

This was my first GT experience and was undoubtedly amazing. Loads of fun and work combined!!

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A guide to Customize and Streamline your Windows Desktop



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With Steve Jobs' sad demise, the iCult is paying its tribute and now, Apple sales are off the charts! But all those stuck with good old Windows, worry not, six unbeatable tools are here to your rescue to facelift your boring Windows Desktop!

RE-Theme Windows: If you want to make a dramatic change to the look and feel of your desktop, WindowBlinds is the tool you need. The app comes preloaded with several themes. This tool will provide you with essential changes to taskbar, buttons, windows, etc.

URL: <http://tinyurl.com/3ypwb> [Paid] Alternatives:
• Styler Toolbar URL: <http://tinyurl.com/n84ese> [Free]

Ditch the age-old Taskbar for a RocketDock: Mac users have boasted about the utility of the OS X Dock for years. The free Windows application, RocketDock brings the same functionality to your Windows desktop. This App is best to shrink the space occupied by icons and stylizing them.

URL: <http://tinyurl.com/cpv7uz5> [F]

Alternatives: • Objectdock URL: <http://tinyurl.com/26fzr>
• Winstep Nexus URL: <http://tinyurl.com/35cmcsk> [P]

Organize Your Desktop in 3D: Virtual desktops have been around forever, allowing users to relegate Windows to different desktops, providing a more organized and a jaw-droppingly cool experience for a user. DeskSpace is a 3D virtual desktop that allows you to organize applications and icons on multiple virtual desktops on a three-dimensional cube.

URL: <http://tinyurl.com/2qgenx> [P]

Alternative: • URL: <http://yodm-3d.en.uptodown.com/> [F]

Make Your Desktop Come Alive: With the introduction of Windows Vista, we saw the first effective use of animated wallpapers on the Windows desktop through DreamScenes. But it was excluded in Windows 7 and it was then that Stardock released DeskScapes, which took animated & 3-D wallpapers to another level.

URL: <http://tinyurl.com/2z69rz> [P]

Fencing the Icons: Next, we have Fences, which is designed to organize your desktop icons to help reduce clutter and allow you to collect icons into boxes, i.e. fences. Users can select attributes for a set of icons as a whole.

URL: <http://tinyurl.com/yc32k46> [F]

Change the Windows log-on: Bored with the scenic Windows logon? Head over to LogonStudio and download the free LogonStudio app. You will never be bored again.

URL: <http://tinyurl.com/2kuys7> [F] 📄

Have ways of your own to revamp a desktop?
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Participants at International Telecommunication Union Telecom (ITU) World Exhibition, Geneva, went into a tizzy when ITU heads concluded cyberspace will host WW III. Cyber experts weighed the possibility of a cyber warfare, describing cyber terrorists as a potent threat. ITU Union Head Hamadoun Toure, was quoted as saying, "The Cyber-space war is a very real possibility, and when it breaks out, it would be out of control. There are no superpowers and netizens can unite as allies anytime, anywhere."

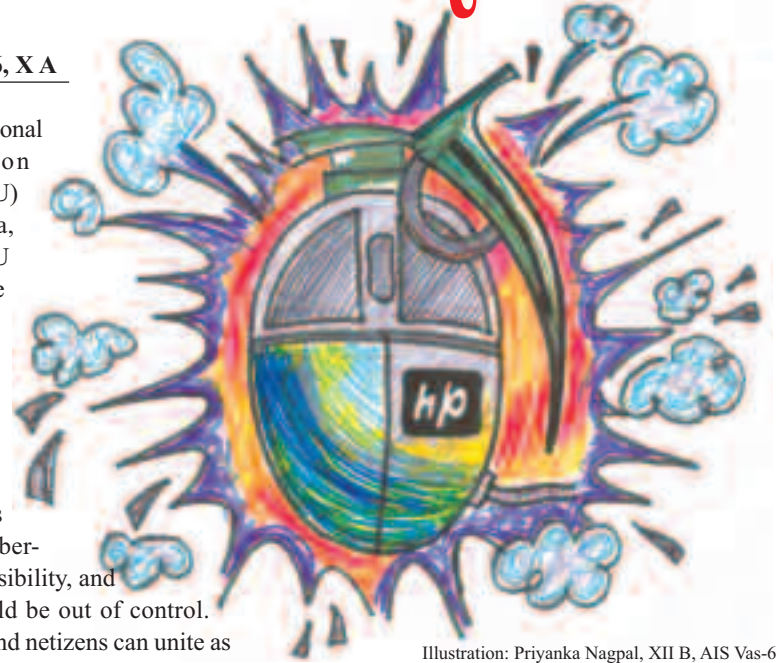


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Waging an Anonymous War:

Group 'Anonymous' foresees WW III; Anonymous is a group identity for members of several online communities, who celebrate the freedom granted by the anonymity of the internet and loosely work together to achieve hacking goals. Group member 'Anon 16387' says: "Anonymous has almost built a cult of equals, where nobody's concerned about caste or even name." The 'hacktivists' land blows from anywhere, armed with just a LAN connection and a PC.

Feels Samyak Ranjan, alumnus, AISV-6 and Founder of web designing company Graftix Planet, "A cyber war will bring the most powerful nations to their knees. Best hackers are bred in countries like India. A cyber lockdown can do more damage than a World War ever did." 📄

MODERN WARFARE

- 5 hacktivists (hackers+activists) of the hacking group Anonymous claimed to send spam messages to Facebookers in November 2011.
- In 2009, a group of hackers in London knocked offline a British police website for months.
- In June 2011, hackers LulzSecurity took down US agency CIA's website for three days before being arrested.
- In October 2011, hackers brought down Sony's Playstation Network, stealing account information of 93,000 users!

Sports

Howzatt!?!

SKATE ON

Meet Pritish Tayal, National level skating champ from AIS Vas-6. This 9th grader is on his wheels quite literally. With a whopping 72 medals in his kitty, the young boy is already skating his way to success. Join Debasmita Pal, X B, AIS Vas-6 as she gets candid with the skating star



Debasmita: 72 medals, participating and winning so many championships.

Looks like you have come a long way.

Pritish: Yes, it has been a long journey. I started skating when I was in Class I.

Debasmita: Wow, that's quite early! So, what triggered the love?

Pritish: When I started skating, I wasn't really inclined towards the sport. My parents just enrolled me into skating classes. But then I started winning and

Sport star

then there was no looking back.

Debasmita: In that case, you owe it all to your family?

Pritish: Of course, I do. My mom, Dad and my cousin Ayushi really encouraged me throughout. Besides, my school gave me full support too. I would also like to thank Charu Ma'am for her good wishes.

Debasmita: Apart from your family, who has been your inspiration?

Pritish: My coach- Mr Nafiz of course, along with a senior, Abhimanyu bhैया. He was a great skater and got me thinking about it all.

Debasmita: Like every other game, skating too has its set of challenges. What do you think is the most challenging part of the game?

Pritish: Every sport requires hard work and commitment. But skating requires them all the more. Balance and strength are challenging!

Debasmita: How do you deal with these challenges?

Pritish: I don't mean to brag but I had a natural flair for skating, so challenges were met with ease!

Debasmita: And what about the other challenge - academics? Balancing academics and the game isn't easy right?

Pritish: Balancing both was tough, and I began loving academics so much that I had to cut down on skating entirely, but I don't regret that for a moment.

Debasmita: With so much of a balancing act, do we see you as one of the ace skaters in times ahead?

Pritish: Well, not really because I'm planning to be an automobile engineer.

Debasmita: What?

Pritish: I've pretty much got everything out of skating, so I'd like to venture into something new! Besides skating, cars interest me a lot.

Debasmita: Skating, cars...what are your other interests?

Pritish: Apart from skating and cars, science really interests me. I just went to France earlier this year for Science Symposium. I also attended the same in Indonesia. I also like the concept of MUN and went to China for one in 2010.

Debasmita: But isn't that all work and no fun?

Pritish: Oh! I love having masti too you see! I love my friends and I really like spending time with them. 📄

SPORTS Up!!!

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Bored of the fake reality shows, epic drama and hungama flooding all the TV channels? Don't worry- here is a list of the REAL reality shows from the world of sports to entertain you all December and beyond!

December 2-4 (Tennis): Davis Cup final, Olympic Stadium, Seville, Spain

Dec 6 (Football): Carling Cup quarter finals, England

Dec 8-18 (Football): 2011 FIFA Club World Cup, Japan

Dec 8-11 (Golf): Dubai World Cup

Dec 3-Jan 15 (Darts): World Championships, Alexandra Palace, London

Dec 26 (Racing): William Hill King George VI Chase, Kempton 📄

ACHIEVMENT GALORE

- ✓ Medal tally - 72
- ✓ Inter-school Roller Skating Championship - I position
- ✓ CBSE Competitive Sports Programme - I position
- ✓ Roller Skating Federation of India Competition - II position
- ✓ All India Roller Skating Championship- III position