

Fixed an issue that could not replace Windows 10 desktop wallpaper with Group Policy

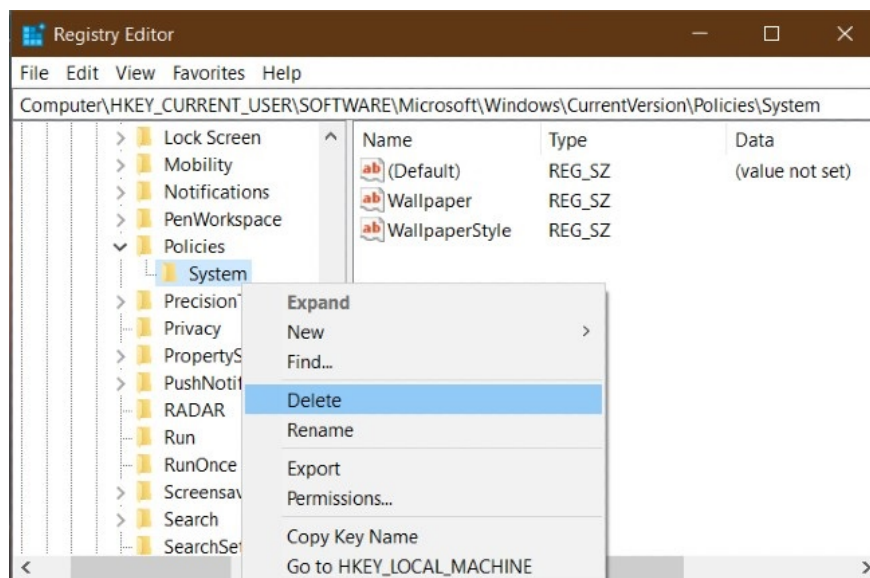
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If you try to change the desktop wallpaper using Local Group Policy Editor on Windows 10 but fails, here is the fix solution. In addition, these solutions can also help you fix the black background error on Windows 10.

To fix the error that cannot replace Windows 10 desktop wallpaper with Group Policy you can try the following:

1. Check Registry Editor settings

Since using Registry Editor can also change the desktop background, sometimes Registry Editor settings conflict with Local Group Policy Editor. Therefore, you need to check the Registry for any suspicious settings or not.



You can check it by opening **Registry Editor** then locate the **Policies** folder under the following path:

HKEY_CURRENT_USERSOFTWAREMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionPolicies

If you see in Policies there is a subdirectory called System, open it and see if there are two String Values ?? inside it, **Wallpaper** and **WallpaperStyle** . If so, right-click on **System** and choose **Delete** .

Once done, try to reset the background image using Group Policy see if it is okay.

2. Check the path and name of the wallpaper

When setting a desktop wallpaper using Local Group Policy Editor, you need to enter the path and name of the wallpaper. When you change the save location and the name of the background image, you also need to change the declaration corresponding to the Group Policy application. If you don't, you will see your computer display a black background image.

To check and re-enter the path you need to open the folder containing the wallpapers. Then, open the **Local Group Policy Editor** and navigate to:

User Configuration > Administrative Templates > Desktop > Desktop

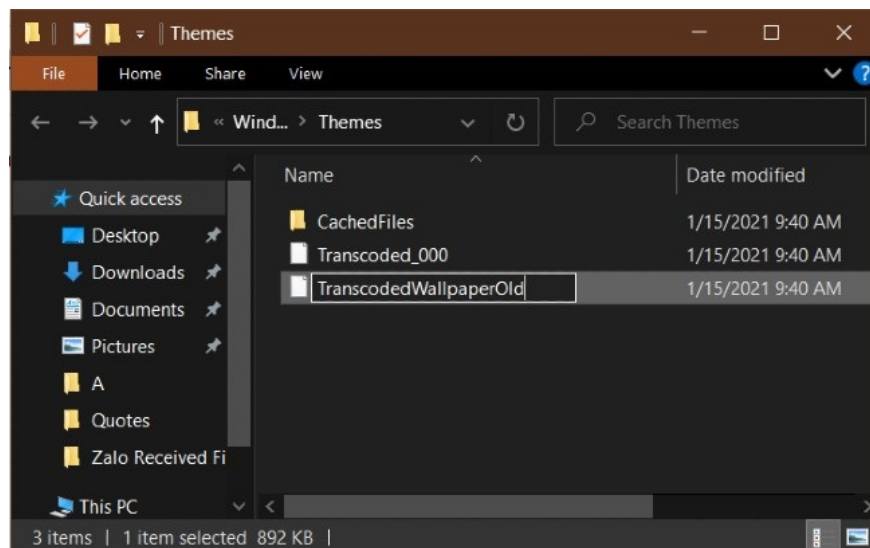
Double-click on the setting **Desktop Wallpaper** and enter the new path of the wallpaper then click **OK**.

3. Rename TranscodedWallpaper

In simple terms, you have to reset the wallpaper cache on your Windows 10 computer. There are two files you need to intervene to do this. The first file is **TranscodedWallpaper** and to rename it press **Windows + R** to open the Run dialog box.

Then, type the following path into **Run** and press **Enter** :

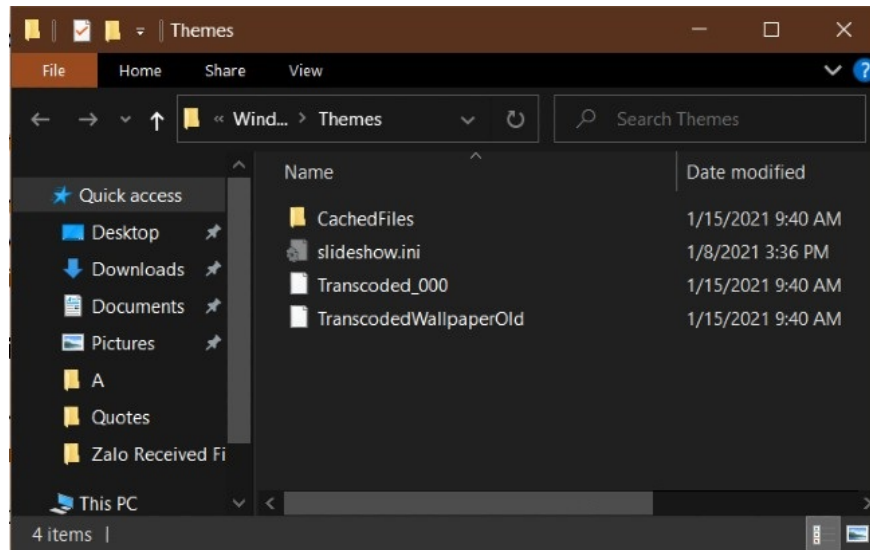
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%USERPROFILE%\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Themes
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Here, you will see a file named **TranscodedWallpaper**. Right click on it and choose **Rename**. You can choose any name you want.

4. Delete the content of slideshow.ini

The second file that needs to work to clear the wallpaper cache is **slideshow.ini**. The **slideshow.ini** file is in the same folder as the **TranscodedWallpaper**.



However, to see it you need to set the display of hidden files. To edit, right-click **slideshow.ini** and choose **Edit** . If you see anything in this file you need to delete all and press **Ctrl + S** to save.

5. Check wallpaper change blocking settings

If you are unable to change the wallpaper despite doing everything you should, you should check if the setting to block background changes in **Group Policy** and **Registry Editor** is enabled.

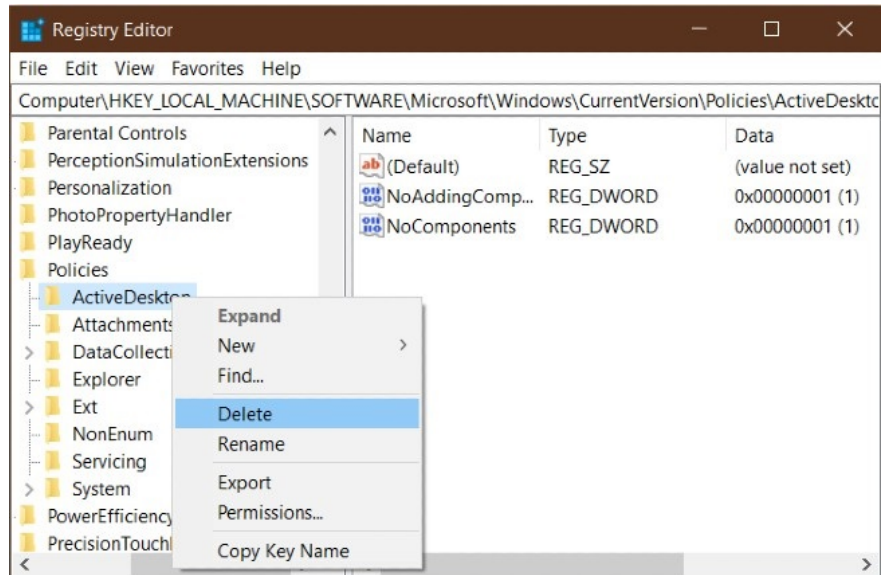
First, let's examine **Group Policy** by going to the following path:

User Configuration > Administrative Templates > Control Panel > Personalization

Double-click the **Prevent changing desktop background setting** on the right hand side. If it is set to **Enable** then select **Not Configured** and press **OK** .

Likewise, you need to check if the same configuration is enabled in the Registry. To do this, press **Windows + R** then type **regedit** and press **Enter** to access **Registry Editor** . Then, you need to find the following path:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies



Under the Policies key, you will see a subkey named **ActiveDesktop** . Click it and you'll see two DWORD (32-bit) Values **values** named **NoAddingComponents** and **NoComponents** . Click on each value and the Value data is **0** then click **OK** . Alternatively, you can also right-click on the **ActiveDesktop** key and choose **Delete** .

Hopefully this article will help you to solve your problem.

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