

## How to open a Snapshot file from ASP.NET

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I am working on a ASP.NET application using VB.NET. I have a function that creates a snapshot file on a separate server and passes a path back to the webpage. Now I want to display the snapshot. If I cut and paste the path into the browser it opens snapshot viewer. Exactly what I want. However, if I response.redirect to the path, I get a error that the file can not be found. If I response.redirect to "file:"+path It opens the snapshot in the browser, however you loose most of the controls in shapshot viewer. You can no longer print or email from the file menu.

Here is the path that gets generated:

```
\\WPGA030ADOR1\GPRptSrv\TSWPRDSQL\RptOutput\11-18-04  
103139_40904a53_29dc_432f_8f33_322e196ef503.snp
```

When the redirect happens it shows up in the browser as

[http://WPGA030ADOR1/GPRptSrv/TSWPRDSQL/RptOutput/11-18-04%20114604\\_137641bd\\_492c\\_41bf\\_901c\\_20](http://WPGA030ADOR1/GPRptSrv/TSWPRDSQL/RptOutput/11-18-04%20114604_137641bd_492c_41bf_901c_20)

And

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file:\\WPGA030ADOR1\GPRptSrv\TSWPRDSQL\RptOutput\11-18-04  
103139_40904a53_29dc_432f_8f33_322e196ef503.snp
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When I cut and paste IE shows a folder icon in the address bar. When the redirect happens it shows an IE/HTML page icon, when the second redirect happens it shows a snapshot file icon?

Any ideas on how to redirect to the file as if you where cutting and pasting??