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Where to Find the Windows Wallpaper, Location on Your PC



Posted by Robert Hayes on November 6, 2019



One of the few things that brings every day workers like us a heightened sense of morale is the ability to customize the computer screen you stare at for eight hours a day with something that gives us a little bit of joy. Every version of Windows, from the ancient days of Windows 3.1 all the way through Windows 10, has brought with it a library of wallpaper images for users of the operating system to put on their desktop. Wallpapers are the images that you can set as your background for your desktop, and serve to remind us that there's much more in this world than the text

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and figures that comprise most of our day. Whether you want to vary your viewing with some abstract art, or stare bildsfully at a bucolic field with no businesses, bosses, one that inspires you!

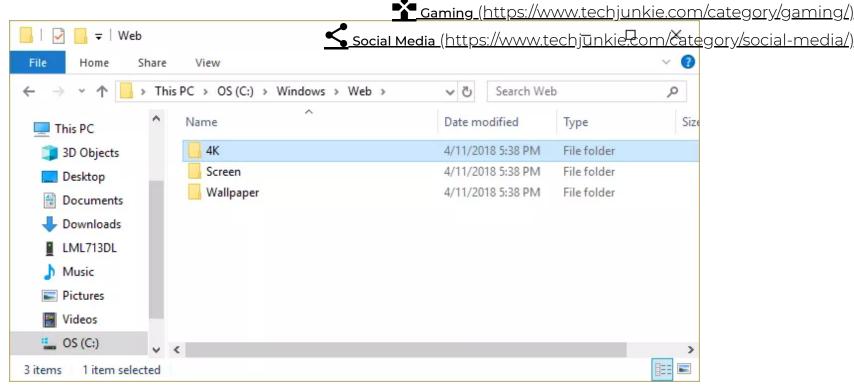
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By default, Windows 10 stores your wallpaper images in the "C:\Windows\Web" directory. You can access this directory very simply by clicking in the search bar in the Windowstops://www.techjunkie.com/category/pc/).

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However, many Windows 10 users don't use the standar wallpaper files psinstead they was Windows 10 Themesome/). Microsoft has made hundreds of themes available for free via the lives soft pst//rewand sojme to the windows 10 Themesome/). Spectacular. You can browse through the available themes here the source of the windows of the wind





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Again, click in the search bar in the Windows 10 task bar and this time type

"%localappdata%\Microsoft\Windows\Themes" and hit return. The themes directory will launch. The image files will be found in the subdirectory for the appropriate theme – for example, in the window shown above, you'd click on "Ancient E" to find the files for the Ancient Egypt theme, which is the only theme installed on my computer. (Any other history fiends out there?)

If you want to find the Windows 10 lock screen images, they're a little trickier to find – but we have a helpful walkthrough that will teach you how to <u>find the Windows Spotlight lock screen images</u>.

(https://www.tekrevue.com/tip/find-windows-spotlight-lock-screen-images-windows-10/)

Most of the Windows 10 wallpaper and theme images come in standard pixel sizes ranging from 1920×1200 to 3840×1200, and they'll look great on most screens and devices without any fuss.

Let's say you really, really like the theme you snagged at work, but you're not sure you'll be able to grab it for another device. Simply copy the desired image to a class drive by the desired image.



(https://il.wp.com/www.techjunkie.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/windows-10-wallpaper-images.jpg?ssl=1).

An important note, however: these images are owned or licensed by Microsoft for the personal non-commercial use of Windows users. That means you're free to enjoy them for your own personal use, but don't use them in advertising, videos, or for any other commercial purpose. You will be found, and Microsoft will not be amused.

If you're interested in making the most of your work space as an expression of your true, creative self, we have plenty of guides for making the most of wallpapers to liven up your office.

Do you have a dual monitor setup? Check out our guide to <u>where to find dual monitor wallpapers</u> (https://www.techjunkie.com/dual-monitor-wallpapers/).

If you're graphically-minded, you might want to <u>create your own image collage wallpapers for Windows 10</u> (https://www.techjunkie.com/photo-collage-wallpaper-wallpape

We have a walkthrough of how to add 3D animated wallpapers to Windows 10 (https://www.techjunkie.com/3d-animated-wallpapers-windows/).

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Hey friend, can the default wallpaper or default Windows be replaced or replaced at will ???



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Found another location...A coworker changed my background picture to something hilarious. I changed it back to my default image but the picture they swapped it to remained under "Choose your picture". Location where it was stored:

C:\Users\%username%\AppData\Local\Packages\Microsoft.Windows.Photos_8wekyb3d8bbwe\LocalState\PhotosAppBackground



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Unfortunately, this is incorrect. The listed folders do not contain in sees which are used on my PC.

Does anyone know how to track down the images used on the "lock screen"

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check show hidden files then C:WindowsWebScreen



AJ Foyt April 4, 2017 at SREPLY (https://www.wchi.onkien.kmp/wondowsnyon/pspeallocation/#docation/38448#RESPOND)

This showed just a few results from a simple search of C: drive for the word wallpaper but still does not show us the long list of images we see in background on windows 10.

After setting to Change Picture every 10 minutes I have seen some Great Beautiful images but I would love to finally be able to customize the list and drop the few that I don't like as much. Also did not get anywhere when I received the same answer from Microsoft tech support teams.



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"Where to Find the Windows Wallpaper Location on Your PC" article doesn't show where to find the windows wallpaper location on your PC... weird.

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I downloaded wallpapers and can't find them anywhere what's wrong?

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You also have to make sure that you're checking the "hidden files" option under the view menu in your file Explorer.

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Alok Tiwari January 13, 2017 at 2:11 am (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38444)

I found It under C:UsersAppDataLocalMicrosoftWindowsThemes

Note 1. MAJA is my computer name. Here u have to go for yours

Note 2. AppData is hidden so make sure you choose to view Hidden else u won't find it.

Easiest way to find is search by name of the Theme you have downloaded. Let's say you downloaded theme on NASA then Go to C drive and search NASA..

Amine January 27, 2017 at 4:16 pm (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38446)

Thanks

yewtuber001. November 8, 2016 at 12:18 am (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38441)

In the latest version of Windows 10, you can find the individual background images of installed themes at: %LOCALAPPDATA%MicrosoftWindowsThemes

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January 6, 2017 at 9:50 am (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38443)

Did you find it?

Fatih March 24, 2016 at REPLY (https://www.wchi.onkienknr/wondowsnoon/coperion/#convrient/384B6YTOCOM=38436#RESPOND)

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Faye Green February 27, 2016 at 7:57 pm (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38432)

Justmeok... IT WORKED!!!!

I went into pictures, made a folder then went to C:____LocalMicrosoftWindowsTheme. where i left blank that is your user name for PC. click on themes and you will find the background.

I put every pic in the Slide Shows folder I made. Now I go to settings and personalization, set background to slideshow, and click browse to find your folder that you created and choose this folder and set when you want the slideshow to rotate the pics... I chose to change my pics once every day and turned on shuffle to randomize it.

Excellent! Good to freal it Worked-shouldn't have been so difficult though....

Thanks for letting me know

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This was done easily in Windows 7 and 8.1. Windows 10 took out this. I guess it wend (https://www.techjunkie.com/category/web-apps/).

I do the suggestion C/Windows/Web and there are the folders, but the ther wallpapers set from Microsoft site isn't theret searched urity/). everywhere to no avail.

I want to put every single wallpaper in on folder to show slideshow daily in the Gaming (https://www.techjunkie.com/category/gaming/).

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Justmeok February 26, 2016 at 6:06 am (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38429)

Hi Faye

I wanted to do the same and found the images from the downloaded theme packs here on my win 10 pc C:UsersUserNameAppDataLocalMicrosoftWindowsThemesThemeNameDesktopBackgound Hope this works for you too!

Faye Green February 26, 2016 at 9:02 am (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38430)

I found the files, and was able to extract all the pics in each theme, but it only showed up blank in the theme pack.

I am trying to get all the pics out of each of the 14 theme packs and have them all together so the slide show would be continuous and random pics. I was able to do this in windows 7 and 8.1.

I just don't want one theme looping the same pics.

I have different themes that I want to mesh all the pictures together... nature, butterflies, birds, wolf, scenic landscape, spring, fall, summer, winter, spectacular skies, etc. Do i need to make a separate folder for this and take out the pictures from each theme.

Justmeok February 26, 2016 at 9:36 pm (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38431)

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Finally, after spending a couple hours trying to search the system files reading several blogs, it appears MS has made these photos (full *. jpg) readily available to download from the main website now at http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/wallpaper (http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/wallpaper It's great, now you can get all the images from around the world, not just your default country profile. You can also download a theme but it does hide those individual files. Enjoy either way.

jeff4justice December 16, 2015 at 6:16 pm (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38424)

How do you delete a theme after installing it? I see no option for doing that.

TekRevue December 16, 2015 at 9:57 pm (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38425)

Right-click on your desktop and select **Personalize**. Click on **Themes** and then **Theme Settings**. Find the them you want to remote, right-click on it, and select **Delete Theme**.

jeff4justice <u>December 16, 2015 at Killybrak Elipsi Arwatechiwnkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38426)</u>

Toould swear that option was not there earlier. Maybe it needed a reset. Thanks!

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I don't find all the images that I see as lock screen in that folder. Searched all jpegs but to no avail.

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I downloaded file.themepack from microsoft website. Usually, I can find a path to the theme and add more picture to it. But I'm using windows 10 and I can't find the path the theme anymore. It was neither at the web nor the resource folder.

Christian Verreault August 17, 2015 at 1:26 am (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38418)

The wallpaper I want the most is the one in the right bottom corner of the 5 wallpapers presented in this short article. But I want it in the highest resolution available because I have a 27 inch Full HD screen. Could someone tell me where I could find this specific wallpaper?

TekRevue August 21, 2015 at 2:28 pm (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-wallpaper-location/#comment-38419)

Hi Christian, here's a version at 2560×1440: https://www.tekrevue.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/windows-10-mountain-road-2560x1440.jpg)

Zsuzsanna Szugyi July REPLOIS ett 1:37 ps///www.teschiundina.com/category/mobile/)

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I like the win 8 wallpapers handling more. Now I have to put my photos in separate file if I want to see them as slide shows. In Win 8 I just had to mark them. How can I do that in Win 10?

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Dancing Dirty7 March 2, 2015 at 7:58 am (https://www.techjunkie.com/windows-walipaper-location/#comment-38416)

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there are some wallpapers in the lock screen in windows 10 build 9926 that are not located in c:windowsweb I am puzzled! I want to find the jelly fish, I will set it up as my wallpaper!

Fatih March 24, 201REP645@HTT/PSt/DW/WWWTMLEEDJUNKIE.ccom/wirdnowswall@appea.lecetj.co/#doon/yrttp38/437(COM=38437#RESPOND)

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