## How to change your Windows XP Wallpaper

Wallpapers are images that appear in the background on your Desktop, behind all your icons. To change your Desktop wallpaper, do the following:

- Click anywhere on the Desktop that is not an icon, but click once with your right hand mouse button
- A menu pops up. The one below

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Paste Paste Shortcut	
Undo Rename Ctrl-	⊦Z
NVIDIA Display	•
New	•
Properties	

- Click on **Properties**, once with your Left mouse button
- The following dialogue box pops up

Display Properties 🔹 💽 🔀			
Themes Desktop Screen Saver Appearance Settings			
A theme is a background plus a set of sounds, icons, and other elements to help you personalize your computer with one click.			
Theme:   Windows XP Save As			
Sample:			
Active Window			
Window Text			
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OK Cancel Apply			

This is the Display Properties dialogue box. As you can see, there are tab strips for Themes, Desktop, Screensaver, Appearance, and Settings. Click on the Background tab strip and the dialogue box will change to this one:

Display Properties 🔹 💽 🔀
Themes Desktop Screen Saver Appearance Settings
Background:
Ascent Ascent Actumn Azul Azul Berry Black Thatch Bliss Dust Less 10 Customize Desktop
OK Cancel Apply

There is a list of wallpapers we can use. Click on one, and you get a preview of what it will look like. Scroll down to see more wallpapers. If you're satisfied, click the OK button to set your wallpaper.

You can use your own images. You are not limited to the ones on the list. If you have an image somewhere on your computer, and you want to use that instead of the ones on the list, you can click the **Browse** button, in the image above. Doing so will bring up the Browse Dialogue box:

Browse				? 🔀
Look in:	😬 My Pictures		💌 G 🤌 📂 🛄-	
My Recent Documents	Sample Pictures	st2.jpg	stvoyager09_1024.jpg	
My Documents				
My Computer				>
	File name:		~	Open
My Network	Files of type:	Background Files	~	Cancel

In the image above, no background files are showing. You can click one of the folders on the left to search for a picture, or use the "Look In" drop down box at the top. When some background image are showing, click on one to select it. The name of the file you have selected will then appear in the File name text box.

Click the "Open" button to return to the Display Properties dialogue box. A preview of your image will be displayed. If you're happy with your selection, click the "Apply" button then OK. Your desktop will

change to your selected image.

## Setting a Screen Saver with Windows XP

A Screen Saver is something that kicks in when your computer has been idle for a set period of time. They are usually some form of animation, or moving imagery. To pick a Screen Saver for your own computer, select the Screen Saver tab strip from the Display Properties dialogue box by clicking on the word "Screen Saver" once with your left mouse button. It looks like this:

Display Propertie	s 🔹 🤶 🔀			
Themes Desktop	Screen Saver Appearance Settings			
	Windows • O			
Screen saver				
Windows XP	Settings Preview			
Wait: 20 📚 minutes 🗌 On resume, password protect				
Monitor power To adjust monitor power settings and save energy, click Power				
	OK Cancel Apply			

Click the little black down-pointing arrow to see a list of available Screen Savers. This one is set to the Windows XP Screen Saver.

Screen saver	
Windows XP	Settings Preview
(None) 3D FlowerBox 3D Flying Objects	ume, password protect
3D Maze 3D Pipes 3D Text Mystify	power settings and save energy,
Starfield stsaver Windows XP	Power

You can see that it also says "Wait 10minutes". This means that the Screen Saver will kick in if the mouse has not been moved for 10minutes. You can change this figure. The values go from 1 minute to 60 minutes. When you're happy, click Apply then OK. But play about with the settings on the Screen Saver tab strip. The Energy saving features of the monitor section is not available for all computer monitors, so you may or may not have the part available to you.