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Fixing Active Desktop Recovery Windows XP problem

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Active Desktop Recovery

Microsoft Windows has experienced an unexpected error. As a precaution, your Active Desktop has been turned off. To restore the Active Desktop, use the following troubleshooting tips:

 Did your browser stop working, or did you restart your computer without shutting it down first? If so, click:

Restore my Active Desktop

- Did you recently change your background to a web page? If so:
 - 1. Right-click the desktop and then click Properties.
 - 2. On the Desktop tab, under Background, click the background you want.
- Did you recently add a new item to your Active Desktop? If so:
 - 1. Right-click the desktop and then click Properties.
 - 2. On the Desktop tab, click Customize Desktop.
 - 3. On the Web tab, under Web pages, clear the check box for the item that was added last.
- Do you want to turn off your Active Desktop? If so:
 - 1. Right-click the desktop and select Properties.
 - 2. On the Desktop tab, click Customize Desktop.
 - 3. On the Web tab, under Web pages, click to clear all the check boxes

I had to repair Windows XP PC which got the annoying **Active Desktop Recovery** screen. I remember seeing this screen back in the days when I was still using *Microsoft Windows 98*. It was quite shocking for me to find out this stupid pointless Windows bug appears on NT based Windows as well...

As you can see on the screenshot there is a button **Restore My Active Desktop** but pressing this button doesn't change anything

People around the *net recommend* two ways to fix that one is through:

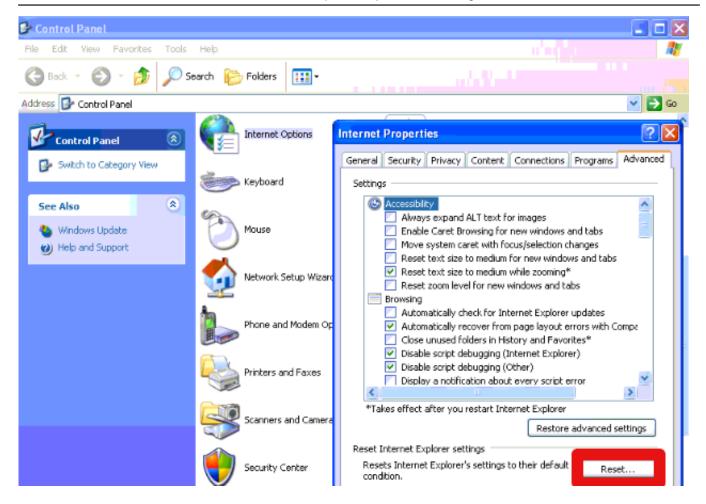
Control Panel -> Internet Options -> Advanced (Reset)

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After this I tried the usual Computer **Restart** but unfortunately this not solved the problem.

Second suggested method was through a change in Windows registry from

C:\> regedit

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\\Software\Microsoft\\Internet Explorer\\Desktop\\SafeMode\\Components

Change the key value - DeskHtmlVersion REG_DWORD 0x00000110(272) to decimal zero.

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