



# **Enable Desktop Wallpaper for User Sessions**

## **Virtual Desktop Service**

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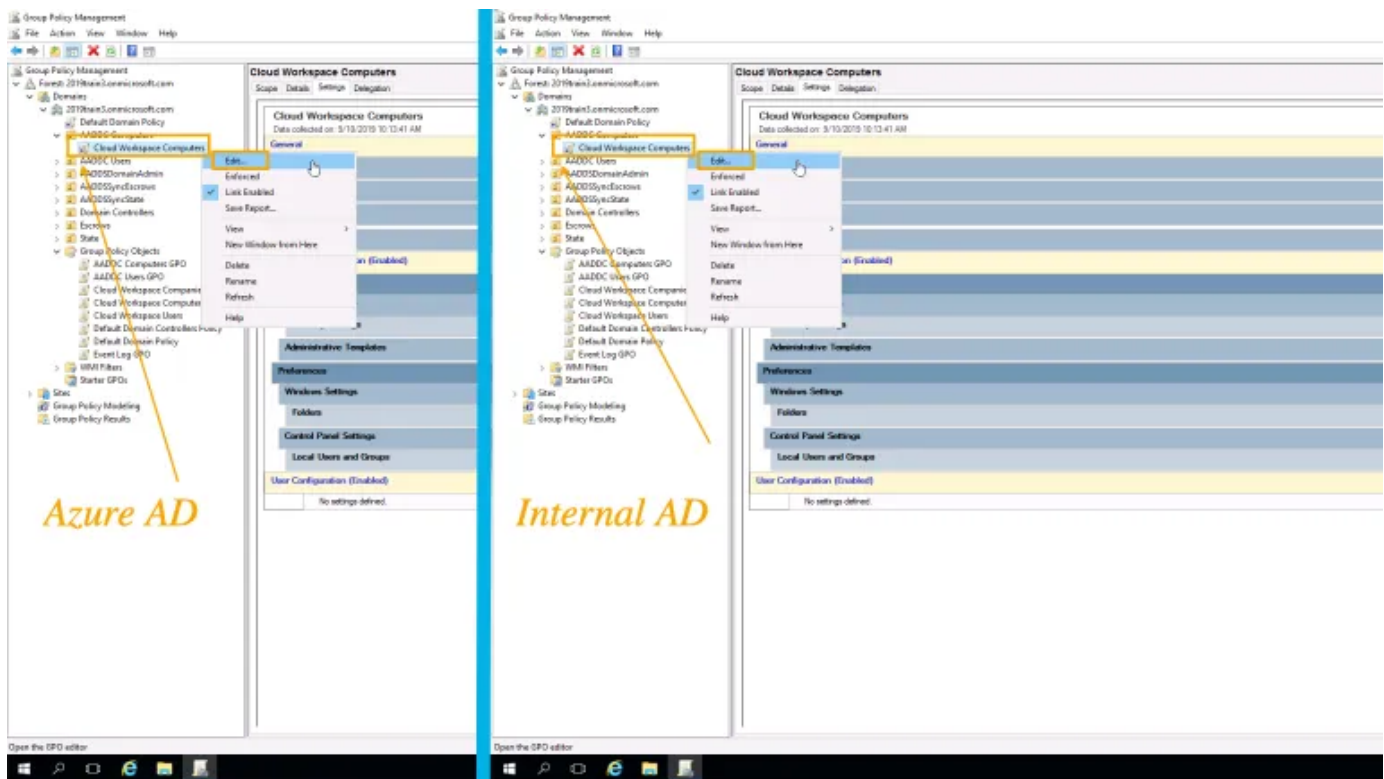
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## Overview

By default remote sessions have Wallpaper display disabled to improve performance. The result is a black wallpaper that users often wish to customize. This setting can be changed with a simple GPO edit

## Instructions:

1. Login to a platform server (e.g. CWMGR1) using level3 .tech account
2. Open Group Policy Management Console
3. Locate the rdsh GPO (labeled as “company code” rdsh (e.g. “xyz1 rdsh”)) Right click “xyz1 rdsh” GPO, choose edit
  - a. In Azure AD Domain Services the GPO is called “AADDC “Computers > Cloud Workspace Computers”
4. Modify the Policy: Computer Configuration > Policies > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Remote Desktop Services > Remote Desktop Session Host > Remote Session Environment > Remove remote desktop wallpaper set this to Disabled



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Remote Session Environment

Enforce Removal of Remote Desktop Wallpaper

Setting

Setting	State	Comment
RemoteFX for Windows Server 2008 R2	Not configured	No
Limit maximum color depth	Not configured	No
Enforce Removal of Remote Desktop Wallpaper	Not configured	No
Use the hardware default graphics adapter for all Remote Desktop sessions	Not configured	No
Limit maximum display resolution	Not configured	No
Limit number of monitors	Not configured	No
Remove "Disconnect" option from Shut Down	Not configured	No
Remove Windows Security item from Start menu	Not configured	No
Use advanced RemoteFX graphics for Remote Desktop sessions	Not configured	No
Prioritize H.264/AVC 444 graphics mode for Remote Desktop sessions	Not configured	No
Configure H.264/AVC hardware encoding for Remote Desktop sessions	Not configured	No
Configure compression for RemoteFX data	Not configured	No
Configure image quality for RemoteFX Adaptive Graphics	Not configured	No
Enable RemoteFX encoding for RemoteFX clients designed for Remote Desktop sessions	Not configured	No
Configure RemoteFX Adaptive Graphics	Not configured	No
Start a program on connection	Not configured	No
Always show desktop on connection	Not configured	No
Allow desktop composition for remote desktop sessions	Not configured	No
Do not allow font smoothing	Not configured	No

Requirements:  
At least Windows Server 2003 operating systems or Windows XP Professional

Description:  
Specifies whether desktop wallpaper is displayed to remote clients connecting via Remote Desktop Services.

You can use this setting to enforce the removal of wallpaper during a Remote Desktop Services session. By default, Windows XP Professional displays wallpaper to remote clients connecting through Remote Desktop, depending on the client configuration (see the Experience tab in the Remote Desktop Connection options for more information). Servers running Windows Server 2003 do not display wallpaper by default to Remote Desktop Services sessions.

If the status is set to Enabled, wallpaper never appears in a Remote Desktop Services session.

If the status is set to Disabled, wallpaper might appear in a Remote Desktop Services session, depending on the client configuration.

If the status is set to Not Configured, the default behavior applies.

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