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Desktop Wallpaper

Specifies the desktop background ("wallpaper") displayed on all users' desktops.

This setting lets you specify the wallpaper on users' desktops and prevents users from changing the image or its presentation. The wallpaper you specify can be stored in a bitmap (*.bmp) or JPEG (*.jpg) file.

To use this setting, type the fully qualified path and name of the file that stores the wallpaper image. You can type a local path, such as C:\Windows\web\wallpaper\home.jpg or a UNC path, such as \\Server\Share\Corp.jpg. If the specified file is not available when the user logs on, no wallpaper is displayed. Users cannot specify alternative wallpaper. You can also use this setting to specify that the wallpaper image be centered, tiled, or stretched. Users cannot change this specification.

If you disable this setting or do not configure it, no wallpaper is displayed. However, users can select the wallpaper of their choice.

Also, see the "Allow only bitmapped wallpaper" in the same location, and the "Prevent changing wallpaper" setting in User Configuration\Administrative Templates\Control Panel.

Note: This setting does not apply to remote desktop server sessions.

> Supported on: At least Windows 2000

Wallpaper Name:

Single line textbox

Registry Hive	HKEY_CURRENT_USER
Registry Path	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System
Value Name	Wallpaper
Value Type	REG_SZ
Default Value	

Example: Using a local path: C:\windows\web\wallpaper\home.jpg

Example: Using a UNC path: \\Server\Share\Corp.jpg

Wallpaper Style:

0. Center

Registry Hive	HKEY_CURRENT_USER
Registry Path	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System
Value Name	WallpaperStyle
Value Type	REG_SZ
Value	0

1. Tile

Registry Hive	HKEY_CURRENT_USER
Registry Path	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System
Value Name	WallpaperStyle
Value Type	REG_SZ
Value	1

2. Stretch

Registry Hive	HKEY_CURRENT_USER
Registry Path	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System
Value Name	WallpaperStyle
Value Type	REG_SZ
Value	2

3. Fit

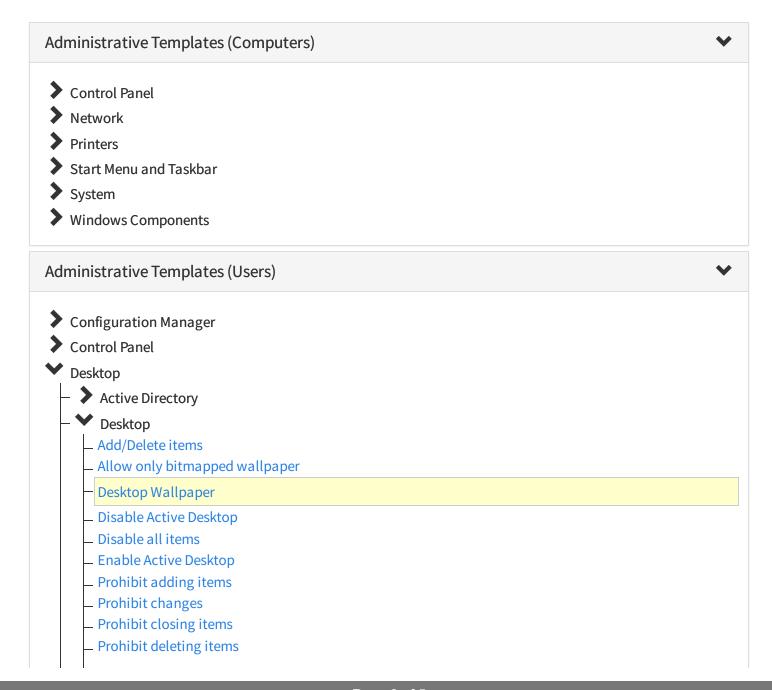|	
Registry Hive	HKEY_CURRENT_USER
Registry Path	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System
Value Name	WallpaperStyle
Value Type	REG_SZ
Value	3

4. Fill

Registry Hive	HKEY_CURRENT_USER
Registry Path	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System
Value Name	WallpaperStyle
Value Type	REG_SZ

Value	4

5. Span

Registry Hive	HKEY_CURRENT_USER
Registry Path	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System
Value Name	WallpaperStyle
Value Type	REG_SZ
Value	5

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