be deactivated by simulated input.
SPI_SETCONTACTVISUALIZATION 0x2019	Sets the current contact visualization setting. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a ULONG variable that identifies the setting. For more information, see Contact Visualization . Note If contact visualizations are disabled, gesture visualizations cannot be enabled.

SPI_SETDEFAULTINPUTLANG 0x005A	Sets the default input language for the system shell and applications. The specified language must be displayable using the current system character set. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an HKL variable that contains the input locale identifier for the default language. For more information, see Languages, Locales, and Keyboard Layouts .
SPI_SETDOUBLECLICKTIME 0x0020	Sets the double-click time for the mouse to the value of the <i>uiParam</i> parameter. If the <i>uiParam</i> value is greater than 5000 milliseconds, the system sets the double-click time to 5000 milliseconds. The double-click time is the maximum number of milliseconds that can occur between the first and second clicks of a double-click. You can also call the SetDoubleClickTime function to set the double-click time. To get the current double-click time, call the GetDoubleClickTime function.
SPI_SETDOUBLECLKHEIGHT 0x001E	Sets the height of the double-click rectangle to the value of the <i>uiParam</i> parameter. The double-click rectangle is the rectangle within which the second click of a double-click must fall for it to be registered as a double-click. To retrieve the height of the double-click rectangle, call GetSystemMetrics with the SM_CYDOUBLECLK flag.
SPI_SETDOUBLECLKWIDTH 0x001D	Sets the width of the double-click rectangle to the value of the <i>uiParam</i> parameter. The double-click rectangle is the rectangle within which the second click of a double-click must fall for it to be registered as a double-click. To retrieve the width of the double-click rectangle, call GetSystemMetrics with the SM_CXDOUBLECLK flag.
SPI_SETGESTUREVISUALIZATION 0x201B	Sets the current gesture visualization setting. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a ULONG variable that identifies the setting. For more information, see Gesture Visualization . Note If contact visualizations are disabled, gesture visualizations cannot be enabled.
SPI_SETKEYBOARDCUES 0x100B	Sets the underlining of menu access key letters. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a BOOL variable. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to always underline menu access keys, or FALSE to underline menu access keys only when the menu is activated from the keyboard.
SPI_SETKEYBOARDDELAY 0x0017	Sets the keyboard repeat-delay setting. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter must specify 0, 1, 2, or 3, where zero sets the shortest delay (approximately 250 ms) and 3 sets the longest delay (approximately 1 second). The actual delay associated with each value may vary depending on the hardware.
SPI_SETKEYBOARDPREF 0x0045	Sets the keyboard preference. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE if the user relies on the keyboard instead of the mouse, and wants applications to display keyboard interfaces that would otherwise be hidden; <i>uiParam</i> is FALSE otherwise.

SPI_SETKEYBOARDSPEED 0x000B	Sets the keyboard repeat-speed setting. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter must specify a value in the range from 0 (approximately 2.5 repetitions per second) through 31 (approximately 30 repetitions per second). The actual repeat rates are hardware-dependent and may vary from a linear scale by as much as 20%. If <i>uiParam</i> is greater than 31, the parameter is set to 31.
SPI_SETLANGTOGGLE 0x005B	Sets the hot key set for switching between input languages. The <i>uiParam</i> and <i>pvParam</i> parameters are not used. The value sets the shortcut keys in the keyboard property sheets by reading the registry again. The registry must be set before this flag is used. the path in the registry is HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Keyboard Layout\Toggle . Valid values are "1" = ALT+SHIFT, "2" = CTRL+SHIFT, and "3" = none.
SPI_SETMOUSE 0x0004	Sets the two mouse threshold values and the mouse acceleration. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an array of three integers that specifies these values. See mouse_event for further information.
SPI_SETMOUSEBUTTONSWAP 0x0021	Swaps or restores the meaning of the left and right mouse buttons. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE to swap the meanings of the buttons, or FALSE to restore their original meanings. To retrieve the current setting, call GetSystemMetrics with the SM_SWAPBUTTON flag.
SPI_SETMOUSEHOVERHEIGHT 0x0065	Sets the height, in pixels, of the rectangle within which the mouse pointer has to stay for TrackMouseEvent to generate a WM_MOUSEHOVER message. Set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to the new height.
SPI_SETMOUSEHOVERTIME 0x0067	<p>Sets the time, in milliseconds, that the mouse pointer has to stay in the hover rectangle for TrackMouseEvent to generate a WM_MOUSEHOVER message. This is used only if you pass HOVER_DEFAULT in the <i>dwHoverTime</i> parameter in the call to TrackMouseEvent. Set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to the new time.</p> <p>The time specified should be between USER_TIMER_MAXIMUM and USER_TIMER_MINIMUM. If <i>uiParam</i> is less than USER_TIMER_MINIMUM, the function will use USER_TIMER_MINIMUM. If <i>uiParam</i> is greater than USER_TIMER_MAXIMUM, the function will be USER_TIMER_MAXIMUM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Windows</p> <p>Server 2003 and Windows XP: The operating system does not enforce the use of USER_TIMER_MAXIMUM and USER_TIMER_MINIMUM until Windows Server 2003 with SP1 and Windows XP with SP2.</p>
SPI_SETMOUSEHOVERWIDTH 0x0063	Sets the width, in pixels, of the rectangle within which the mouse pointer has to stay for TrackMouseEvent to generate a WM_MOUSEHOVER message. Set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to the new width.
SPI_SETMOUSESPEED 0x0071	Sets the current mouse speed. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is an integer between 1 (slowest) and 20 (fastest). A value of 10 is the default. This value is typically set using the mouse control panel application.

SPI_SETMOUSETRAILS 0x005D	<p>Enables or disables the Mouse Trails feature, which improves the visibility of mouse cursor movements by briefly showing a trail of cursors and quickly erasing them.</p> <p>To disable the feature, set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to zero or 1. To enable the feature, set <i>uiParam</i> to a value greater than 1 to indicate the number of cursors drawn in the trail.</p> <p>Windows 2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETMOUSEWHEELROUTING 0x201D	<p>Sets the routing setting for wheel button input. The routing setting determines whether wheel button input is sent to the app with focus (foreground) or the app under the mouse cursor.</p> <p>The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a DWORD variable that receives the routing option. If the value is zero or MOUSEWHEEL_ROUTING_FOCUS, mouse wheel input is delivered to the app with focus. If the value is 1 or MOUSEWHEEL_ROUTING_HYBRID (default), mouse wheel input is delivered to the app with focus (desktop apps) or the app under the mouse cursor (Windows Store apps). Set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to zero.</p>
SPI_SETPENVISUALIZATION 0x201F	<p>Sets the current pen gesture visualization setting. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a ULONG variable that identifies the setting. For more information, see Pen Visualization.</p>
SPI_SETSNAPTODEFBUTTON 0x0060	<p>Enables or disables the snap-to-default-button feature. If enabled, the mouse cursor automatically moves to the default button, such as OK or Apply, of a dialog box. Set the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to TRUE to enable the feature, or FALSE to disable it. Applications should use the ShowWindow function when displaying a dialog box so the dialog manager can position the mouse cursor.</p>
SPI_SETSYSTEMLANGUAGEBAR 0x1051	<p>Starting with Windows 8: Turns the legacy language bar feature on or off. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a pointer to a BOOL variable. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable the legacy language bar, or FALSE to disable it. The flag is supported on Windows 8 where the legacy language bar is replaced by Input Switcher and therefore turned off by default. Turning the legacy language bar on is provided for compatibility reasons and has no effect on the Input Switcher.</p>
SPI_SETTHREADLOCALINPUTSETTINGS 0x104F	<p>Starting with Windows 8: Determines whether the active input settings have Local (per-thread, TRUE) or Global (session, FALSE) scope. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable, casted by PVOID.</p>
SPI_SETWHEELSCROLLCHARS 0x006D	<p>Sets the number of characters to scroll when the horizontal mouse wheel is moved. The number of characters is set from the <i>uiParam</i> parameter.</p>

SPI_SETWHEELSCROLLLINES
0x0069

Sets the number of lines to scroll when the vertical mouse wheel is moved. The number of lines is set from the *uiParam* parameter.

The number of lines is the suggested number of lines to scroll when the mouse wheel is rolled without using modifier keys. If the number is 0, then no scrolling should occur. If the number of lines to scroll is greater than the number of lines viewable, and in particular if it is **WHEEL_PAGESCROLL** (#defined as **UINT_MAX**), the scroll operation should be interpreted as clicking once in the page down or page up regions of the scroll bar.

The following are the menu parameters.

Menu parameter	Meaning
SPI_GETMENUUDROPALIGNMENT 0x001B	Determines whether pop-up menus are left-aligned or right-aligned, relative to the corresponding menu-bar item. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if right-aligned, or FALSE otherwise.
SPI_GETMENUFADE 0x1012	Determines whether menu fade animation is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE when fade animation is enabled and FALSE when it is disabled. If fade animation is disabled, menus use slide animation. This flag is ignored unless menu animation is enabled, which you can do using the SPI_SETMENUANIMATION flag. For more information, see AnimateWindow .
SPI_GETMENUSHOWDELAY 0x006A	Retrieves the time, in milliseconds, that the system waits before displaying a shortcut menu when the mouse cursor is over a submenu item. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a DWORD variable that receives the time of the delay.
SPI_SETMENUUDROPALIGNMENT 0x001C	Sets the alignment value of pop-up menus. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE for right alignment, or FALSE for left alignment.
SPI_SETMENUFADE 0x1013	Enables or disables menu fade animation. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable the menu fade effect or FALSE to disable it. If fade animation is disabled, menus use slide animation. The menu fade effect is possible only if the system has a color depth of more than 256 colors. This flag is ignored unless SPI_MENUANIMATION is also set. For more information, see AnimateWindow .
SPI_SETMENUSHOWDELAY 0x006B	Sets <i>uiParam</i> to the time, in milliseconds, that the system waits before displaying a shortcut menu when the mouse cursor is over a submenu item.

The following are the power parameters.

Beginning with Windows Server 2008 and Windows Vista, these power parameters are not supported. Instead, to determine the current display power state, an application should register for **GUID_MONITOR_POWER_STATE** notifications. To determine the current

display power down time-out, an application should register for notification of changes to the **GUID_VIDEO_POWERDOWN_TIMEOUT** power setting. For more information, see [Registering for Power Events](#).

Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: To determine the current display power state, use the following power parameters.

Power parameter	Meaning
SPI_GETLOWPOWERACTIVE 0x0053	This parameter is not supported. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: Determines whether the low-power phase of screen saving is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE if disabled. This flag is supported for 32-bit applications only.
SPI_GETLOWPOWERTIMEOUT 0x004F	This parameter is not supported. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: Retrieves the time-out value for the low-power phase of screen saving. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer variable that receives the value. This flag is supported for 32-bit applications only.
SPI_GETPOWEROFFACTIVE 0x0054	This parameter is not supported. When the power-off phase of screen saving is enabled, the GUID_VIDEO_POWERDOWN_TIMEOUT power setting is greater than zero. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: Determines whether the power-off phase of screen saving is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE if disabled. This flag is supported for 32-bit applications only.
SPI_GETPOWEROFFTIMEOUT 0x0050	This parameter is not supported. Instead, check the GUID_VIDEO_POWERDOWN_TIMEOUT power setting. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: Retrieves the time-out value for the power-off phase of screen saving. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer variable that receives the value. This flag is supported for 32-bit applications only.
SPI_SETLOWPOWERACTIVE 0x0055	This parameter is not supported. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: Activates or deactivates the low-power phase of screen saving. Set <i>uiParam</i> to 1 to activate, or zero to deactivate. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must be NULL . This flag is supported for 32-bit applications only.
SPI_SETLOWPOWERTIMEOUT 0x0051	This parameter is not supported. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: Sets the time-out value, in seconds, for the low-power phase of screen saving. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies the new value. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must be NULL . This flag is supported for 32-bit applications only.
SPI_SETPOWEROFFACTIVE 0x0056	This parameter is not supported. Instead, set the GUID_VIDEO_POWERDOWN_TIMEOUT power setting. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: Activates or deactivates the power-off phase of screen saving. Set <i>uiParam</i> to 1 to activate, or zero to deactivate. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must be NULL . This flag is supported for 32-bit applications only.

**SPI_SETPOWEROFFTIMEOUT
0x0052**

This parameter is not supported. Instead, set the **GUID_VIDEO_POWERDOWN_TIMEOUT** power setting to a time-out value.

Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: Sets the time-out value, in seconds, for the power-off phase of screen saving. The *uiParam* parameter specifies the new value. The *pvParam* parameter must be **NULL**. This flag is supported for 32-bit applications only.

The following are the screen saver parameters.

Screen saver parameter	Meaning
SPI_GETSCREENSAVEACTIVE 0x0010	Determines whether screen saving is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if screen saving is enabled, or FALSE otherwise. Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2 and Windows 2000: The function returns TRUE even when screen saving is not enabled. For more information and a workaround, see KB318781 .
SPI_GETSCREENSAVERRUNNING 0x0072	Determines whether a screen saver is currently running on the window station of the calling process. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if a screen saver is currently running, or FALSE otherwise. Note that only the interactive window station, WinSta0, can have a screen saver running.
SPI_GETSCREENSAVESECURE 0x0076	Determines whether the screen saver requires a password to display the Windows desktop. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the screen saver requires a password, or FALSE otherwise. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter is ignored. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETSCREENSAVETIMEOUT 0x000E	Retrieves the screen saver time-out value, in seconds. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer variable that receives the value.
SPI_SETSCREENSAVEACTIVE 0x0011	Sets the state of the screen saver. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE to activate screen saving, or FALSE to deactivate it. If the machine has entered power saving mode or system lock state, an ERROR_OPERATION_IN_PROGRESS exception occurs.
SPI_SETSCREENSAVESECURE 0x0077	Sets whether the screen saver requires the user to enter a password to display the Windows desktop. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter is a BOOL variable. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is ignored. Set <i>uiParam</i> to TRUE to require a password, or FALSE to not require a password. If the machine has entered power saving mode or system lock state, an ERROR_OPERATION_IN_PROGRESS exception occurs. Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

**SPI_SETSCREENSAVETIMEOUT
0x000F**

Sets the screen saver time-out value to the value of the *uiParam* parameter. This value is the amount of time, in seconds, that the system must be idle before the screen saver activates.
If the machine has entered power saving mode or system lock state, an `ERROR_OPERATION_IN_PROGRESS` exception occurs.

The following are the time-out parameters for applications and services.

Time-out parameter	Meaning
SPI_GETHUNGAPPTIMEOUT 0x0078	Retrieves the number of milliseconds that a thread can go without dispatching a message before the system considers it unresponsive. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer variable that receives the value. Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETWAITTOKILLTIMEOUT 0x007A	Retrieves the number of milliseconds that the system waits before terminating an application that does not respond to a shutdown request. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer variable that receives the value. Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_GETWAITTOKILLSERVICETIMEOUT 0x007C	Retrieves the number of milliseconds that the service control manager waits before terminating a service that does not respond to a shutdown request. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer variable that receives the value. Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_SETHUNGAPPTIMEOUT 0x0079	Sets the hung application time-out to the value of the <i>uiParam</i> parameter. This value is the number of milliseconds that a thread can go without dispatching a message before the system considers it unresponsive. Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.
SPI_SETWAITTOKILLTIMEOUT 0x007B	Sets the application shutdown request time-out to the value of the <i>uiParam</i> parameter. This value is the number of milliseconds that the system waits before terminating an application that does not respond to a shutdown request. Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_SETWAITTOKILLSERVICETIMEOUT 0x007D	Sets the service shutdown request time-out to the value of the <i>uiParam</i> parameter. This value is the number of milliseconds that the system waits before terminating a service that does not respond to a shutdown request. Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.
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The following are the UI effects. The **SPI_SETUIEFFECTS** value is used to enable or disable all UI effects at once. This table contains the complete list of UI effect values.

UI effects parameter	Meaning
SPI_GETCOMBOBOXANIMATION 0x1004	Determines whether the slide-open effect for combo boxes is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE for enabled, or FALSE for disabled.
SPI_GETCURSORSHADOW 0x101A	Determines whether the cursor has a shadow around it. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the shadow is enabled, FALSE if it is disabled. This effect appears only if the system has a color depth of more than 256 colors.
SPI_GETGRADIENTCAPTIONS 0x1008	Determines whether the gradient effect for window title bars is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE for enabled, or FALSE for disabled. For more information about the gradient effect, see the GetSysColor function.
SPI_GETHOTTRACKING 0x100E	Determines whether hot tracking of user-interface elements, such as menu names on menu bars, is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE for enabled, or FALSE for disabled. Hot tracking means that when the cursor moves over an item, it is highlighted but not selected. You can query this value to decide whether to use hot tracking in the user interface of your application.
SPI_GETLISTBOXSMOOTHSCROLLING 0x1006	Determines whether the smooth-scrolling effect for list boxes is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE for enabled, or FALSE for disabled.
SPI_GETMENUANIMATION 0x1002	Determines whether the menu animation feature is enabled. This master switch must be on to enable menu animation effects. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if animation is enabled and FALSE if it is disabled. If animation is enabled, SPI_GETMENUFADE indicates whether menus use fade or slide animation.
SPI_GETMENUUNDERLINES 0x100A	Same as SPI_GETKEYBOARDQUES .

SPI_GETSELECTIONFADE 0x1014	Determines whether the selection fade effect is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled or FALSE if disabled. The selection fade effect causes the menu item selected by the user to remain on the screen briefly while fading out after the menu is dismissed.
SPI_GETTOOLTIPANIMATION 0x1016	Determines whether ToolTip animation is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled or FALSE if disabled. If ToolTip animation is enabled, SPI_GETTOOLTIPFADE indicates whether ToolTips use fade or slide animation.
SPI_GETTOOLTIPFADE 0x1018	If SPI_SETTOOLTIPANIMATION is enabled, SPI_GETTOOLTIPFADE indicates whether ToolTip animation uses a fade effect or a slide effect. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE for fade animation or FALSE for slide animation. For more information on slide and fade effects, see AnimateWindow .
SPI_GETUIEFFECTS 0x103E	Determines whether UI effects are enabled or disabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if all UI effects are enabled, or FALSE if they are disabled.
SPI_SETCOMBOBOXANIMATION 0x1005	Enables or disables the slide-open effect for combo boxes. Set the <i>pvParam</i> parameter to TRUE to enable the gradient effect, or FALSE to disable it.
SPI_SETCURSORSHADOW 0x101B	Enables or disables a shadow around the cursor. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a BOOL variable. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable the shadow or FALSE to disable the shadow. This effect appears only if the system has a color depth of more than 256 colors.
SPI_SETGRADIENTCAPTIONS 0x1009	Enables or disables the gradient effect for window title bars. Set the <i>pvParam</i> parameter to TRUE to enable it, or FALSE to disable it. The gradient effect is possible only if the system has a color depth of more than 256 colors. For more information about the gradient effect, see the GetSysColor function.
SPI_SETHOTTRACKING 0x100F	Enables or disables hot tracking of user-interface elements such as menu names on menu bars. Set the <i>pvParam</i> parameter to TRUE to enable it, or FALSE to disable it. Hot-tracking means that when the cursor moves over an item, it is highlighted but not selected.
SPI_SETLISTBOXSMOOTHSCROLLING 0x1007	Enables or disables the smooth-scrolling effect for list boxes. Set the <i>pvParam</i> parameter to TRUE to enable the smooth-scrolling effect, or FALSE to disable it.
SPI_SETMENUANIMATION 0x1003	Enables or disables menu animation. This master switch must be on for any menu animation to occur. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter is a BOOL variable; set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable animation and FALSE to disable animation. If animation is enabled, SPI_GETMENUFADE indicates whether menus use fade or slide animation.

SPI_SETMENUUNDERLINES 0x100B	Same as SPI_SETKEYBOARDCUES .
SPI_SETSELECTIONFADE 0x1015	Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable the selection fade effect or FALSE to disable it. The selection fade effect causes the menu item selected by the user to remain on the screen briefly while fading out after the menu is dismissed. The selection fade effect is possible only if the system has a color depth of more than 256 colors.
SPI_SETTOOLTIPANIMATION 0x1017	Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE to enable ToolTip animation or FALSE to disable it. If enabled, you can use SPI_SETTOOLTIPFADE to specify fade or slide animation.
SPI_SETTOOLTIPFADE 0x1019	If the SPI_SETTOOLTIPANIMATION flag is enabled, use SPI_SETTOOLTIPFADE to indicate whether ToolTip animation uses a fade effect or a slide effect. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE for fade animation or FALSE for slide animation. The tooltip fade effect is possible only if the system has a color depth of more than 256 colors. For more information on the slide and fade effects, see the AnimateWindow function.
SPI_SETUIEFFECTS 0x103F	Enables or disables UI effects. Set the <i>pvParam</i> parameter to TRUE to enable all UI effects or FALSE to disable all UI effects.

The following are the window parameters.

Window parameter	Meaning
SPI_GETACTIVEWINDOWTRACKING 0x1000	Determines whether active window tracking (activating the window the mouse is on) is on or off. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE for on, or FALSE for off.
SPI_GETACTIVEWNDTRKZORDER 0x100C	Determines whether windows activated through active window tracking will be brought to the top. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE for on, or FALSE for off.
SPI_GETACTIVEWNDTRKTIMEOUT 0x2002	Retrieves the active window tracking delay, in milliseconds. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a DWORD variable that receives the time.
SPI_GETANIMATION 0x0048	Retrieves the animation effects associated with user actions. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an ANIMATIONINFO structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(ANIMATIONINFO)</code> .
SPI_GETBORDER 0x0005	Retrieves the border multiplier factor that determines the width of a window's sizing border. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an integer variable that receives this value.
SPI_GETCARETWIDTH 0x2006	Retrieves the caret width in edit controls, in pixels. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a DWORD variable that receives this value.

SPI_GETDOCKMOVING 0x0090	<p>Determines whether a window is docked when it is moved to the top, left, or right edges of a monitor or monitor array. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE otherwise.</p> <p>Use SPI_GETWINARRANGING to determine whether this behavior is enabled.</p> <p>Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_GETDRAGFROMMAXIMIZE 0x008C	<p>Determines whether a maximized window is restored when its caption bar is dragged. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE otherwise.</p> <p>Use SPI_GETWINARRANGING to determine whether this behavior is enabled.</p> <p>Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_GETDRAGFULLWINDOWS 0x0026	<p>Determines whether dragging of full windows is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE otherwise.</p>
SPI_GETFOREGROUNDFLASHCOUNT 0x2004	<p>Retrieves the number of times <u>SetForegroundWindow</u> will flash the taskbar button when rejecting a foreground switch request. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a DWORD variable that receives the value.</p>
SPI_GETFOREGROUNDLOCKTIMEOUT 0x2000	<p>Retrieves the amount of time following user input, in milliseconds, during which the system will not allow applications to force themselves into the foreground. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a DWORD variable that receives the time.</p>
SPI_GETMINIMIZEDMETRICS 0x002B	<p>Retrieves the metrics associated with minimized windows. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a <u>MINIMIZEDMETRICS</u> structure that receives the information. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to <code>sizeof(MINIMIZEDMETRICS)</code>.</p>
SPI_GETMOUSEDOCKTHRESHOLD 0x007E	<p>Retrieves the threshold in pixels where docking behavior is triggered by using a mouse to drag a window to the edge of a monitor or monitor array. The default threshold is 1. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a DWORD variable that receives the value.</p> <p>Use SPI_GETWINARRANGING to determine whether this behavior is enabled.</p> <p>Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>

SPI_GETMOUSEDRAGOUTTHRESHOLD
0x0084

Retrieves the threshold in pixels where undocking behavior is triggered by using a mouse to drag a window from the edge of a monitor or a monitor array toward the center. The default threshold is 20.
Use **SPI_GETWINARRANGING** to determine whether this behavior is enabled.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_GETMOUSESIDEMOVETHRESHOLD
0x0088

Retrieves the threshold in pixels from the top of a monitor or a monitor array where a vertically maximized window is restored when dragged with the mouse. The default threshold is 50.
Use **SPI_GETWINARRANGING** to determine whether this behavior is enabled.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_GETNONCLIENTMETRICS
0x0029

Retrieves the metrics associated with the nonclient area of nonminimized windows. The *pvParam* parameter must point to a **NONCLIENTMETRICS** structure that receives the information. Set the **cbSize** member of this structure and the *uiParam* parameter to `sizeof(NONCLIENTMETRICS)`.

SPI_GETPENDOCKTHRESHOLD
0x0080

Retrieves the threshold in pixels where docking behavior is triggered by using a pen to drag a window to the edge of a monitor or monitor array. The default is 30.
Use **SPI_GETWINARRANGING** to determine whether this behavior is enabled.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_GETPENDRAGOUTTHRESHOLD
0x0086

Retrieves the threshold in pixels where undocking behavior is triggered by using a pen to drag a window from the edge of a monitor or monitor array toward its center. The default threshold is 30.
Use **SPI_GETWINARRANGING** to determine whether this behavior is enabled.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_GETPENSIDEMOVETHRESHOLD
0x008A

Retrieves the threshold in pixels from the top of a monitor or monitor array where a vertically maximized window is restored when dragged with the mouse. The default threshold is 50.
Use **SPI_GETWINARRANGING** to determine whether this behavior is enabled.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_GETSHOWIMEUI 0x006E	Determines whether the IME status window is visible (on a per-user basis). The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if the status window is visible, or FALSE if it is not.
SPI_GETSNAPSIZING 0x008E	<p>Determines whether a window is vertically maximized when it is sized to the top or bottom of a monitor or monitor array. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE otherwise.</p> <p>Use SPI_GETWINARRANGING to determine whether this behavior is enabled.</p> <p>Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_GETWINARRANGING 0x0082	<p>Determines whether window arrangement is enabled. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a BOOL variable that receives TRUE if enabled, or FALSE otherwise. Window arrangement reduces the number of mouse, pen, or touch interactions needed to move and size top-level windows by simplifying the default behavior of a window when it is dragged or sized.</p> <p>The following parameters retrieve individual window arrangement settings:</p> <p>SPI_GETDOCKMOVING</p> <p>SPI_GETMOUSEDOCKTHRESHOLD</p> <p>SPI_GETMOUSEDRAGOUTTHRESHOLD</p> <p>SPI_GETMOUSESIDEMOVETHRESHOLD</p> <p>SPI_GETPENDOCKTHRESHOLD</p> <p>SPI_GETPENDRAGOUTTHRESHOLD</p> <p>SPI_GETPENSIDEMOVETHRESHOLD</p> <p>SPI_GETSNAPSIZING</p> <p>Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETACTIVEWINDOWTRACKING 0x1001	Sets active window tracking (activating the window the mouse is on) either on or off. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE for on or FALSE for off.
SPI_SETACTIVEWNDTRKZORDER 0x100D	Determines whether or not windows activated through active window tracking should be brought to the top. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE for on or FALSE for off.
SPI_SETACTIVEWNDTRKTIMEOUT 0x2003	Sets the active window tracking delay. Set <i>pvParam</i> to the number of milliseconds to delay before activating the window under the mouse pointer.
SPI_SETANIMATION 0x0049	<p>Sets the animation effects associated with user actions. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to an ANIMATIONINFO structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to</p> <p><code>sizeof(ANIMATIONINFO)</code>.</p>

SPI_SETBORDER 0x0006	Sets the border multiplier factor that determines the width of a window's sizing border. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies the new value.
SPI_SETCARETWIDTH 0x2007	Sets the caret width in edit controls. Set <i>pvParam</i> to the desired width, in pixels. The default and minimum value is 1.
SPI_SETDOCKMOVING 0x0091	<p>Sets whether a window is docked when it is moved to the top, left, or right docking targets on a monitor or monitor array. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE for on or FALSE for off.</p> <p>SPI_GETWINARRANGING must be TRUE to enable this behavior.</p> <p>Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETDRAGFROMMAXIMIZE 0x008D	<p>Sets whether a maximized window is restored when its caption bar is dragged. Set <i>pvParam</i> to TRUE for on or FALSE for off.</p> <p>SPI_GETWINARRANGING must be TRUE to enable this behavior.</p> <p>Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.</p>
SPI_SETDRAGFULLWINDOWS 0x0025	Sets dragging of full windows either on or off. The <i>uiParam</i> parameter specifies TRUE for on, or FALSE for off.
SPI_SETDRAGHEIGHT 0x004D	Sets the height, in pixels, of the rectangle used to detect the start of a drag operation. Set <i>uiParam</i> to the new value. To retrieve the drag height, call GetSystemMetrics with the SM_CYDRAG flag.
SPI_SETDRAGWIDTH 0x004C	Sets the width, in pixels, of the rectangle used to detect the start of a drag operation. Set <i>uiParam</i> to the new value. To retrieve the drag width, call GetSystemMetrics with the SM_CXDRAG flag.
SPI_SETFOREGROUNDFLASHCOUNT 0x2005	Sets the number of times SetForegroundWindow will flash the taskbar button when rejecting a foreground switch request. Set <i>pvParam</i> to the number of times to flash.
SPI_SETFOREGROUNDLOCKTIMEOUT 0x2001	<p>Sets the amount of time following user input, in milliseconds, during which the system does not allow applications to force themselves into the foreground. Set <i>pvParam</i> to the new time-out value.</p> <p>The calling thread must be able to change the foreground window, otherwise the call fails.</p>
SPI_SETMINIMIZEDMETRICS 0x002C	<p>Sets the metrics associated with minimized windows. The <i>pvParam</i> parameter must point to a MINIMIZEDMETRICS structure that contains the new parameters. Set the cbSize member of this structure and the <i>uiParam</i> parameter to</p> <p><code>sizeof(MINIMIZEDMETRICS)</code> .</p>

SPI_SETMOUSEDOCKTHRESHOLD
0x007F

Sets the threshold in pixels where docking behavior is triggered by using a mouse to drag a window to the edge of a monitor or monitor array. The default threshold is 1. The *pvParam* parameter must point to a **DWORD** variable that contains the new value.

SPI_GETWINARRANGING must be **TRUE** to enable this behavior.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_SETMOUSEDRAGOUTTHRESHOLD
0x0085

Sets the threshold in pixels where undocking behavior is triggered by using a mouse to drag a window from the edge of a monitor or monitor array to its center. The default threshold is 20. The *pvParam* parameter must point to a **DWORD** variable that contains the new value.

SPI_GETWINARRANGING must be **TRUE** to enable this behavior.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_SETMOUSESIDEMOVETHRESHOLD
0x0089

Sets the threshold in pixels from the top of the monitor where a vertically maximized window is restored when dragged with the mouse. The default threshold is 50. The *pvParam* parameter must point to a **DWORD** variable that contains the new value.

SPI_GETWINARRANGING must be **TRUE** to enable this behavior.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_SETNONCLIENTMETRICS
0x002A

Sets the metrics associated with the nonclient area of nonminimized windows. The *pvParam* parameter must point to a **NONCLIENTMETRICS** structure that contains the new parameters. Set the **cbSize** member of this structure and the *uiParam* parameter to `sizeof(NONCLIENTMETRICS)`. Also, the **lfHeight** member of the **LOGFONT** structure must be a negative value.

SPI_SETPENDOCKTHRESHOLD
0x0081

Sets the threshold in pixels where docking behavior is triggered by using a pen to drag a window to the edge of a monitor or monitor array. The default threshold is 30. The *pvParam* parameter must point to a **DWORD** variable that contains the new value.

SPI_GETWINARRANGING must be **TRUE** to enable this behavior.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_SETPENDRAGOUTTHRESHOLD
0x0087

Sets the threshold in pixels where undocking behavior is triggered by using a pen to drag a window from the edge of a monitor or monitor array to its center. The default threshold is 30. The *pvParam* parameter must point to a **DWORD** variable that contains the new value. **SPI_GETWINARRANGING** must be **TRUE** to enable this behavior.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_SETPENSIDEMOVETHRESHOLD
0x008B

Sets the threshold in pixels from the top of the monitor where a vertically maximized window is restored when dragged with a pen. The default threshold is 50. The *pvParam* parameter must point to a **DWORD** variable that contains the new value. **SPI_GETWINARRANGING** must be **TRUE** to enable this behavior.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_SETSHOWIMEUI
0x006F

Sets whether the IME status window is visible or not on a per-user basis. The *uiParam* parameter specifies **TRUE** for on or **FALSE** for off.

SPI_SETSNAPSIZING
0x008F

Sets whether a window is vertically maximized when it is sized to the top or bottom of the monitor. Set *pvParam* to **TRUE** for on or **FALSE** for off. **SPI_GETWINARRANGING** must be **TRUE** to enable this behavior.

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

SPI_SETWINARRANGING
0x0083

Sets whether window arrangement is enabled. Set *pvParam* to **TRUE** for on or **FALSE** for off. Window arrangement reduces the number of mouse, pen, or touch interactions needed to move and size top-level windows by simplifying the default behavior of a window when it is dragged or sized.

The following parameters set individual window arrangement settings:

SPI_SETDOCKMOVING

SPI_SETMOUSEDOCKTHRESHOLD

SPI_SETMOUSEDRAGOUTTHRESHOLD

SPI_SETMOUSESIDEMOVETHRESHOLD

SPI_SETPENDOCKTHRESHOLD

SPI_SETPENDRAGOUTTHRESHOLD

SPI_SETPENSIDEMOVETHRESHOLD

SPI_SETSNAPSIZING

Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows XP/2000: This parameter is not supported.

uiParam

Type: **UINT**

A parameter whose usage and format depends on the system parameter being queried or set. For more information about system-wide parameters, see the *uiAction* parameter. If not otherwise indicated, you must specify zero for this parameter.

pvParam

Type: **PVOID**

A parameter whose usage and format depends on the system parameter being queried or set. For more information about system-wide parameters, see the *uiAction* parameter. If not otherwise indicated, you must specify **NULL** for this parameter. For information on the **PVOID** datatype, see [Windows Data Types](#).

fWinIni

Type: **UINT**

If a system parameter is being set, specifies whether the user profile is to be updated, and if so, whether the WM_SETTINGCHANGE message is to be broadcast to all top-level windows to notify them of the change.

This parameter can be zero if you do not want to update the user profile or broadcast the WM_SETTINGCHANGE message, or it can be one or more of the following values.

Value	Meaning
SPIF_UPDATEINIFILE	Writes the new system-wide parameter setting to the user profile.
SPIF_SENDCHANGE	Broadcasts the <u>WM_SETTINGCHANGE</u> message after updating the user profile.
SPIF_SENDWININICHANGE	Same as SPIF_SENDCHANGE .

Return Value

Type: **BOOL**

If the function succeeds, the return value is a nonzero value.

If the function fails, the return value is zero. To get extended error information, call [GetLastError](#).

This function is intended for use with applications that allow the user to customize the environment.

A keyboard layout name should be derived from the hexadecimal value of the language identifier corresponding to the layout. For example, U.S. English has a language identifier of 0x0409, so the primary U.S. English layout is named "00000409". Variants of U.S.

English layout, such as the Dvorak layout, are named "00010409", "00020409" and so on. For a list of the primary language identifiers and sublanguage identifiers that make up a language identifier, see the **MAKELANGID** macro.

There is a difference between the High Contrast color scheme and the High Contrast Mode. The High Contrast color scheme changes the system colors to colors that have obvious contrast; you switch to this color scheme by using the Display Options in the control panel. The High Contrast Mode, which uses **SPI_GETHIGHCONTRAST** and **SPI_SETHIGHCONTRAST**, advises applications to modify their appearance for visually-impaired users. It involves such things as audible warning to users and customized color scheme (using the Accessibility Options in the control panel). For more information, see [HIGHCONTRAST](#). For more information on general accessibility features, see [Accessibility](#).

During the time that the primary button is held down to activate the Mouse ClickLock feature, the user can move the mouse. After the primary button is locked down, releasing the primary button does not result in a **WM_LBUTTONDOWN** message. Thus, it will appear to an application that the primary button is still down. Any subsequent button message releases the primary button, sending a **WM_LBUTTONDOWN** message to the application, thus the button can be unlocked programmatically or through the user clicking any button.

This API is not DPI aware, and should not be used if the calling thread is per-monitor DPI aware. For the DPI-aware version of this API, see [SystemParametersInfoForDPI](#). For more information on DPI awareness, see [the Windows High DPI documentation](#).

Examples

The following example uses **SystemParametersInfo** to double the mouse speed.

C++

```

#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#pragma comment(lib, "user32.lib")

void main()
{
    BOOL fResult;
    int aMouseInfo[3];

    fResult = SystemParametersInfo(SPI_GETMOUSE,
                                    0,
                                    &aMouseInfo,
                                    0);

    if( fResult )
    {
        aMouseInfo[2] = 2 * aMouseInfo[2];

        SystemParametersInfo(SPI_SETMOUSE,
                                0,
                                aMouseInfo,
                                SPIF_SENDCHANGE);
    }
}

```

Requirements

Minimum supported client	Windows 2000 Professional [desktop apps only]
Minimum supported server	Windows 2000 Server [desktop apps only]
Target Platform	Windows
Header	winuser.h (include Windows.h)
Library	User32.lib
DLL	User32.dll

See Also

[ACCESSTIMEOUT](#)

[ANIMATIONINFO](#)

[AUDIODESCRIPTION](#)

[FILTERKEYS](#)

[HIGHCONTRAST](#)

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