

Defragmenting your hard disk drive on Windows XP

In the course of using your computer, files get accessed, added or removed quite a bit. Over time, this causes a fragmentation of the file system on your computer.

This mini-tutorial will teach you how to defragment your hard disk drive.

Note: To optimize the effects of this procedure, it is highly recommended that you perform the following *first*: uninstall any software you do not need anymore, delete any cookies/temporary internet files, and close any applications that may be running in the background.

One more thing we need to do before we get started is to temporarily turn off the screen saver and change some power management settings (see the tutorial for details on power management settings.)

Once you have finished completing the above tasks, you may begin the defragmenting process

Click on "Start".

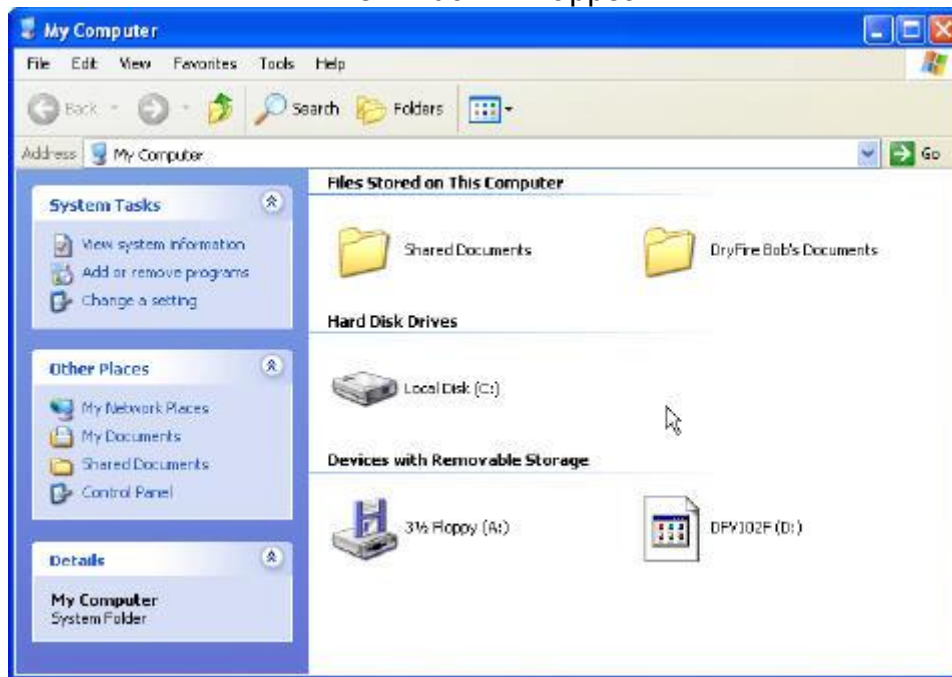


Click "My Computer".

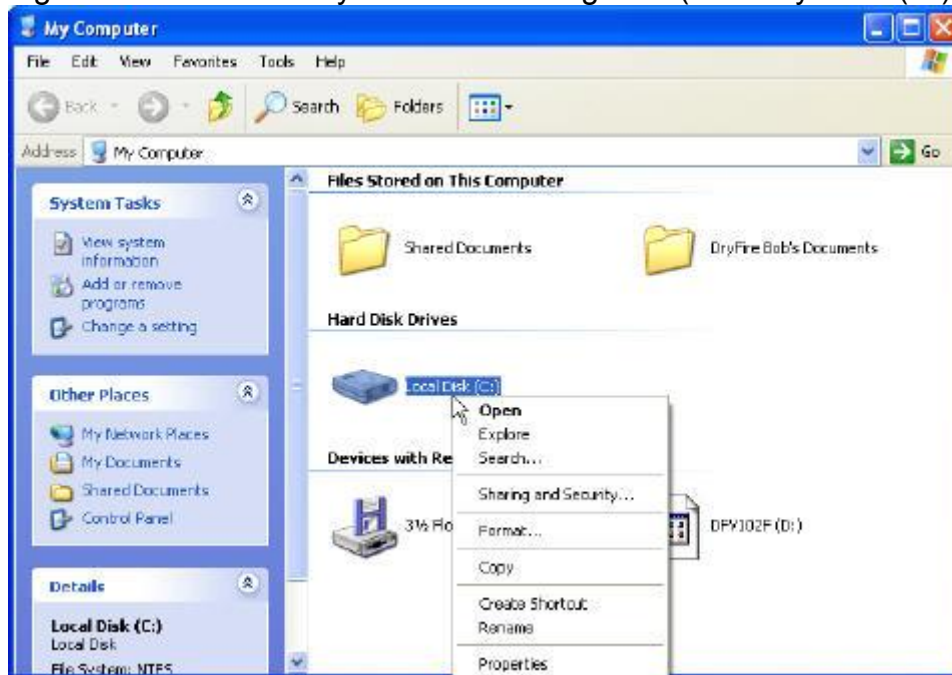


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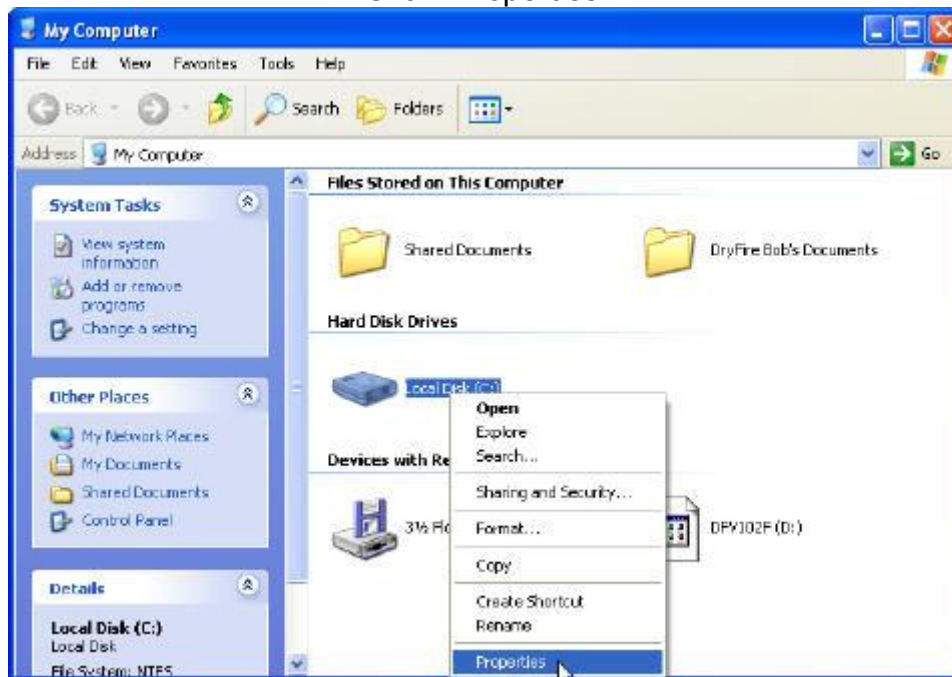


Right-click on the drive you want to defragment (normally drive (C:)).

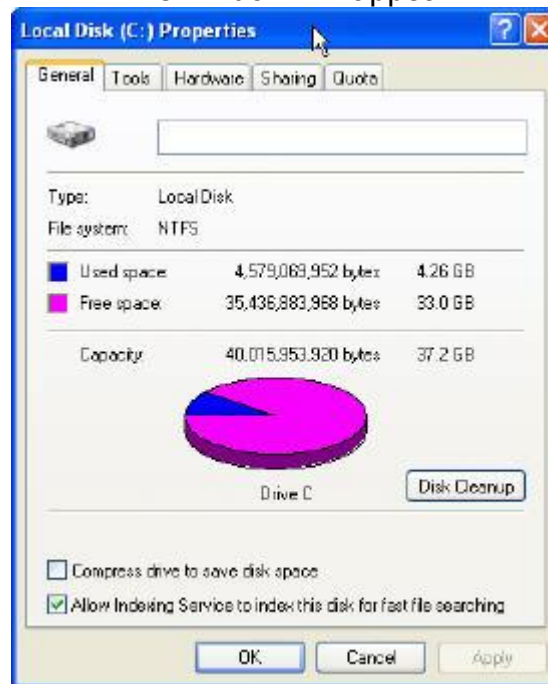


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Click "Properties"

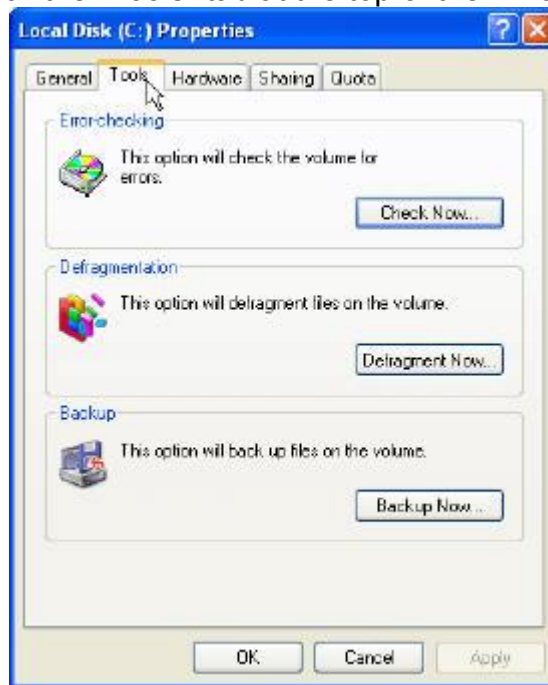


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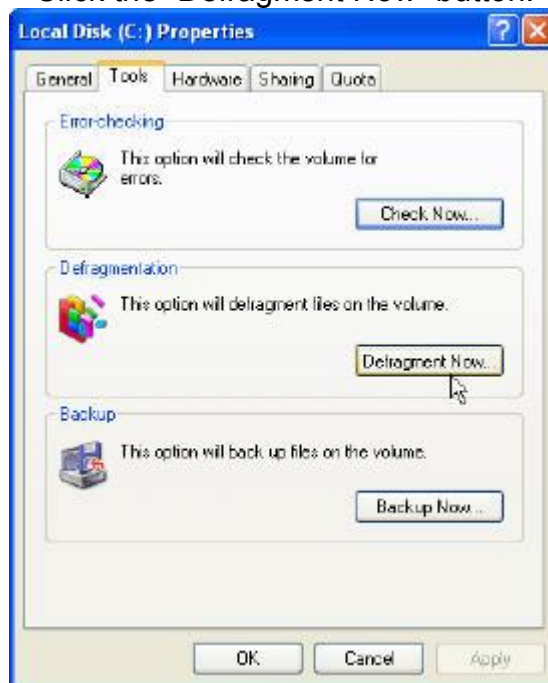


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Click the “Tools” tab at the top of the window.

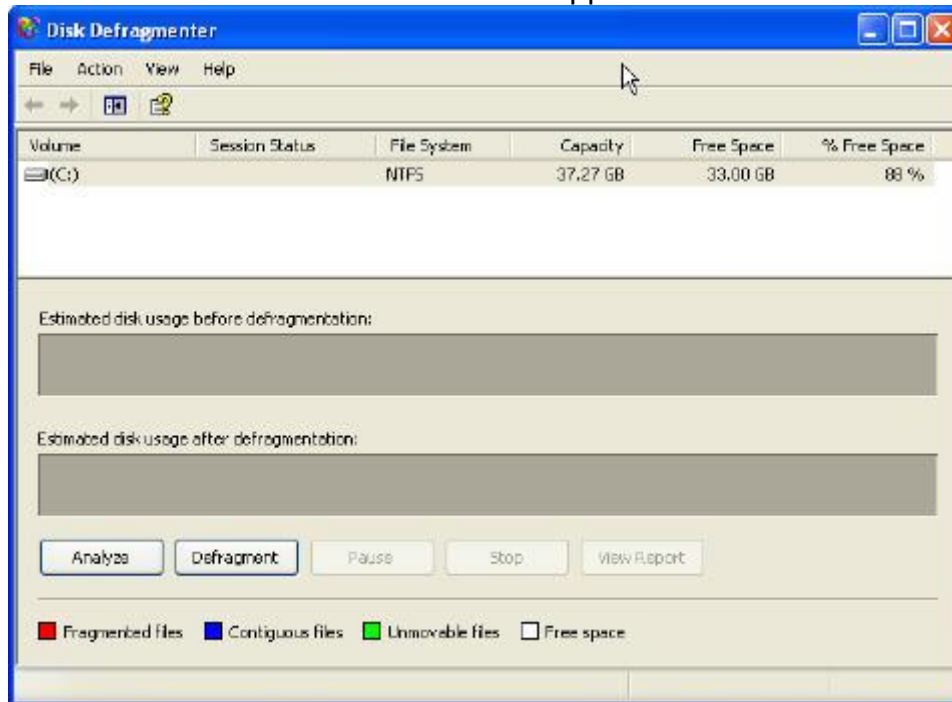


Click the “Defragment Now” button.

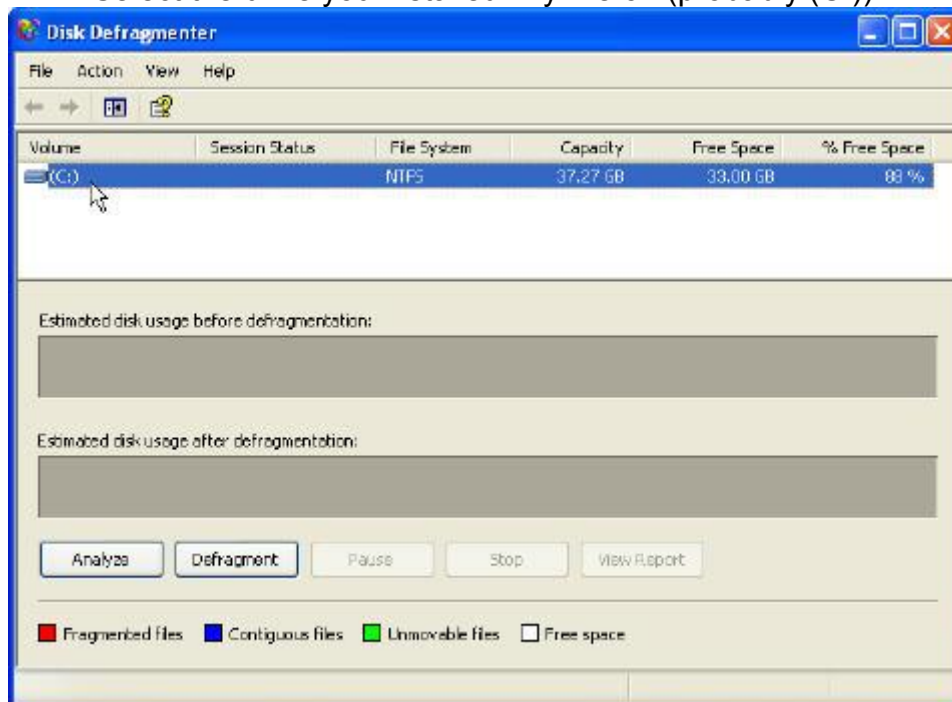


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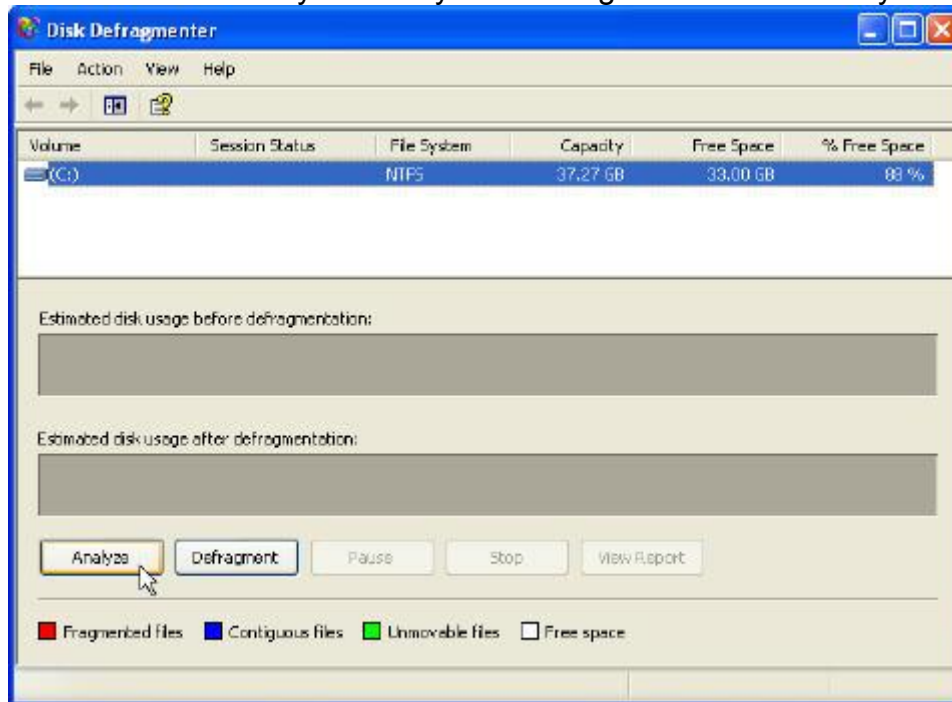


Select the drive you installed DryFire on (probably (C:)).

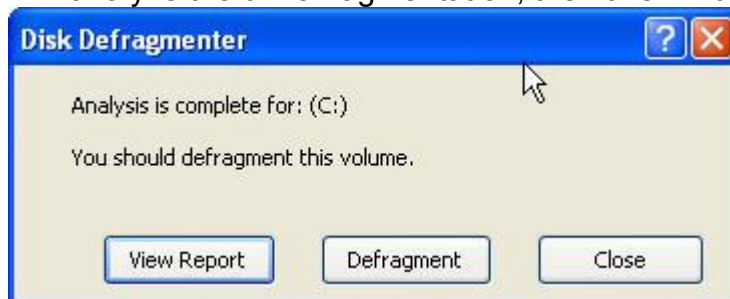


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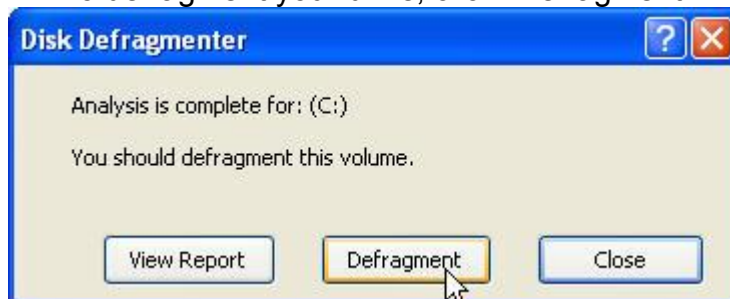
To see how much your file system is fragmented click “Analyze”



The computer will analyze the drive fragmentation, then this window will appear.



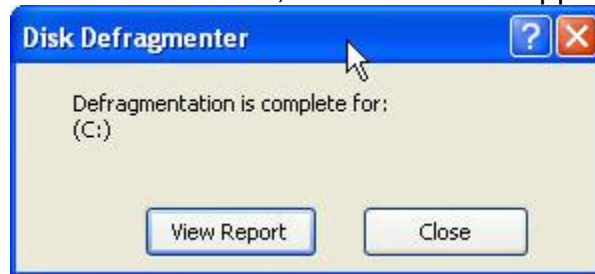
To defragment your drive, click “Defragment”



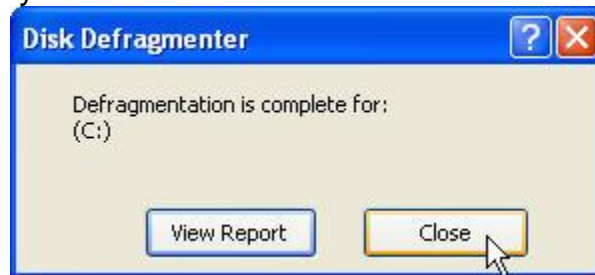
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This may take a long time, so you may want to leave your computer and come back to it later.

When it has finished, this window will appear.



You may click "View Report" to see a detailed report of the fragmentation of your file system or click on "Close" to close the window.



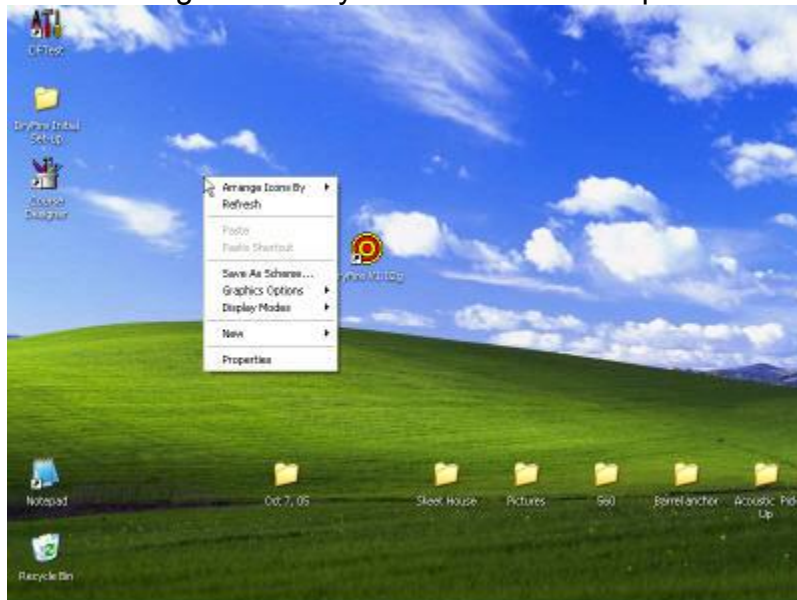
Now you may click on the "X" (close button) at the top right corner of the Defragmenter window to exit.



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You may now wish to turn your screen saver back on.
To do so,

Right-click anywhere on the desktop.



Click "Properties"

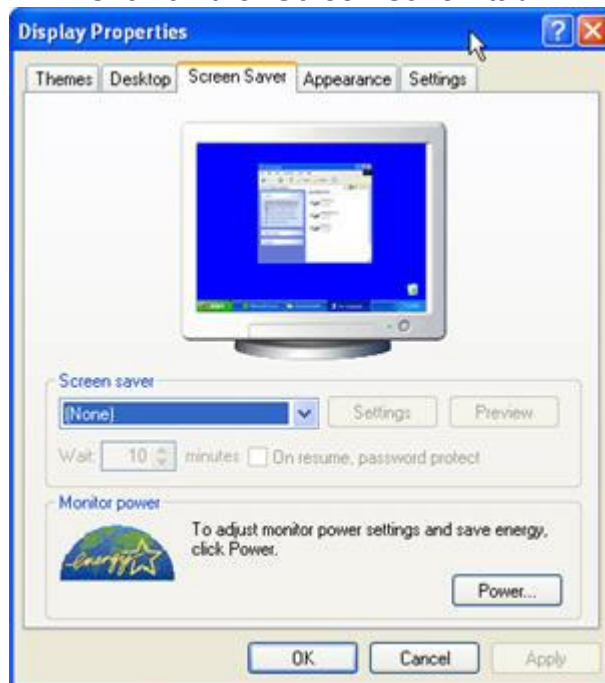


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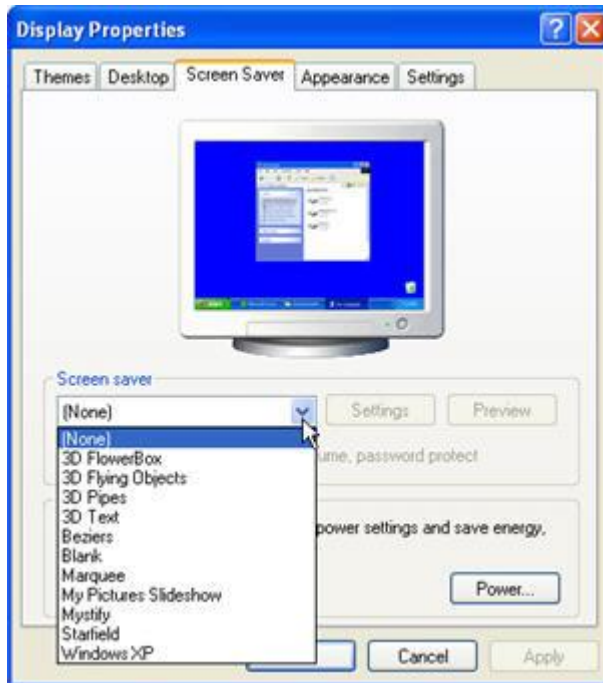


Click on the "Screen Saver" tab.

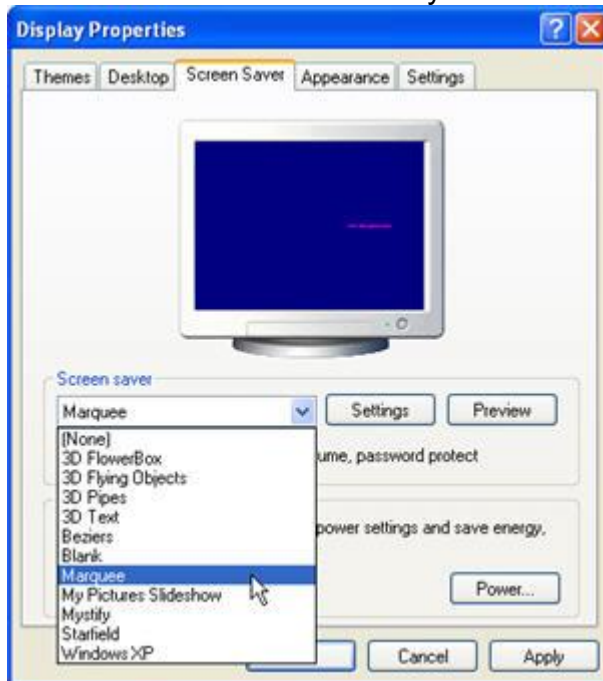


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Click on the down arrow.

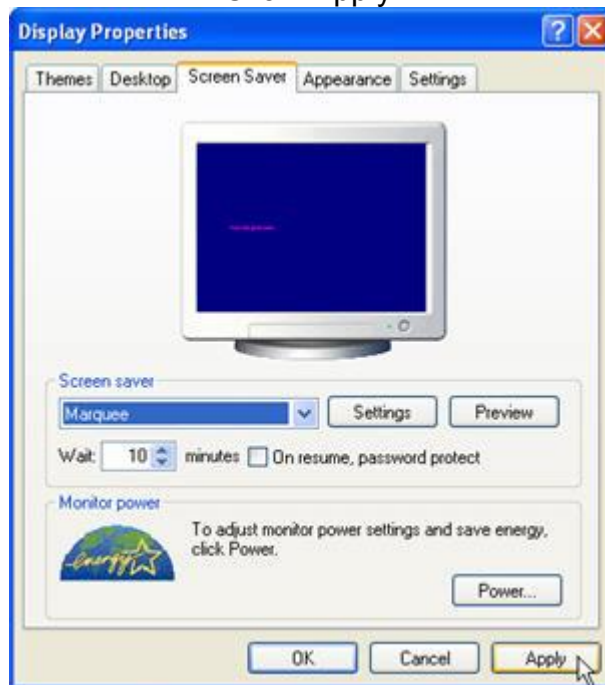


Click on the screen saver you want.

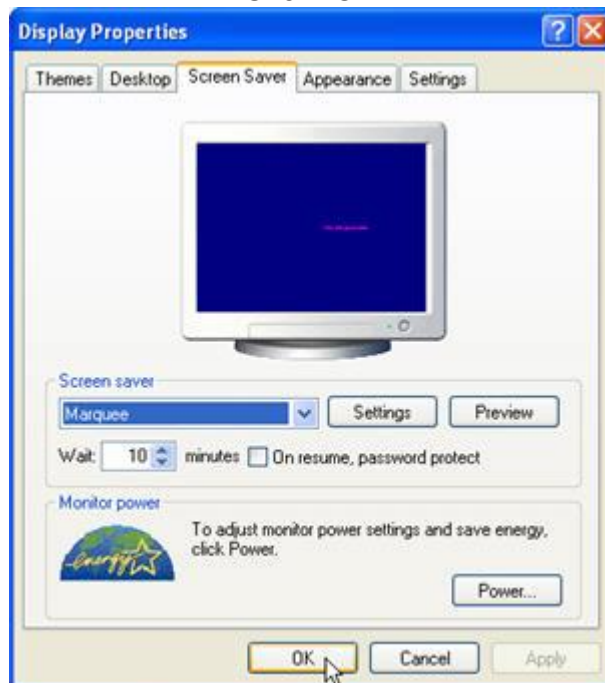


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Click "Apply"



Click "Ok"



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