How to Configure the Active Desktop

The information in this article applies to:

 - Microsoft Internet Explorer versions 4.0, 4.01 for Windows 95
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer versions 4.0, 4.01 for Windows NT 4.0
 - Microsoft Windows 98

SUMMARY
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You can use the Active Desktop to make your desktop act like your own
personal Web page. You can display pieces of your favorite Web sites
directly on your desktop and keep them up-to-date automatically. You can
easily customize the Active Desktop at any time.

This article describes how to configure the Active Desktop. The following
topics are discussed:

 - How to enable and disable the Active Desktop
 - How to add an Active Desktop item to the desktop
 - How to make a Web page the desktop wallpaper

MORE INFORMATION
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How to Enable and Disable the Active Desktop

To enable the Active Desktop, right-click an empty area on the desktop,
point to Active Desktop, and then click View As Web Page (a check mark
appears). To disable the Active Desktop, click View As Web Page to clear
the check mark.

How to Add an Active Desktop Item to the Desktop

An Active Desktop item is simply a Web page. It can contain active content
that can change, such as a stock ticker or a weather map. To add an Active
Desktop item, follow these steps:

1. Click Start, point to Settings, click Control Panel, and then
   double-click Display.

2. Click the Web tab, and then click New.

3. If you want to use an Active Desktop item from the Desktop Component
   Gallery on Microsoft's Web site, click Yes. If you want to use a Web
   site as an Active Desktop item, click No, and then either type the Web
   address for the Web site you want to use, or click Browse to search
   your hard disk.

How to Make a Web Page the Desktop Wallpaper

To make a Web page the desktop wallpaper, follow these steps:

1. Click Start, point to Settings, click Control Panel, and then
   double-click Display.

2. On the Background tab, click Browse.

3. In the Browse dialog box, click HTML Document.

4. Search for the .htm or .html file on your hard disk that you want
   to use, and then click Open.

5. Click OK.

NOTE: You can also right-click any graphic in a Web page, and then click
Set As Wallpaper to make that graphic the desktop wallpaper.