

Prevent changing desktop background

Prevents users from adding or changing the background design of the desktop.

By default, users can use the Desktop Background page in the Personalization or Display Control Panel to add a background design (wallpaper) to their desktop.

If you enable this setting, none of the Desktop Background settings can be changed by the user.

To specify wallpaper for a group, use the "Desktop Wallpaper" setting.

Note: You must also enable the "Desktop Wallpaper" setting to prevent users from changing the desktop wallpaper. Refer to KB article: Q327998 for more information.

Also, see the "Allow only bitmapped wallpaper" setting.

Supported on: At least Windows 2000

Registry Hive	HKEY_CURRENT_USER
Registry Path	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\ActiveDesktop
Value Name	NoChangingWallPaper
Value Type	REG_DWORD
Enabled Value	1
Disabled Value	0

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