

LESSON 16

WINDOWS DESKTOP MADE SIMPLE

DESKTOP WALLPAPER

Your Windows 95 screen has 3 basic components. At the bottom of your screen is the Task Bar. The entire area above the TASK BAR. The rest of your screen is called the DESKTOP. The icons or pictures that appear on your DESKTOP are called SHORTCUTS.

The background or DESKTOP area of your screen can easily be changed, and we refer to this background as WALLPAPER. You have this wonderful computer and here I am talking about WALLPAPER.

Windows 95 comes with several varieties of WALLPAPER. Just right-click on your current WALL PAPER, then select PROPERTIES. At the BACKGROUND tab you'll see a selection for WALLPAPER. The default selection is NONE. Scroll through the available choices and as you highlight each choice you'll see how it will look. When you are satisfied with your choice, just click on APPLY, then OK.

Not enough choices? No Problem, because the Internet is full of all sorts of pictures that can make great WALLPAPER for your computer screen. For example, there is a large character of me on my Web site. If you wanted to have that character as your wallpaper, you would just right-click on that picture, then select Set as Wallpaper. The picture will take up a large part of your desktop. Some of the pictures on the Internet that you might use are smaller, and you can fill your screen with them by right-clicking on the WALLPAPER, and selecting Properties. Select the BACKGROUND tab and locate DISPLAY choices in the lower right-hand corner. CENTER will place the image in the center of your desktop, while TILE will fill the screen with a number of those same images. Remember to let the picture fully load in your browser before you right-click on it. Right-clicking before the picture fully loads keeps the Set as Wallpaper option from being selected.

Once you have added new WALLPAPER, that picture will remain in your WALLPAPER section, and you can always replace it with another picture or go back and select NONE, the default selection, to remove your current picture WALLPAPER.

One more point for our lesson today. You can quickly and easily get to the PROPERTIES setting of any desktop Icon by holding down the ALT key and double-clicking on the Icon.

Now, that wasn't so hard, was it?

