

# Chapter 1: Windows XP Interface Headaches

**In this chapter, you'll cure...**

- Difficulties with display settings and themes
- Start menu and taskbar aggravations
- Power management and accessibility pains

Ah, the Windows XP interface—the new desktop area that makes Windows easier to use and problem free. Okay, right. Windows XP gives you a new, clearer interface that does a lot of really cool and helpful things, and it affects everything that you see on your screen. However, that same interface can also give you a lot of grief. Don't worry, though, because most of the Headaches you'll learn about in this chapter are easy to kill and you'll have Windows XP following you and doing what you want in no time. So then, let's get busy and take care of those interface problems!

## Display Setting Headaches

Display settings refer to a collection of Windows XP settings that govern how your display looks and how icons and fonts appear on your screen. When you get everything looking the way you want, it's great. When it's not, it is a real drag. The good news is that most display settings are easy to fix, once you know where to go. The following sections explore the most common Headaches you are likely to encounter.