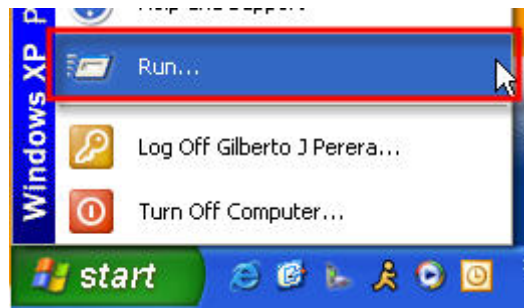


Guide: How to Change Your Windows XP Logon Screen

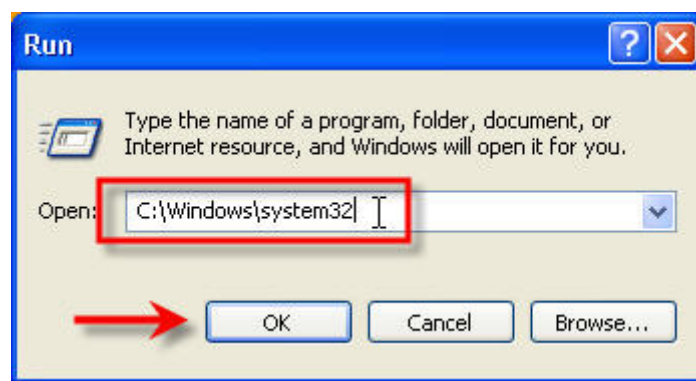
This step-by-step visual guide will show you how to change your Windows XP logon screen to anything you like. There are several programs out there that will allow you to change your logon screen, but for a cost. In this guide I'm going to show you how to do it yourself for free!

There are several places that offer free logon screens for downloads, you can browse through Google or simply use one my favorites, DeviantArt. In this How-to I'm going to be using WinRAR to extract (you can use the windows built extraction or any other compression program you may have installed) the files that I downloaded and I will be using the FBI Logon screen from pruizgarcia as a sample. If you have anything to add to this please comment on this post and let me know.

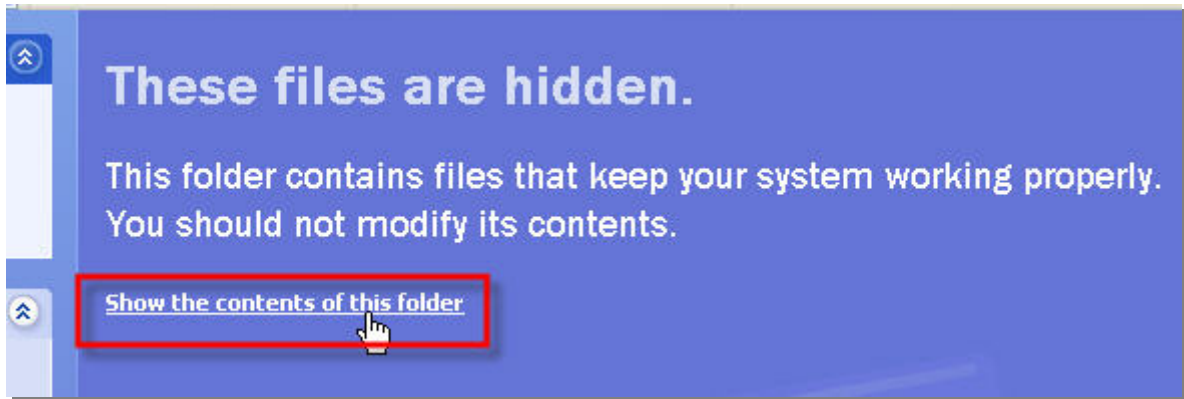
1. Click 'Start > Run'



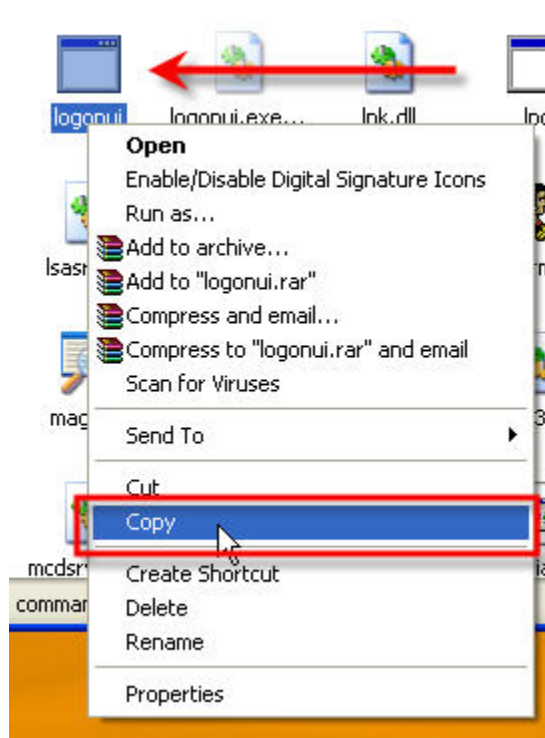
2. Type this directory 'C:\Windows\system32\' Click 'Ok'



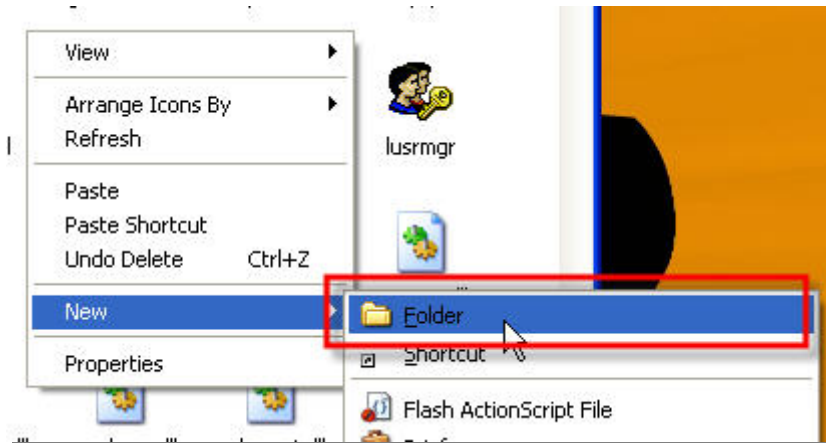
3. When the window opens it may prompt you with this message, if it does, click
'Show the contents of this folder'



4. Scroll down and find the file named '**logonui.exe**' Right click on the file and select '**Copy**'



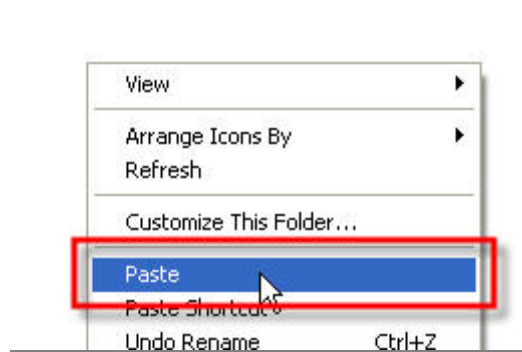
5. Then create a new folder in that same directory, by right clicking in the empty space and selecting 'New > **Folder**'



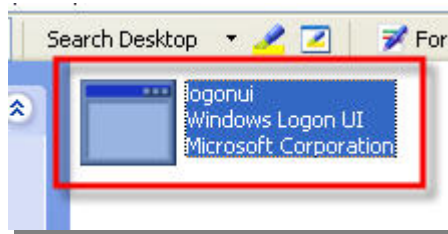
6. Name the folder '**BackupFiles**' and open it



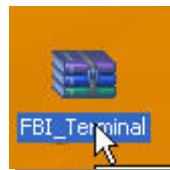
7. Right click and select '**Paste**' to paste the '**logonui.exe**' file into this backup file.



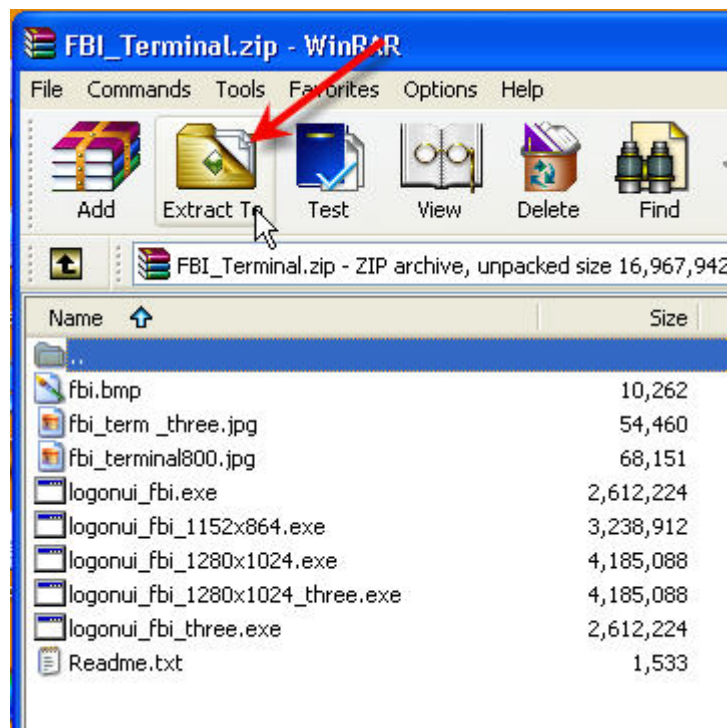
8. The '**logonui.exe**' file should now reside in the backup folder we just created.



9. Go to DeviantArt or search Google for a logon screen. Download the file to your desktop, the file you downloaded should be a zip file of some sort, in this example I downloaded the [FBI Logon screen](#).

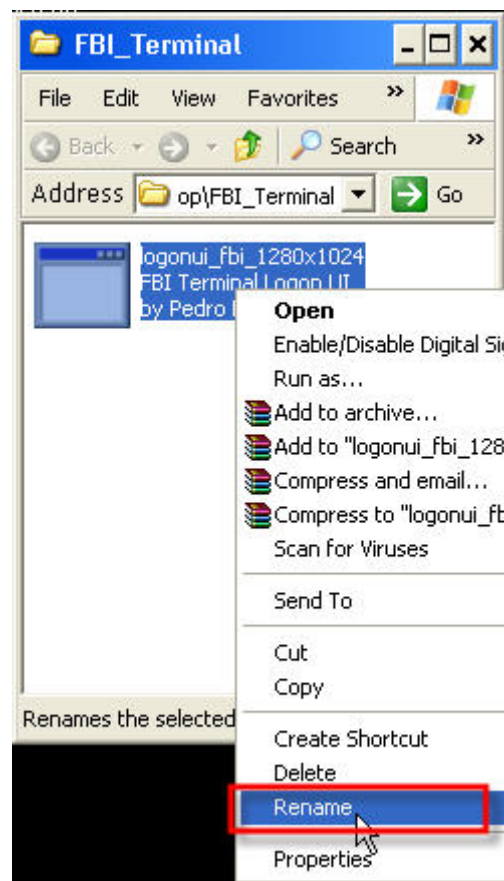


10. Double click on the file to open it with your favorite compression software, I used [WinRAR](#), click '**Extract To**' and extract the contents to a folder on your desktop.

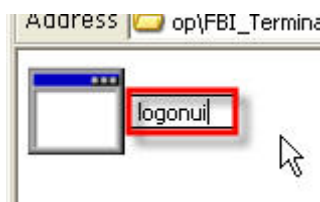


11. In order to replace the logonui.exe file in your computer, we have to go into safe mode. To do this restart your computer and Hold F8 before the Windows boot up logo shows up, you'll be prompted to chose a startup option, select 'Safe Mode', your computer should start, you'll be prompted to continue, click 'Yes'

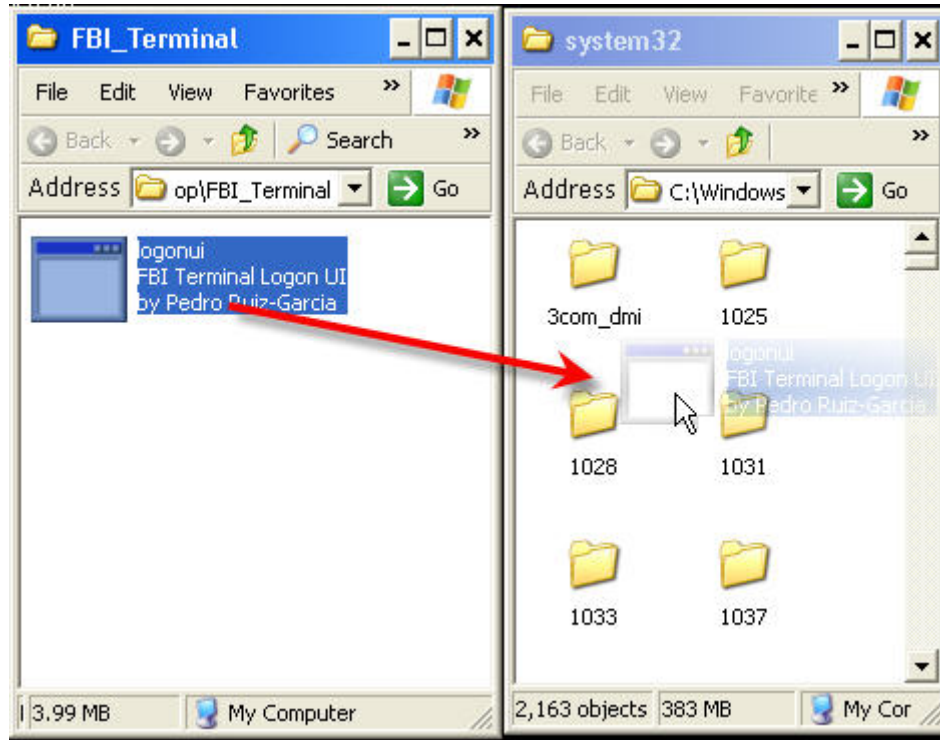
12. Open up the folder in which you extracted the download to and right click on the logonui (it will probably be named logonui_something_or_other) file. Select
'Rename'



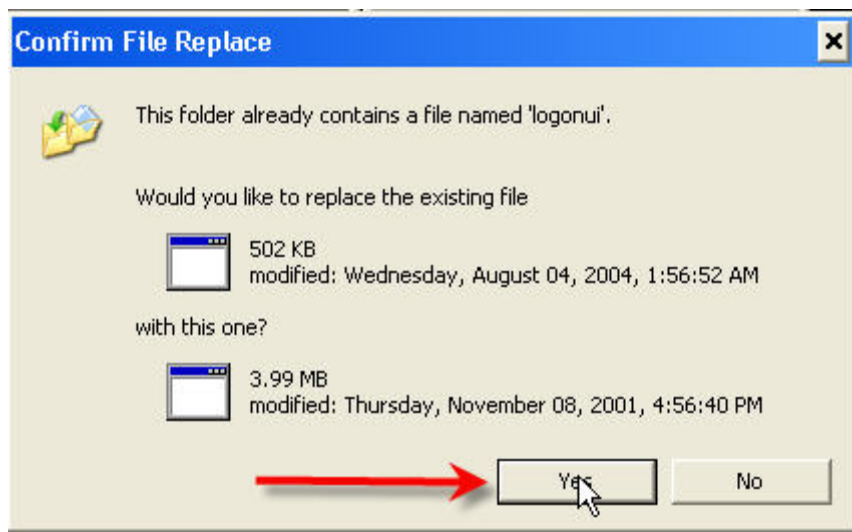
13. Rename the file to 'logonui'



14. Go back to '**C:\windows\system32**' and copy the file you just renamed (**logonui**) to the system32 folder, you can drag and drop into the directory.



15. You will be asked if you wish to replace the old file, click '**Yes**'



16. Now restart your computer normally and your selected Logon screen should come on!

