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In this issue: Wallpaper and Pandora...

A little paint, a little wallpaper...

Is it time to remodel the digital world you live in? One of the quickest fixes to make your computer seem interesting again is to replace the wallpaper on your desktop. There are several ways not to do this including the way-too-popular Webshots Desktop. Webshots will download and swap your wallpaper automatically and though that sounds like a fun application, we have strong suspicions that it also has a bad habit of downloading quite a bit of other less friendly trash as well. The cleanest and simplest method to sprucing up your day to day digital is via the right-click menu. Built right into windows, the "Set as background" option on the right-mouse-click menu will do just as it says. Right click on any image you find on the net or on your computer and this option will indeed set it as your desktop background. Where can you find new desktop backgrounds? There are several sites such as Social Wallpapering (<http://socwall.com/>) that offer many high quality free choices. Search engines such as Google's <http://images.google.com> and Yahoo!'s <http://images.search.yahoo.com> also make it easy to sort through the web for interesting images. Social Wallpapering only allows "safe for work" images and the other two apply "safe search" filters to prevent unexpected images.

Noteworthy DNA...

If you find yourself stuck listening to the same CD every time you get in the car it may be time to find some new tunes. The problem is that local radio has too many commercials, satellite radio is too expensive and neither plays "your" type of music. Web 2.0 has your solution. Pandora Radio is a project from the guys at the Music Genome Project that tries to decode the DNA of music. They analyze all of the beats, the tones, the genre, the type of singer and hundreds of other points of music in order to determine which songs are most similar to one another. From there it's pretty simple, you tell them a couple of your favorite songs or artists and they build stations that play music very similar to the suggestions you gave them. An "I like it/I don't like it" system allows you to fine tune the station to your personal favorites. If you get stuck trying to think of a favorite, they also offer pre-built "genre" stations such as Jazz, Country, or Adult Contemporary that you can customize and fine tune. Pandora Radio is a free service with simple non-obtrusive ads displayed on the site, the music stream itself contains no advertising.
www.pandora.com

Final Byte...

If computers get too powerful, we can organize them into committees. That'll do them in. ~Author Unknown