

Re: Windows Explorer – Thumbnail Views

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Hi,

I have a generic question on thumbnail view. Generally Rich Thumbnail view on Windows Vista shows the content of the file so that any user can get a brief idea on what exactly the file is about. Is there any specific file types (formats) that are supported with this feature or all type of file formats are supported?

Thank you...

"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

If you can't dazzle them with brilliance, baffle them with... :-)

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes
MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In <news:eDzJoLqaHHA.3612@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
Doug Mc <dnmcnNOSPAM@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Boy, you've told me a LOT!!

It's going to take a while for me to re-read and digest all of this.
Hopefully I'll learn a lot!

Thanks again for your trouble.
Doug

"Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:Oz%23XSapaHHA.4832@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Hi Doug,

Picture folders have some options that other folders do not. In the tasks pane are View as a slide show, Print pictures, etc., for example.

If, on the right click menu, Preview is listed first and in BOLD letters, than double clicking a picture file will open Preview as the default option. Preview usually opens the Windows Picture and Fax Viewer, unless there is some third party application that takes its place. If the Windows Picture and Fax Viewer is open, the title bar will say so. I.e. FileNameOfPicture.xxx – Windows Picture and Fax Viewer.

If for some reason Edit were listed first and was in BOLD letters then that would be the default action for double clicking a picture file. When Paint is open, the title bar will say so. I.e. FileNameOfPicture.xxx – Paint.

But, I'm still puzzled when I go to that folder, which I created, using Windows Explorer and set the View to Thumbnails I can see the complete image as it was before I made the resize.....

Refresh Thumbnail is another command on the right click menu for picture files. Refresh Thumbnail only appears when in Filmstrip and Thumbnail views. Select all of the thumbnails in your problem folder(s), then right click and select Refresh Thumbnail. Or select all of the thumbnails, click on File and select Refresh Thumbnail.

The thumbs.db file is probably corrupt. If that is the case it needs to be deleted, it will be recreated.

The thumbs.db file is generated by Windows. It is a database file containing the small images displayed when you view a folder in

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Thumbnail View (as opposed to Tile, Icon, List or Detail View).

Thumbs.db files contains the thumbnails for a particular folder.

Windows XP uses a compressed database file (Thumbs.db) to increase performance. Supposedly.

Thumbs.db files are generated when you have Do not cache thumbnails UNChecked in Folder options.

Open Folder Options...

Start | Run | Type: control folders | Click OK | View tab | Do not cache thumbnails

Do not cache thumbnails means...

[[Disables automatic storage of folder thumbnails in a cache file. When you store thumbnail images in a cache file, Windows can reuse them instead of creating new ones every time you open a folder. If you disable this automatic storage function, folders that contain thumbnails might take longer to open.]]

Thumbs.db files are Hidden files, so in order to delete them you need to be able to see them.

Open Folder Options...

Start | Run | Type: control folders | Click OK | View tab | Check: Show hidden files and folders | Click Apply | Click OK

Hidden files and folders will appear dimmed to indicate they are not typical items.

Now delete whatever Thumbs.db files are in whatever folder(s) with the messed up thumbnails. You can either leave the Show hidden files and folders the way it is when done or change it back, up to you.

For the life of me, I do not know what Microsoft was thinking when they

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set
the default in Windows XP to HIDE file extensions.

As if this explains it: "Hides the last part of a file name,
reducing
clutter in folder windows."

To show file extensions...
Start | Settings | Control Panel | Folder Options | View tab
UNCheck: Hide extensions for known file types |
Click Apply | Click OK

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For a variety of reasons you should make certain that your
computer
always shows file extensions. Under Windows you can set
the system to
hide extensions. This is dangerous as some malicious
programs will send
executable files with a double extension in order to try to
fool you into
thinking the file is not malicious. For example, if you receive
the file
BADPROGRAM.TXT.VBS and have extensions turned off
you would only see
BADPROGRAM.TXT and think that the file is a simple text
file. If you
clicked
on it you would execute a script that could do anything.

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from...

General Information about File Extensions
<http://filext.com/info/showthread.php?t=35>

file name extension

[[File name extensions follow the period in a file name and
indicate the
type of information stored in a file. For example, in the file
name
Example.txt, the file name extension is .txt, which indicates
that the
file
is a text file.]]

file type

[[In the Windows environment, a designation of the
operational or
structural
characteristics of a file. The file type identifies the program,
such as
Microsoft Word, that is used to open the file. File types are

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associated
with a file name extension. For example, files that have the
.txt or .log
extension are of the Text Document type and can be opened
using any text
editor.]]

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes
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In news:eaCmU\$oaHHA.4808@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
Doug Mc <dnmcnNOSPAM@xxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and
pecked:

Hi Wes,
Thanks for your very thorough response.
It may be that I was NOT using the "My
Pictures" folder.

The pictures were in another folder that I
created and (In Windows
Explorer) and I simply double clicked on the
jpg image (View was
THUMBNAI LS) and a large window
opened with the options which you
described below on it
(Image/Attributes/Resize, etc.)

This larger window with the options was the
one on which I made the
changes. Seems to me that MyPictures folder
has some special options
which the other folders do not have and that
might have been my problem.

But, I'm still puzzled when I go to that
folder, which I created, using
Windows Explorer and set the View to
Thumbnails I can see the complete
image as it was before I made the resize.....
But, this time, when I double click the image
and get the larger window
the image shows only a small corner of the
original image –probably the
number of pixels which I specified.

Do you have any thoughts as to:
1. Why I see the image as it was originally?

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2. How I might retrieve the "complete" image that I see?

Thanks again,
Doug

"Wesley Vogel"
<123WVogel1955@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
message
news:uiRXMSoaHHA.2436@xx

Doug,

Thanks –
but I don't
understand
MS Paint
since I was
in Windows
Explorer
when I
resized it.

Then you have some option
that I never heard of.

When you right click a
picture file and click on
Edit, usually Paint
opens to allow you to edit
the file, unless you have
some third party
program that opens instead.

If you right click on a
picture while looking at it in
the Windows
Picture and Fax Viewer and
click on Edit, usually Paint
opens to allow
you to edit the file, unless
you have some third party
program that
opens instead. It's the same
if you select a picture file,
open the
File menu in any

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folder or in Windows Explorer and select Edit, usually Paint opens to allow you to edit the file, unless you have some third party program that opens instead.

With Paint open, Attributes is opened from the Image menu on the Paint toolbar.

From Paint HELP...
To change the size of your picture

1. On the Image menu, click Attributes.
2. Under Units, click the unit of measurement you want to use for the width and height.
3. Type the measurements in Width and Height.

There is one option that maybe you're thinking of. If you right click a picture file, point to Send To and click on Mail Recipient, a resize picture option pops up, the Send Pictures via E-Mail wizard. But that only resizes the file that you send.

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Windows provides a special feature for sending photos or pictures in e-mail.
By providing the opportunity for you to reduce the file size of your photo at the time you send it, Windows solves the problem of a large file attachment never reaching

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its destination. In addition to reducing file size, this feature also changes the dimensions of the image so that it fits better on a computer screen.

You can change the settings to specify the size of the image. You can make the size of the image smaller, but you cannot make a small image larger. If your picture is bigger than the largest size indicated in the dialog box, and you do not want Windows to reduce the size of the image, choose to keep the original size. Making changes to the settings for sending a photo in e-mail does not alter the original picture.

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Windows can resize pictures you send in E-mail so that they transfer faster and are easier to view by the recipient.

To send a photo in e-mail

- 1 Open My Pictures, and then open the folder containing the photo you want to send in e-mail.
- 2 Click the photo you want to send.
- 3 Under File and Folder Tasks, click E-mail this file.
- 4 In the Send Pictures via E-mail dialog box, click Make all my pictures

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smaller.

Windows makes a smaller photo file and attaches it to an e-mail message that displays a default subject and text message.

5 In the To box, type the e-mail address of the person to receive the picture, change the subject and message text if you want, and then click Send.

Notes

* To open My Pictures, double-click the My Documents icon on your desktop, and then double-click the My Pictures folder.

* Use this procedure for photos of file size greater than 64 kilobytes (KB).

To check the file size of your photo, right-click the file, click

Properties, and look at Size.

* To send the photo without reducing the size of the file, click Keep

the original sizes.

* To change the settings for the size of the image, click Show more options.

* If you have many pictures to share with others, you can publish them

to the

Web instead of sending them in e-mail.

Or you can...

1 Open My Pictures and

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then open the folder
containing the photo you
want to send in e-mail.
2 Right click the photo you
want to send.
3 Point to Send To and
select Mail Recipient.
4 Resize the picture or not.
5 Click OK.
6 Outlook Express Message
opens with picture attached.
7 In the To box, type the
e-mail address of the person
to receive the
picture, change the subject
and message text if you
want, and then
click
Send.

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Hope this helps. Let us
know.

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hunted and pecked:

Thanks –
but I don't
understand
MS Paint
since I was
in Windows
Explorer
when I
resized it.
And, why
can I see the
image as if
it has not
been
changed
when I set
the View to

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thumbnails??

Doug