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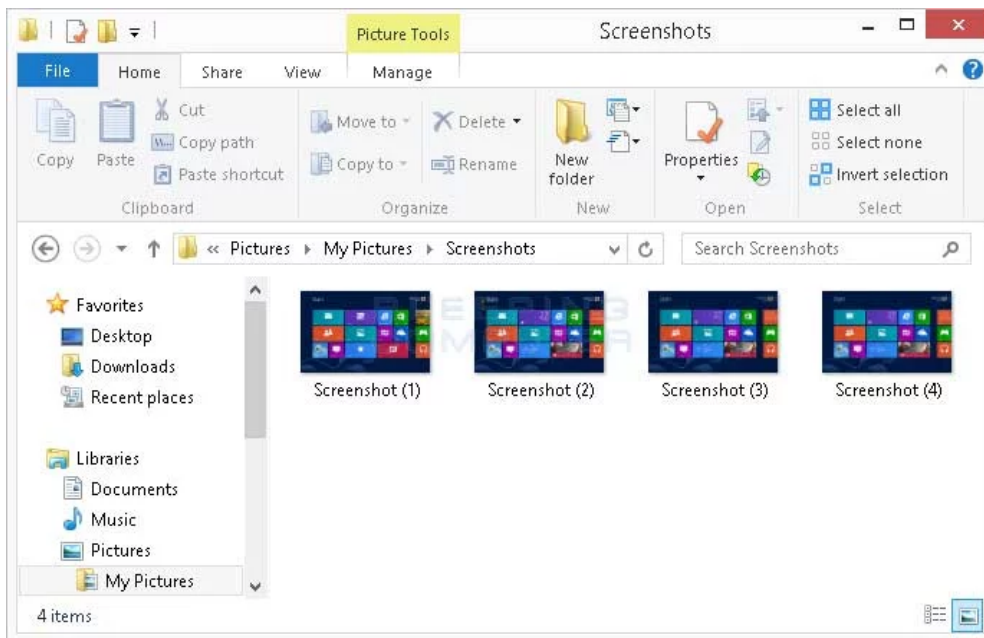
## How to create a screenshot and automatically save it as a file in Windows 8

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In the past, the built-in method to create a screenshot in Windows was to use **Alt + PrtScn** or **PrtScn** to copy a screenshot into the clipboard. You would then have to paste that image into another program that has the ability to save it as an image file. Though this method works, it was inconvenient, required an extra program, and was confusing for less experienced computer users. With the release of Windows 8, Microsoft included a really useful feature where you can automatically take a screen shot and save it as a file. There is only one issue with this method and that is to automatically create a file you will be taking a screenshot of the entire screen and not just a particular Window.

To take a screenshot and automatically save it as a file in Windows 8 you can use the new **Windows+PrintScreen** (**Win** + **PrtScn**) keyboard combination. When you hold those two keys down at the same time, Windows 8 will dim the screen to indicate that you took the screenshot. The file will then be saved inside a folder called Screenshots, which will be created in your My Pictures folder. This location is **C:\Users\\My Pictures\Screenshots**.



You can also access these screenshots from your Pictures library by navigating to the screenshots folder.



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