

Re: Background

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Tigh wrote:

I am having trouble changing the background of my desktop. From the properties menu the background tab displayed, "Color" is the only option I can change. The "Background" photo menu cannot be scrolled and i cannot choose any of the Backgrounds that are in the menu. The menu is completely unresponsive to any thing i try to do to it with the mouse, right click, left click, those don't do anything. Right click bring's up the "whats this" menu and that doesn't help at all. Above the menu is the "Background" menu title (its writen right above the inoperative menu) stays that half colored almost transparent text color while the "Colors" option on the page is the regular color and i can adjust background color i just cant change it to any picture. I any one can help I'd really appreciate it

Did you remove malware? Have a virus?

First, make sure the computer is completely clean (because if it isn't, doing the display repairs won't work):

http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Removing_Malware
http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Smitfraud_Trojan

You don't have to go through all the procedures if you think your computer isn't infected, but it would be wise to at least run Ad-aware and Spybot.

Assuming that the machine is clean, go to the Display applet in Control Panel and look on the Desktop tab. Click on Customize Desktop, and then click on the Web tab. You will see that there are checkmarks next to "My Current Home Page" and probably "Lock Desktop Items". Uncheck these, Apply/OK out.

Also see:

If you can't enable desktop backgrounds after a virus, MVP Kelly Theriot has a fix. Look under Wallpaper-Desktop-Disable Changing here:

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http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_w.htm

If Display tabs are missing, run Kelly's registry edit on line 285, right-hand side "Restore all display tabs".

Malke

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