

# Re: Change Background

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Hello Doc,

Really appreciate Doc for curiosity in knowing something restricted/banned. Curiosity is the source of learning something new and this is source of knowing many hidden funda's of windows. If you really start to think why not, finally you will be landed with good underground knowledge. I'm bit curious about Windows security, let say..where windows passwords has been stored and how ? this was my first breaking point to me when I start using windows.

Now as of this today, I can play with windows, recover,customize in amazing way , security my own policies etc... finally I mastered (POWER USER) of windows..right.

Yes,coming to your question,  
As miss Perspicacia Tick said, its group policies. But still I guess you can override. In windows > system32>  
search for \*.cpl (cpl – control panel files)...in search include hidden files also. If you don't have this file, copy from some other PC and launch it by double click. Obviously you will get the Desktop properties, then you can play whatever you want.

File name : desk.cpl

[ lot of cpl files will be there in system32 folder, double click and check their functionality ]

hope i have answered...If not eager to hear if someone knows...

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<http://spaces.msn.com/members/cyberiafreak>

"Doc" <[Doc@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Doc@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
[news:E9B8D651-7300-4B3C-9C8E-7ABE82090637@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:E9B8D651-7300-4B3C-9C8E-7ABE82090637@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
> I own the laptop not the company. It is a matter of ownership. The company

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> has a right to set it to operate on their network, but the background is  
> not required in order for the network to function and the background is  
still  
> there when I am not on the network. And yes it is offensive. As for your  
> productivity suggestion, I am a consultant brought in from the field to  
fix  
> the problems caused by administrators not being productive. My work day  
> starts at 7AM and goes to 9PM with shorter days on Saturday and Sunday.  
Your  
> comment is unwarranted and does not speak to the issue I brought to the  
> forum. You could answer more questions if you spoke to the issues and  
> stopped the editorializing. But, thank you for the reply.  
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> "Miss Perspicacia Tick" wrote:  
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>> Doc wrote:  
>>> My computer was redone to work on my company's network. They  
>>> installed a background I cannot change, desktop properties browse is  
>>> grayed out. I tried selecting a picture and setting is as a  
>>> background and it did not work either. Any suggestions?  
>>  
>> Of course it didn't! Your company has used group policies on the network  
>> side to restrict what you, as a user, can alter. The only one who can  
make  
>> the alterations is the network admin. What's so terrible about the  
>> background that you need to change it? Is it really that important?  
Surely  
>> you're meant to be working, not worrying about the decor?  
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>> --  
>> In memory of MS MVP Alex Nichol: <http://www.dts-l.org/>  
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