

Introduction to Windows XP

Appendix E: Wallpaper Your Desktop

Wallpaper your Computer

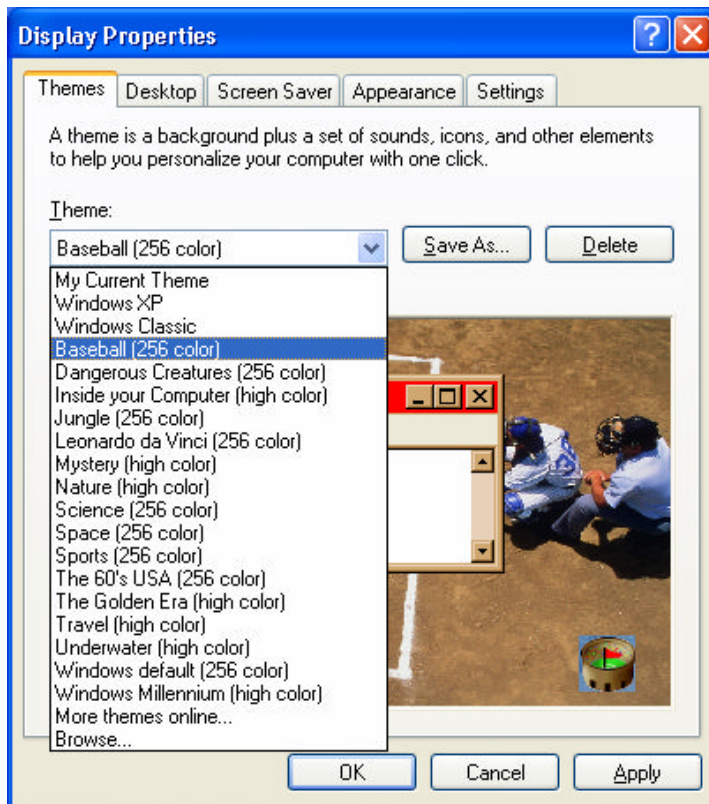
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Wallpaper is the background on the desktop.). Like decorative wallpaper it enhances the office environment.

The Windows XP display properties window provides a number of default desktop background displays or you can use your own photo background.

To select the Background:

1. Right click anywhere on the **Desktop** to bring up the menu.
2. Click on **Properties**
3. Click on the **Theme Tab** and make the selection from the drop down menu.
4. Click on **Apply** to view the full screen background.
5. If you like the theme then click on **OK**.



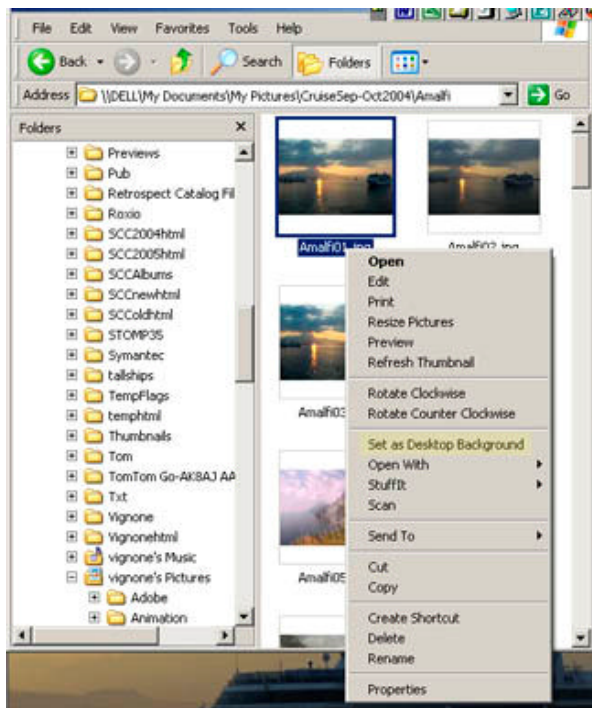
If you are not satisfied or there is a limited selection, do the following:

1. Right click on the **Desktop**
2. Click on **Properties**

3. On the **Desktop** tab, in the **Background** menu, select a background to display.
4. Click on **Apply** to view the full screen background.
5. If you like the display, then click on **OK**. If not select another.

If you do not like any of the default pictures you can use one of your own. The best backgrounds are dark colors because the desktop icons stand out very well. Proceed as follows:

1. Select the photo you have stored in a file on your computer that you would like to use.
2. Display the photo in a thumbnail or in any other application.
3. Right-click the photo and then click **Set as Desktop Background**.



Another procedure would be:

1. Right click on the **Desktop**
2. Click on **Properties**
3. Click on the **Desktop Tab**,
4. Click on **Browse** and navigate to the photo to be selected.
5. Click on the photo.

6. Click on **Open**
7. Click on **Apply** to view the full Screen background.
If you like the display then click on **OK**, if not **Browse** to select another photo.