WallPix 2.0

WallPix is an easy-to-use wallpaper and sound changer.   It is unique in its ability to preview your image and sound files before making them effective.

To create a **WallPix** profile, just drag a filename from the file directory over to the highlighted picture box, or double-click on the file.   Use the **"<<"** and **">>"** buttons to move to a new, empty profile.

Additional help can be found on the following topics:

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Setting the Wallpaper and Sound Files

Drag 'N Drop

The easiest way to create a new profile is to drag a filename and drop it on top of the highlighted picture box.   The Drag 'N Drop method may also be used to replace an existing image or sound file.

Double-Clicking

Double-clicking on a filename has the same effect as the Drag 'N Drop.

Clear Profile Button

The **Clear Profile** button may be used to erase the current profile.   Erasing a profile will not purge the actual wallpaper or sound files.

Clear Sound Button

If you wish to disassociate a sound file from a particular image, click on the **Clear Sound** button.

Choosing Tiling versus Patterns

Tiling

To set the tiling option on, click on the **Tile?** check box.   Clicking the **Tile?** check box again resets the tiling option.

When tiling is in effect, the selected image will be replicated enough times to cover the entire screen background, regardless of its original size.   Tiling is a good technique to use with small images, such as 32-pixel by 32-pixel icons that have been converted into .BMP files.

Patterns

When the tiling option is *not* selected, any area of the screen not covered by the image will be filled in with the selected pattern.   When choosing a pattern, ensure that the highlighted frame is around the correct image, then select a pattern from the ***Pattern List Box*** by clicking on the name (e.g., Boxes, Spinners, Thatches).   The patterns displayed here are any found in your CONTROL.INI file.

Note that   WallPix profiles may be *only* a pattern if desired; a wallpaper file is not required.

Previewing Your Profiles

WallPix gives you the ability to *preview* the profiles you have configured, allowing you to see precisely the combined effects of your wallpaper, tiling, pattern and sound settings.   To preview a profile, select the **Preview** control, or:

Selecting the *Tour* button

You can preview **all** of your profiles by selecting the *Tour* button.   The current profile is the first displayed.   From there, you will have control buttons allowing you to move backward (<<) or forward (>>) through your configured profiles.

Hanging Your Wallpaper

The **Hang It!** control button changes your desktop wallpaper.   **Hang It!** may be invoked from either the main screen, or from the preview screen.

When requested, the **Hang It!** operation causes WallPix to minimize itself and run as an icon.   If you are using the randomizer function, WallPix will continue to change your desktop wallpaper at the selected interval.

When the **Hang It!** button is selected, WallPix does not itself change your desktop wallpaper, but rather instructs your Desktop Manager to update your wallpaper with the information which WallPix has supplied.   If your wallpaper is *not* being updated and your Desktop Manager is *not* Program Manager, then contact the vendor of   your replacement Desktop Manager application. WallPix is fully compatible with Program Manager running under both Windows 3.0 and Windows 3.1 and has been tested with many of the popular Program Manager replacement utilities as well.

Wallpaper File

Any file compatible with .BMP or .RLE formats... *in any subdirectory*!   When instructed, WallPix will change your desktop wallpaper to the selected file.

Pattern

An 8-pixel by 8-pixel monochrome brush pattern, created in Control Panel's desktop application. Patterns are automatically in effect whenever the tiling option is off.

Tiling option

Controls the display of the wallpaper file.   When ON, the selected Wallpaper file will be replicated enough times to fill the entire screen.   When OFF, the Wallpaper file will be centered in the middle of the screen.   The area surrounding the centered image will be determined by the Pattern settings.

Sound File

Any file compatible with the .WAV sound file format.   As with the Wallpaper file, the sound file can be located in any subdirectory.   WallPix sets the System Startup sound event to the selected .WAV file.

Using the Randomizer

When run as an icon, WallPix will change your desktop wallpaper at the interval you have specified, randomly choosing a wallpaper (or pattern) from the profiles you have configured.

Select the ***Randomizer*** option from the Settings Menu to change the randomization interval. Supported settings are: every 30 seconds, 1 minute, 5 minutes, 15 minutes, 30 minutes and 1 hour.

To have WallPix start up automatically as an icon, set the ***Run Minimized*** property from Program Manager's File|Property Menu.   If you are running a desktop manager other than Program Manager, consult the documentation for your replacement desktop manager.

WallPix does not play the associated sound file when running as an icon.   Sound files are played at System Startup, and whenever WallPix runs in full-screen mode.