

## Identifying Parts of the Desktop

After you start Windows NT, the *desktop* appears. You can place items with which you want to work on the desktop, as you would arrange papers or files on top of your desk.

Initially, your desktop is relatively bare with several small pictures, called *icons*, as illustrated in Figure 1-2. Icons are graphic representations of the various elements of your computer, such as disk drives, folders, files, or programs. You can even customize the appearance of your desktop. Table 1-1 provides a brief description of some of the icons you might see on your desktop.

Not all elements will be available on all systems. For example, the Network Neighborhood icon appears on the desktop only if you are connected to a network.

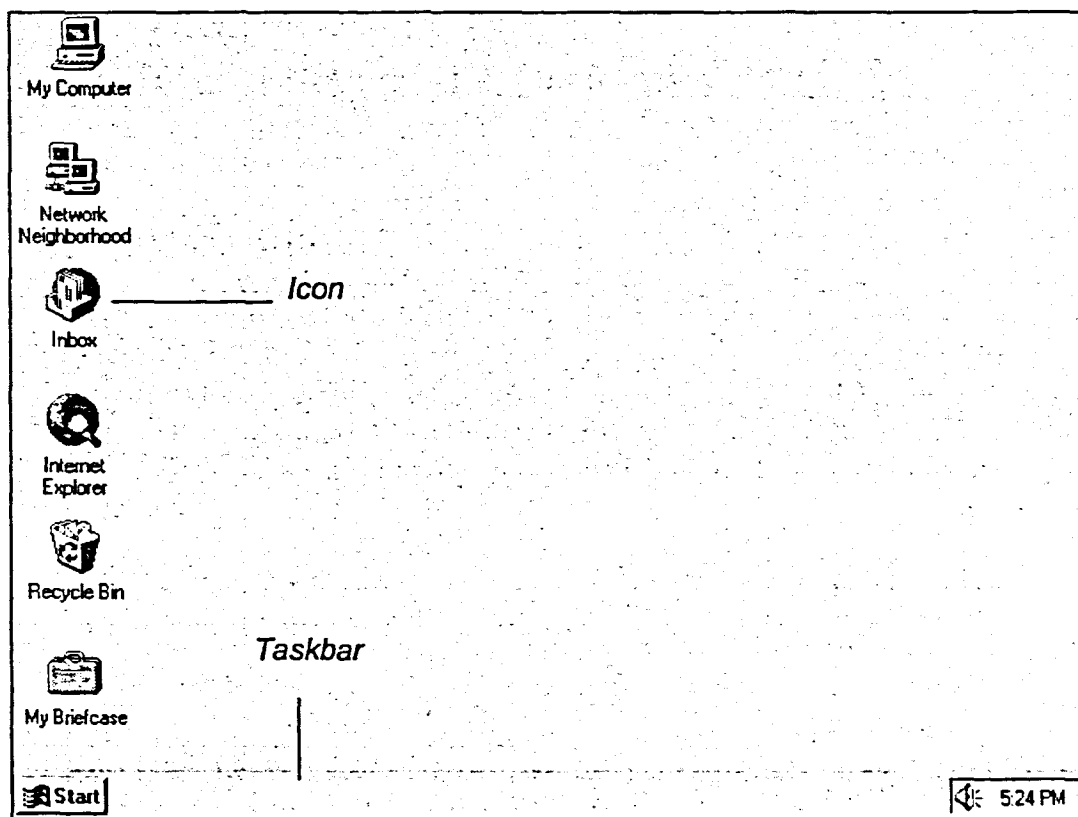


Figure 1-2: *The Desktop*