

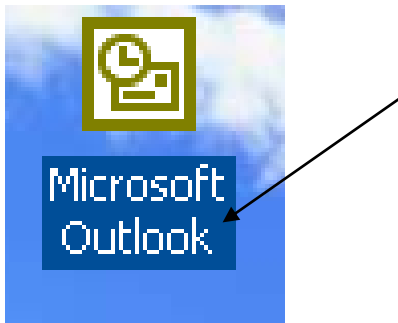
REMOVE THE BLUE HIGHLIGHT FROM DESKTOP ICON TEXT IN "WINDOWS XP"

Objective and Desired Result:

Here are some simple steps to get rid of the annoying blue highlight that sometimes develops for desktop icon text in "Windows XP".

THE PROBLEM:

If you make some changes to your "Windows XP" computer, sometimes your desktop icons will develop a blue highlight for icon text, as follows:



Some computer users like this highlight. Others hate it. If you want to get rid of the blue rectangle that surrounds the icon text, please perform the following steps:

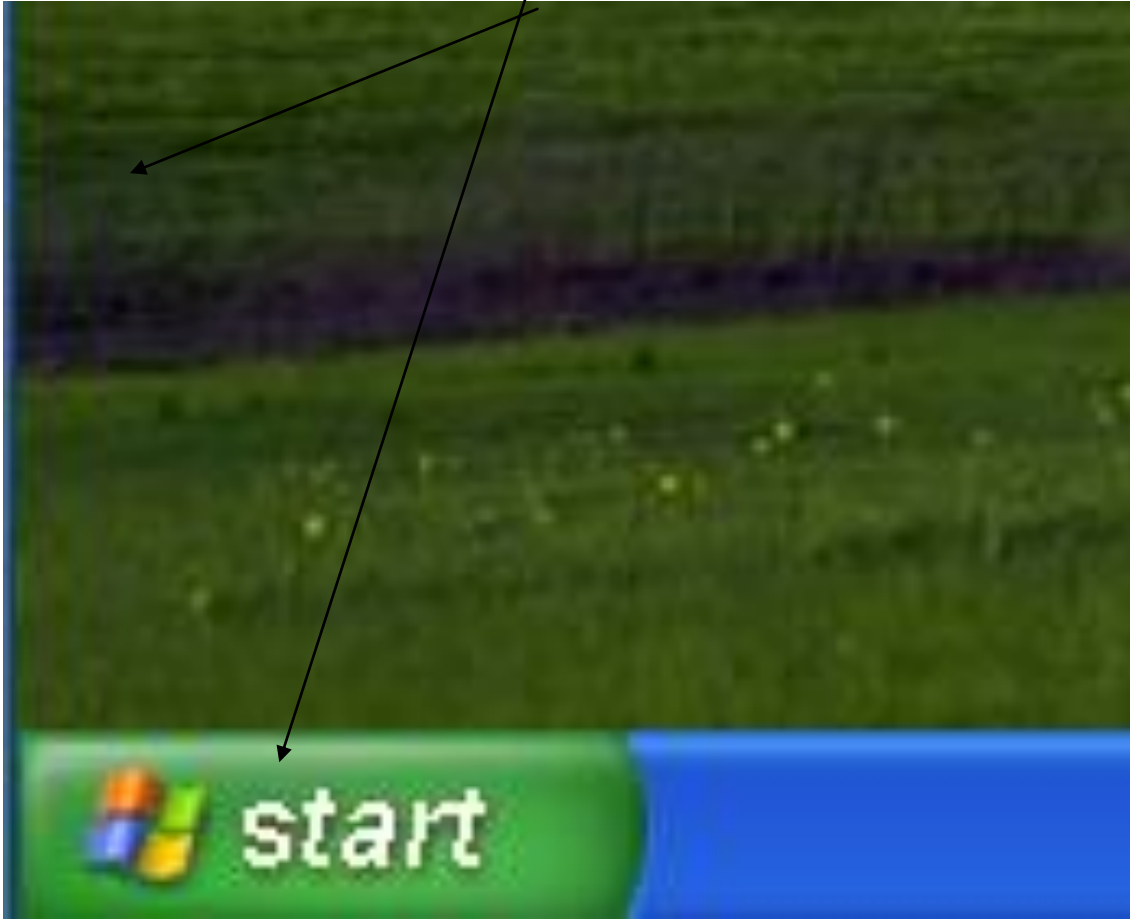
STEP-BY-STEP PROCEDURE

Step 1:

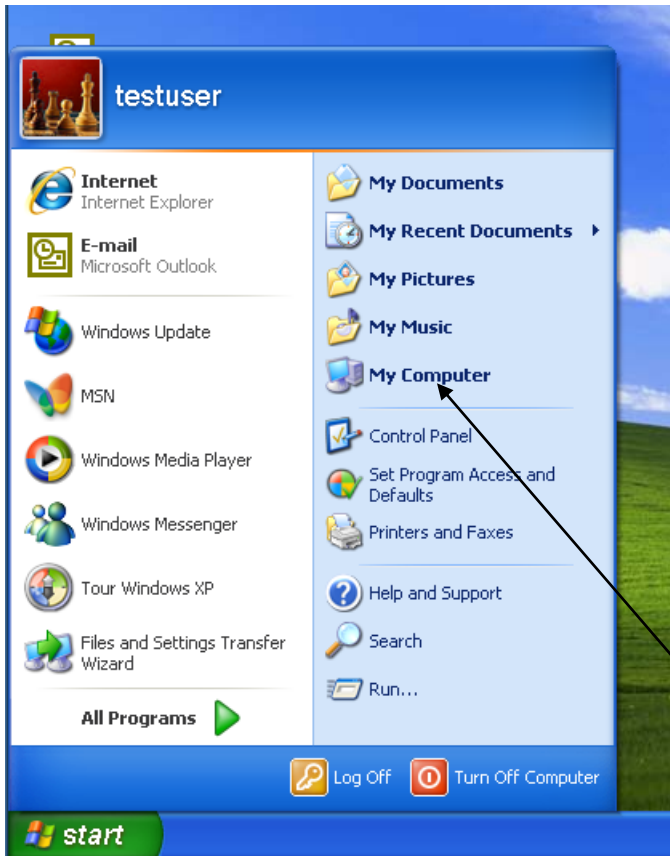
Close any windows that are running so that you have a clean Windows "Desktop":



Step 2:
Click on the Windows "Start" button:



Step 3:
The Windows "Start menu" will be displayed:



Step 4:
Use the RIGHT mouse button to click on "My Computer".

Step 5:

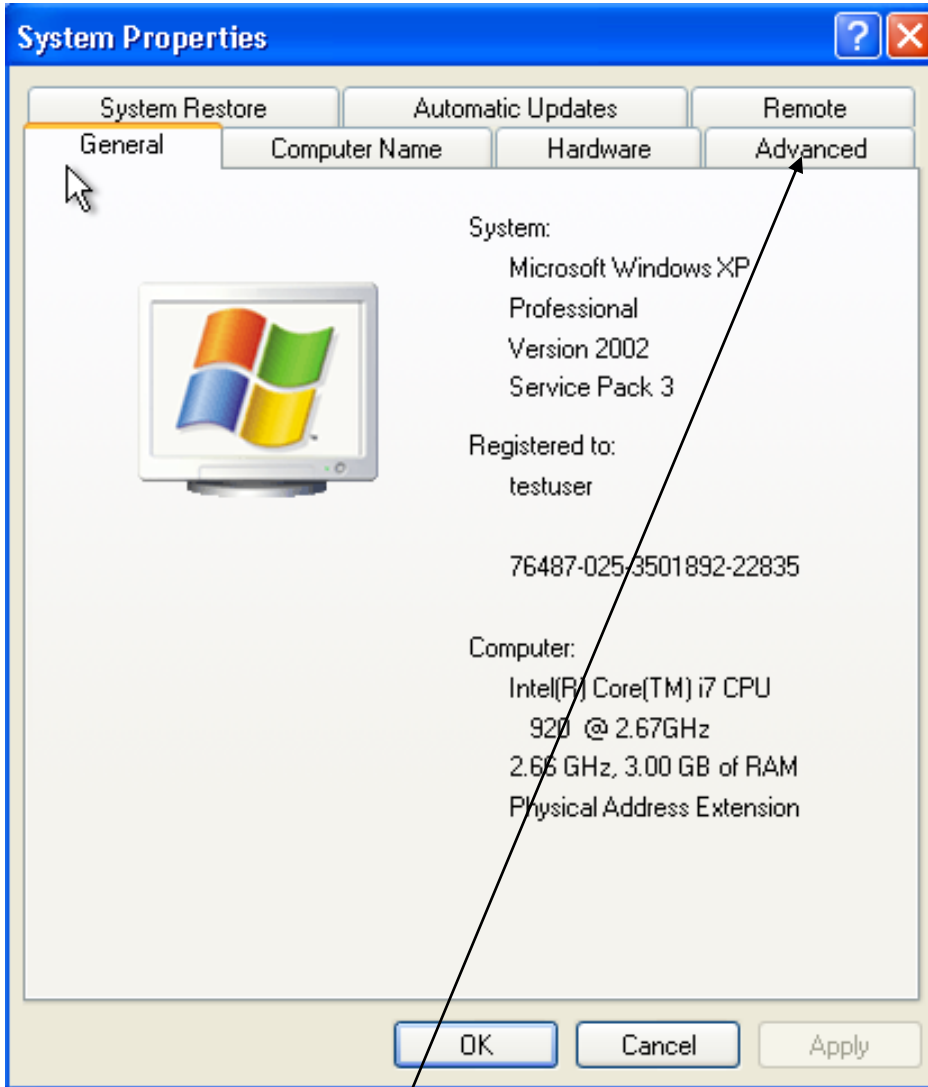
A pop-up context menu will be displayed:



Step 6:

Click on "Properties".

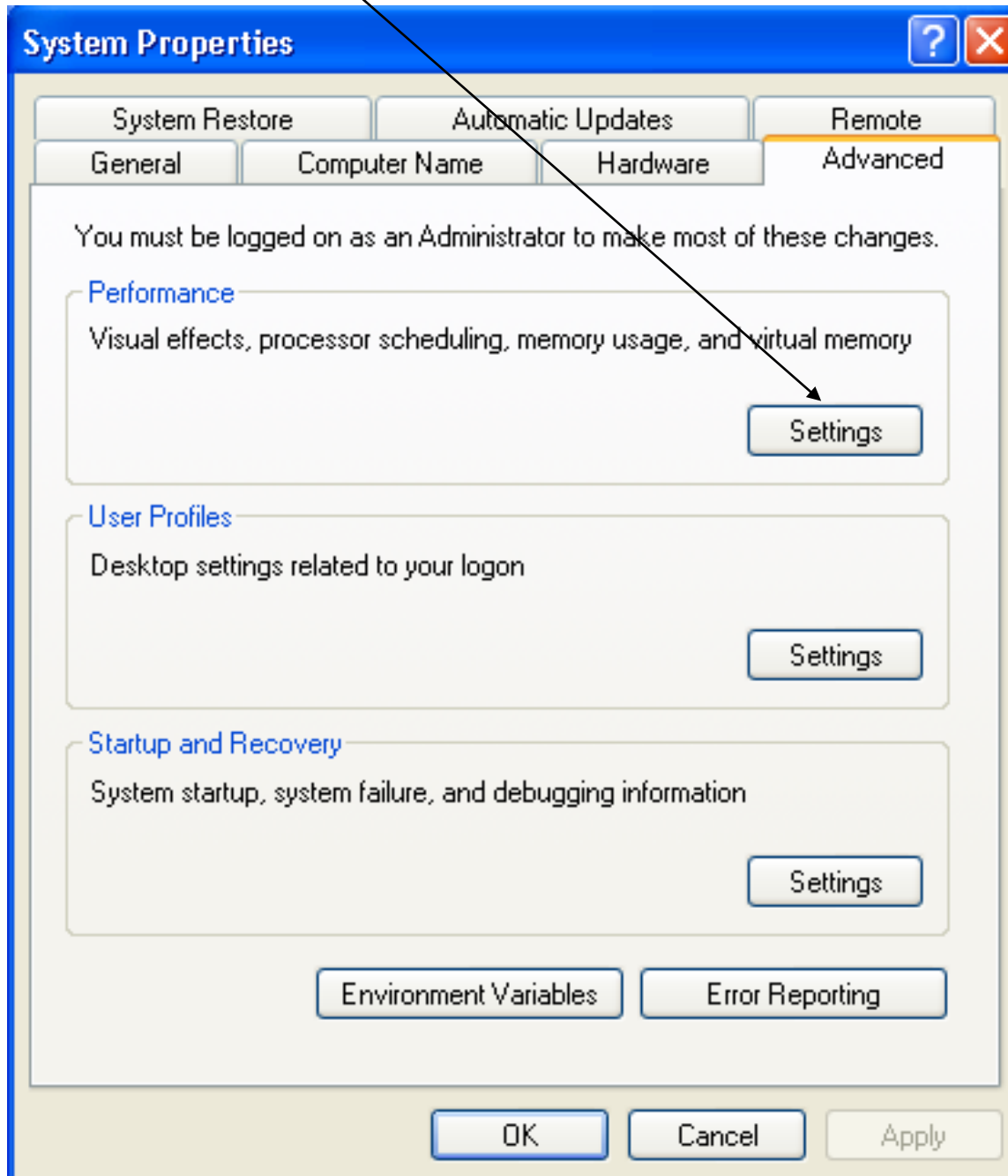
Step 7:
A "System Properties" box will be displayed:



Step 8:
Click on the "Advanced" tab.

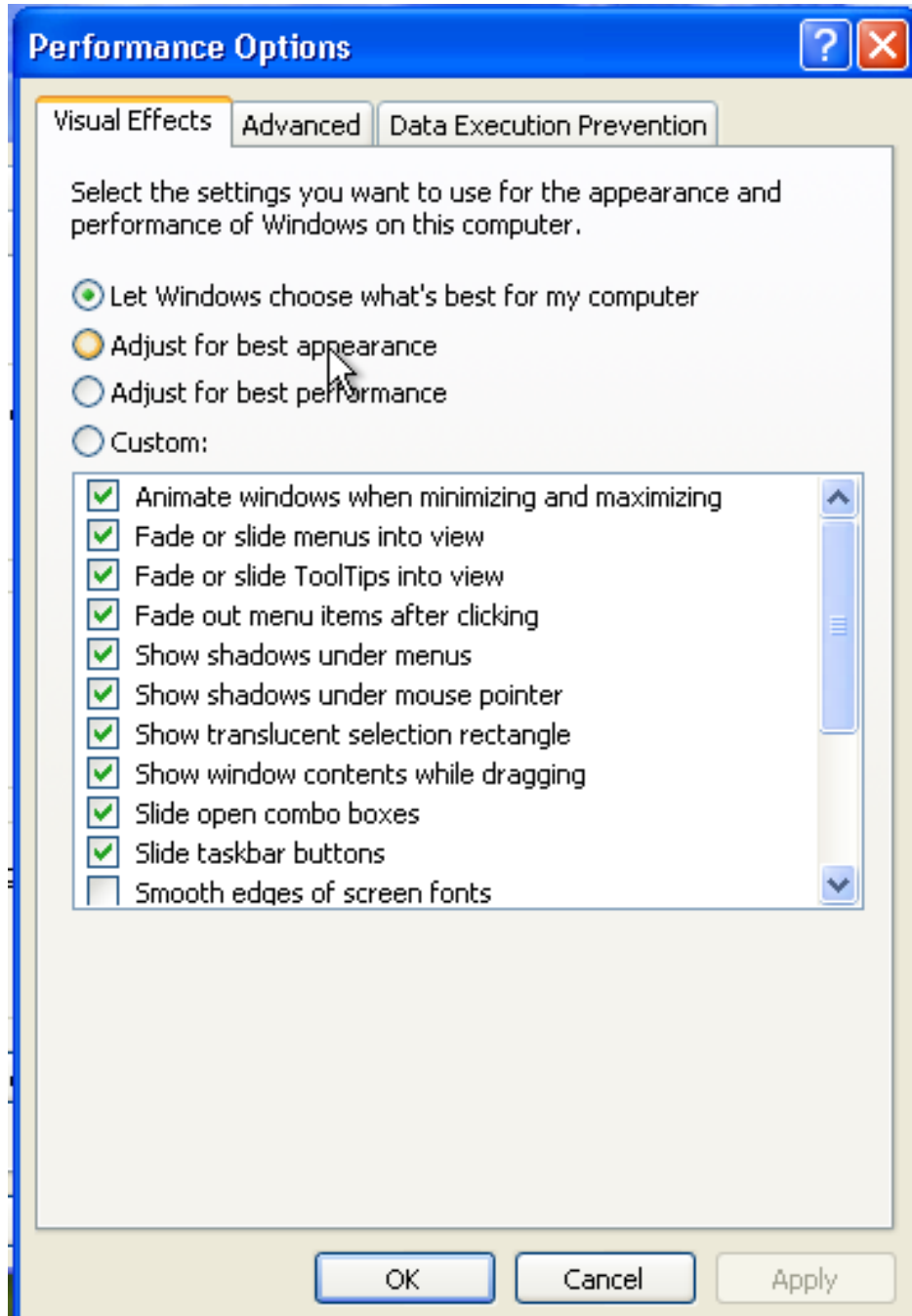
Step 9:

Click on the "Settings" button in the "Performance" section of the "Advanced" tab:



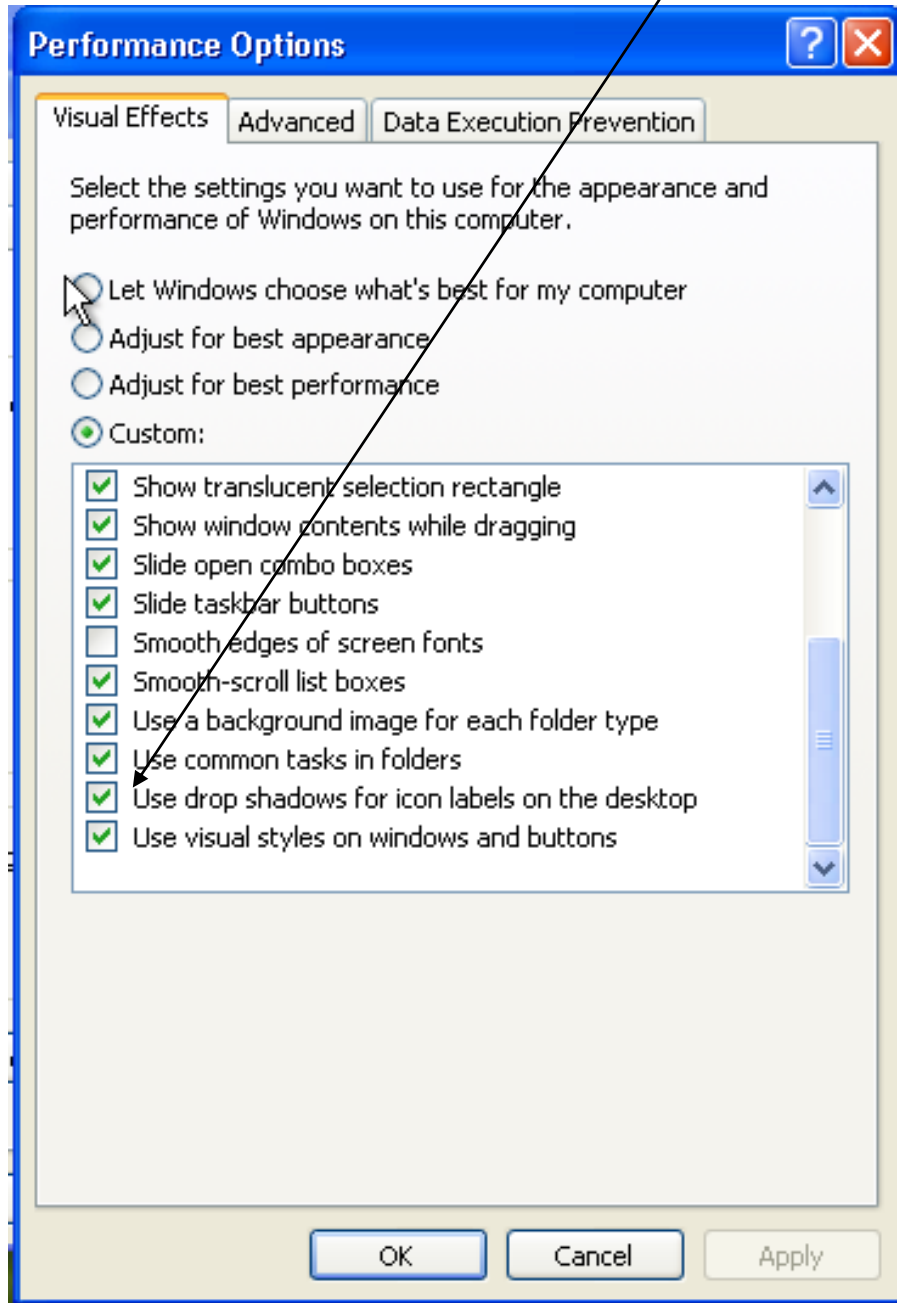
Step 10:

A "Performance Options" box will be displayed:



Step 11:

Scroll to the bottom and check "Use drop shadows for icon labels on the desktop":



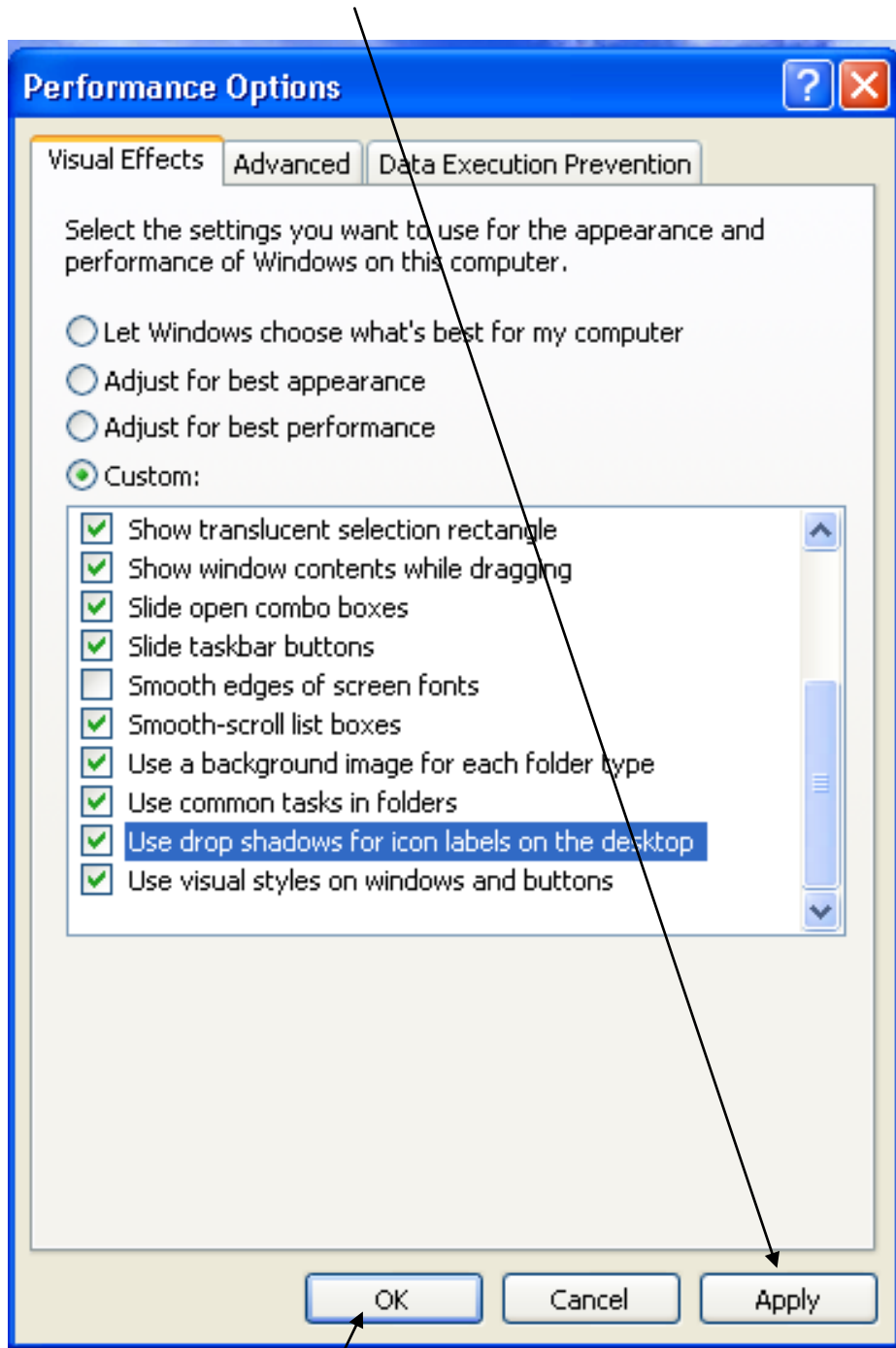
Here is a closer view:

- Smooth-scroll list boxes
- Use a background image for each folder type
- Use common tasks in folders
- Use drop shadows for icon labels on the desktop
- Use visual styles on windows and buttons

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Step 12:

Click on the "Apply" button:



Step 13:

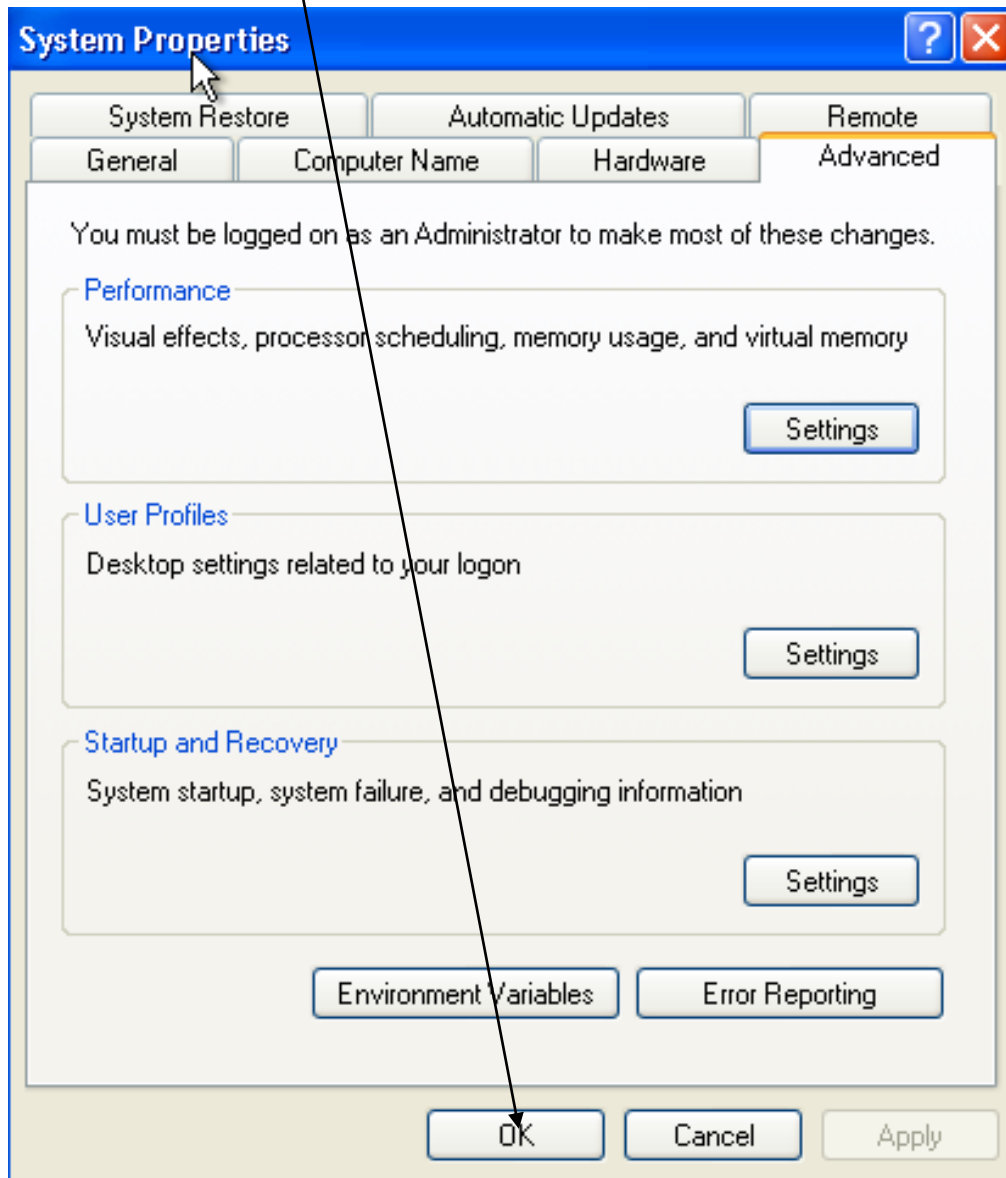
Click on the "OK" button.

Step 14:

The "Performance Options" box will disappear.

Step 15:

Click on the "OK" button of the "System Properties" box:



Step 16:

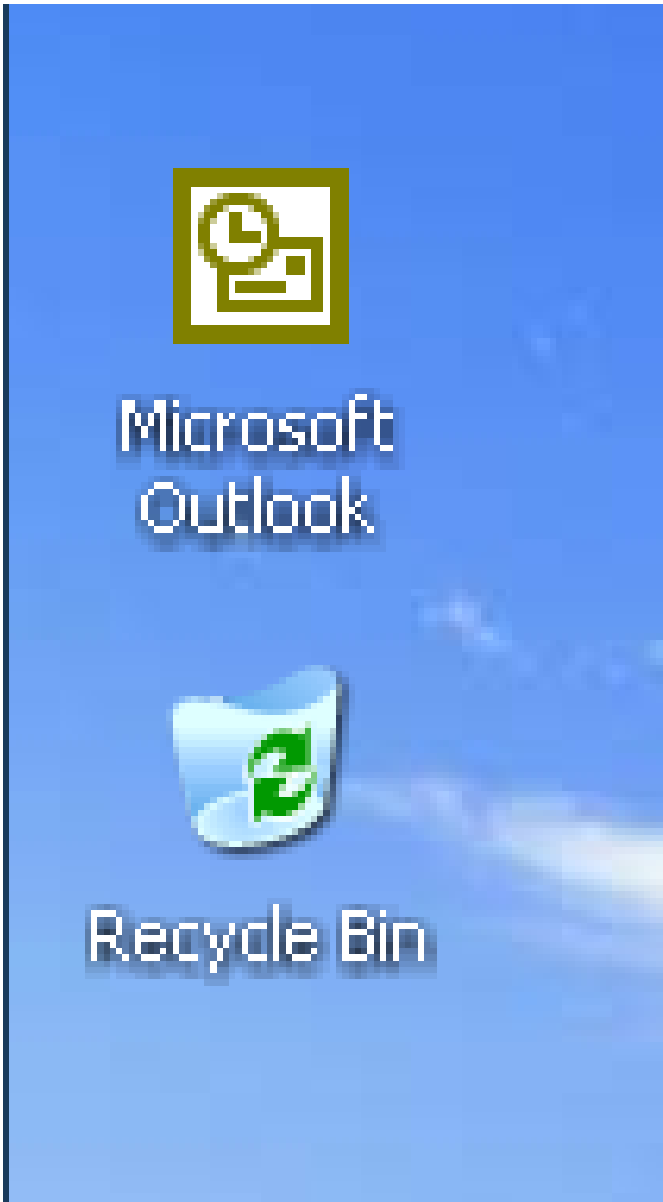
The "System Properties" box will disappear.

Step 17:

Click anywhere in the "background" the Windows "Desktop".

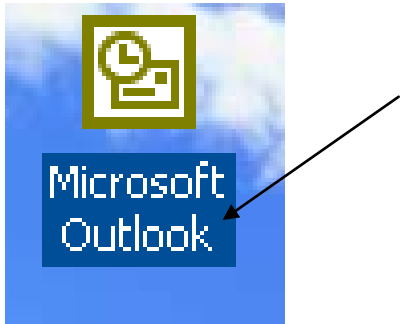
Step 18:

If the blue highlight for desktop icon text is now gone (as shown below), do not go to the remaining steps in this procedure.



Step 19:

If your desktop icons still have a blue highlight for icon text (as shown below), go to "Step 20".



Step 20:

Close any windows that are running so that you have a clean Windows "Desktop":

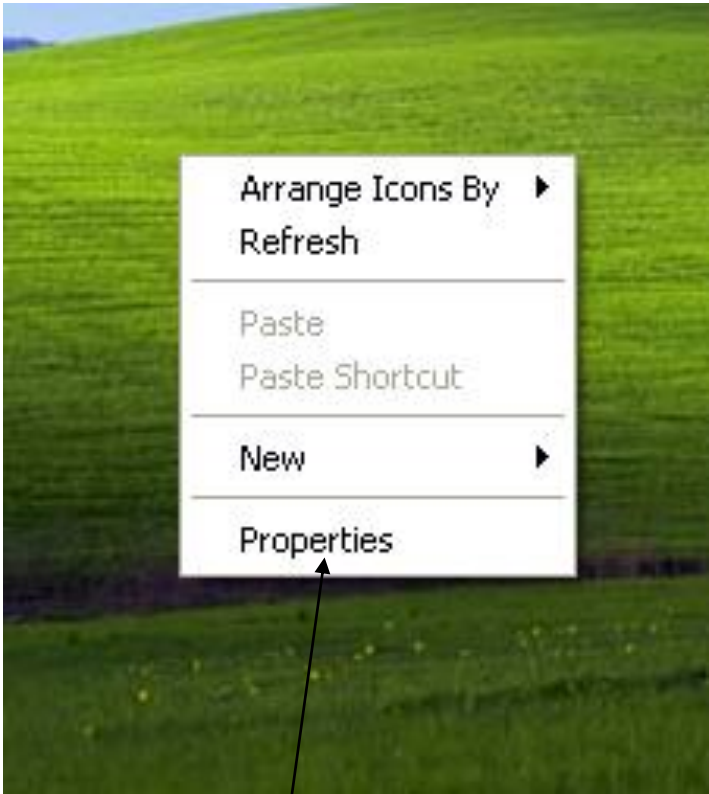


Step 21:

Use you RIGHT mouse button to click on the Desktop.

Step 22:

A pop-up context menu will be displayed:

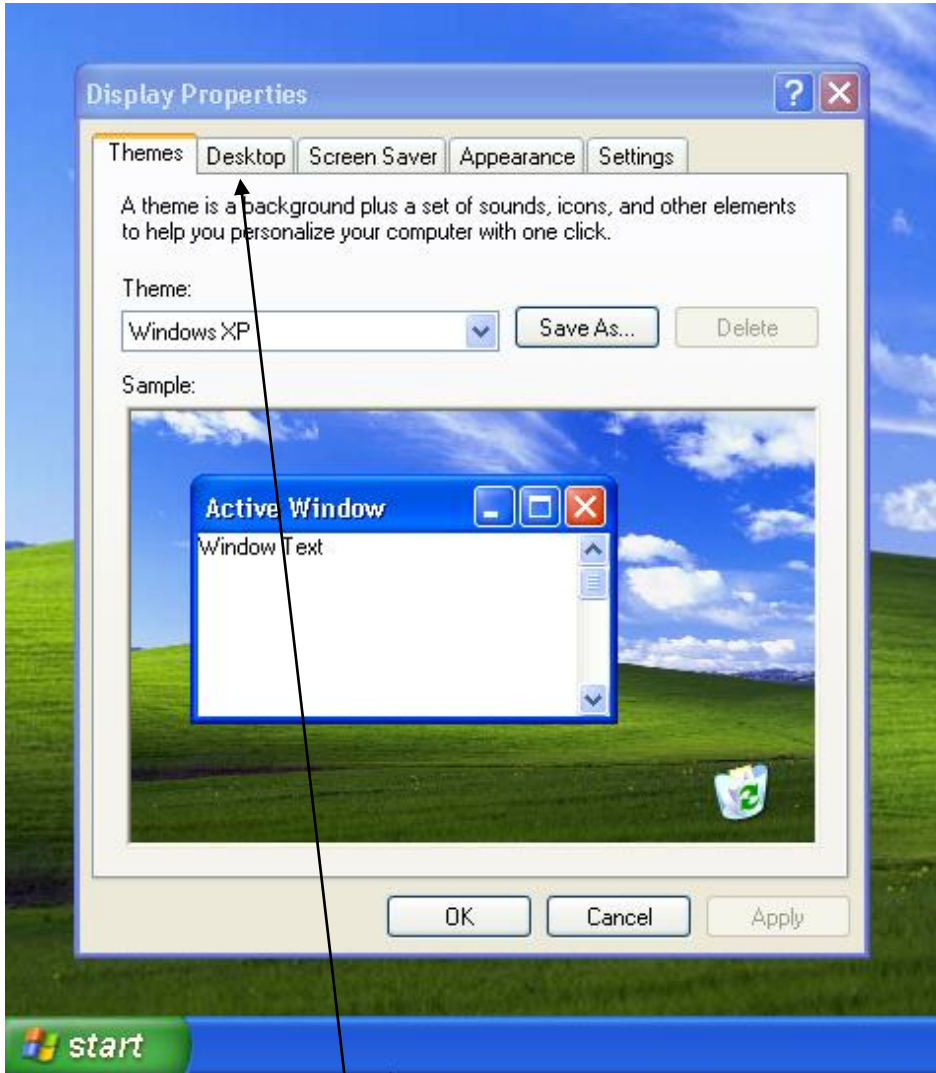


Step 23:

Click on Properties.

Step 24:

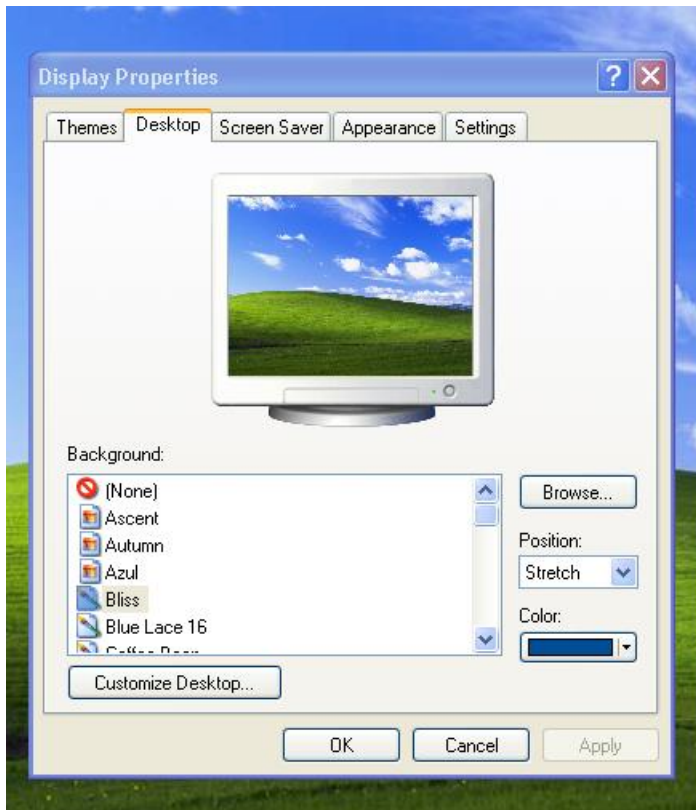
A "Display Properties" box will be shown:



Step 25:

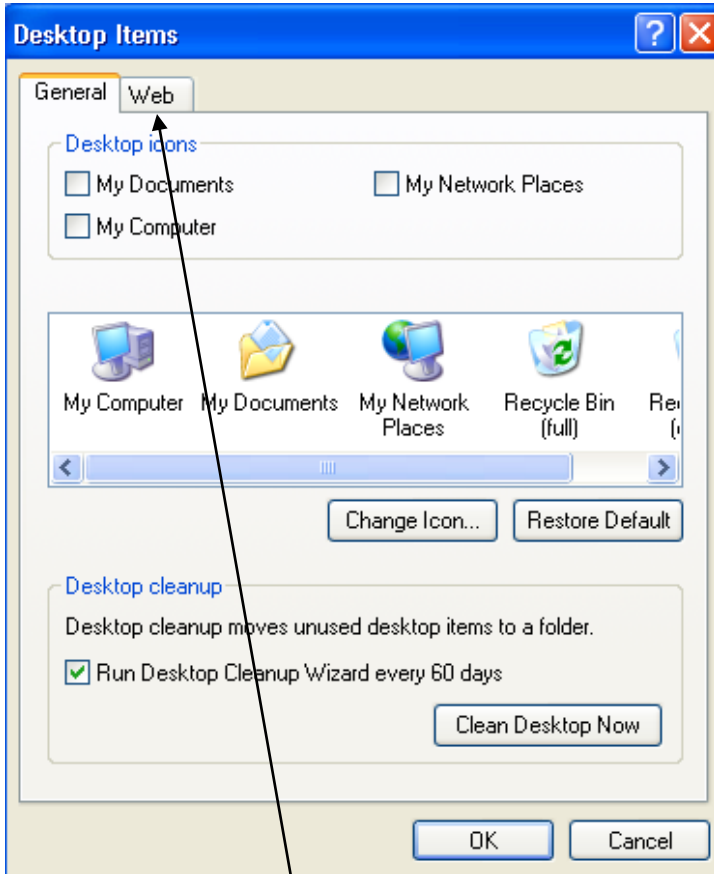
Click on the "Desktop" tab.

Step 26:
Click on the "Customize Desktop" button:



Step 27:

A "Desktop Items" box will be displayed:

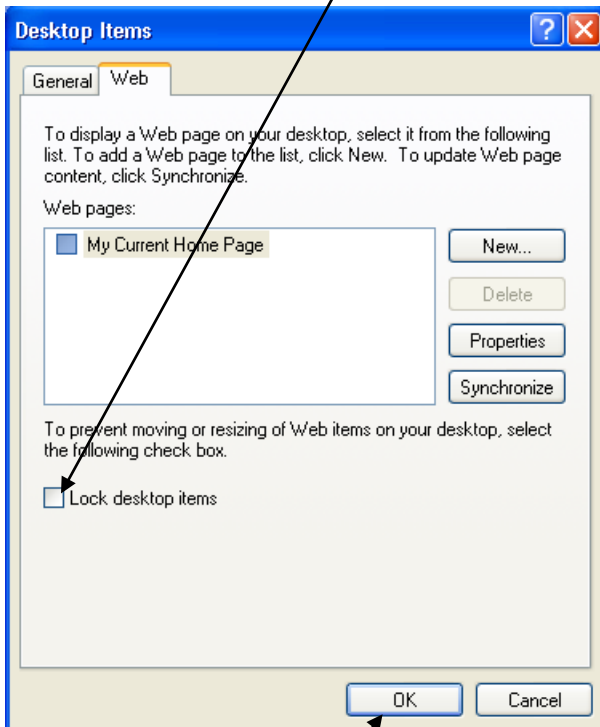


Step 28:

Click on the "Web" tab.

Step 29:

Remove the checkmark from "Lock Desktop Items"



Step 30:

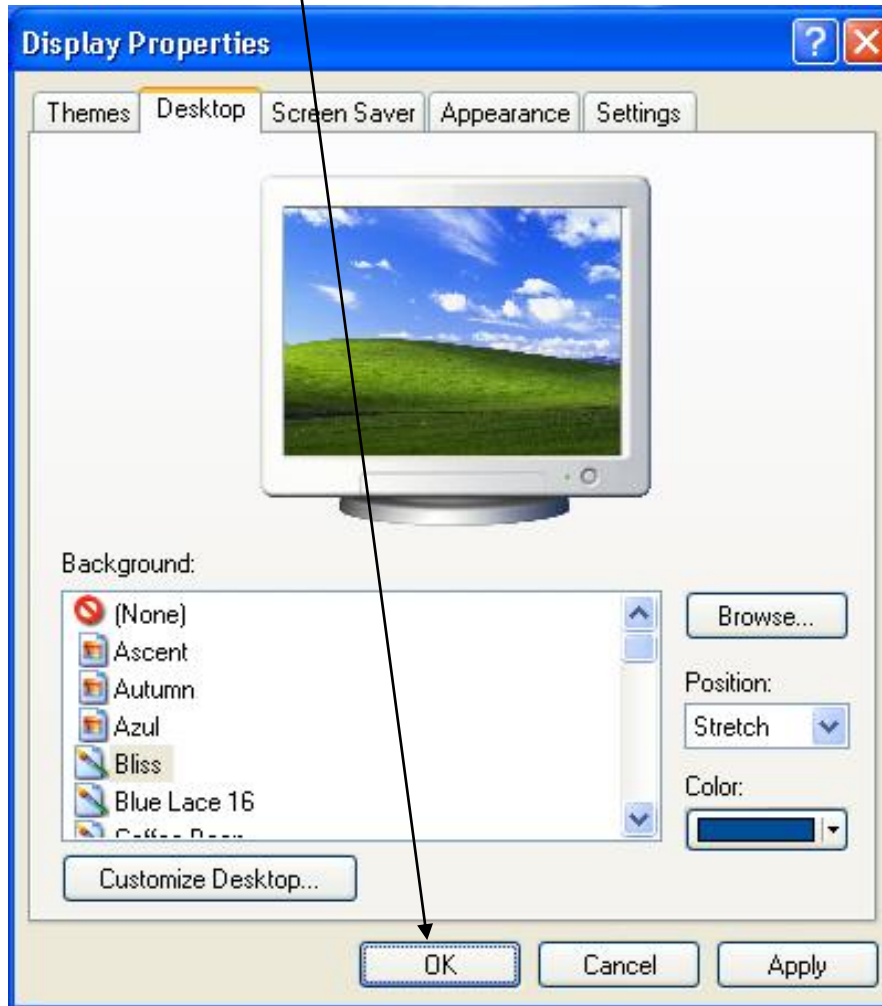
Click on the "OK" button of the "Desktop Items" box.

Step 31:

The "Desktop Items" box will disappear.

Step 32:

Click on the "OK" button of the "Desktop Properties" box:



Step 33:

The "Desktop Properties" box will disappear.

Step 34:

Click anywhere in the "background" the Windows "Desktop".

Step 35:

If the the blue highlight for desktop icon text is now gone, do not complete the remaining steps in this procedure:



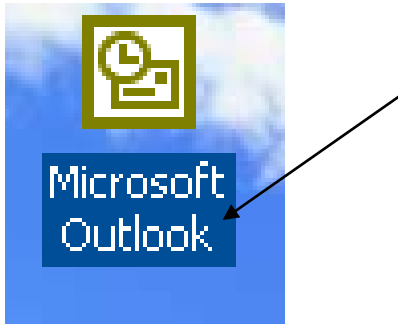
Microsoft
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Recycle Bin

Step 36:

If your desktop icons still have a blue highlight for icon text (as shown below), go to "Step 37".



Step 37

Complete the steps in "Solution 2" at

<http://www.proposedsolution.com/solutions/desktop-icons-all-have-blue-highlight-box-around-text/>

References:

<http://www.proposedsolution.com/solutions/desktop-icons-all-have-blue-highlight-box-around-text/>

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<http://icrontic.com/discussion/39256/how-do-i-de-highlight-desktop-icon-words>

and

<http://www.softwaretipsandtricks.com/forum/windows-xp/19522-desktop-icon-text-highlighted.html>