

Thumbnails

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[Open](#) an [image](#) from a selected folder/directory in the viewer. Click the File Menu, then **Thumbnails**. A box will open and fill with thumbnails of the images in the folder/directory.

On the left side is a tree view with drives and directories.

Double click any [thumbnail](#) to open that image in the viewer. If you change directories by opening another image, the thumbnail display will show those images.

To close the display, click **Exit** on the display's menu bar or press **ESC**.

File:

Move selected files allows you to move all selected thumbs (files) to another folder/directory.

Copy selected files allows you to copy all selected thumbs (files) to another folder/directory.

Delete selected files allows you to delete all selected thumbs (files).

Start slideshow with selected thumbs: Click to start slideshow with all selected thumbs (files) and current [slideshow](#) settings. Note: The actual/global slideshow ([slideshow.lst](#) file) is not changed.

Save selected thumbs as current slideshow: Click to save the selected thumbs as the actual/global slideshow ([slideshow.lst](#) file).

Append selected thumbs to current slideshow: Click to append the selected thumbs to the global slideshow.

Start batch dialog with selected thumbs: Click to start the batch dialog with all selected thumbs (files).

Transfer selected files by FTP: Click to start the FTP dialog with all selected thumbs (files).

Save selected filenames as TXT: Click to save the selected filenames in a TXT file.

JPG Lossless Operations: Click to start the JPG lossless transformations dialog with all selected thumbs (files) and transform all [JPG](#) files. You can rotate, flip, crop, optimize, clean or set JPG comment or IPTC info for all selected JPG files.

Note: JPG lossless transformation is only available, if the *JPG_Transform* PlugIn is installed. For viewing/editing the IPTC info and JPG comment, the *IPTC* PlugIn is required.

Create contact sheet from selected thumbs: allows you to create a large image (contact sheet or catalog) with all selected thumbs (files). A dialog appears and you can choose the options for the result image. The save-sheets option allows some placeholders for the folder and filename.

- **Filename** for sheet images. You can set a fixed name (which can be overwritten!), or use some page counter patterns. Default is: Sheet_####. This will generate a filename with the sheet page counter, like "Sheet_001".

Possible [placeholders](#) for the filename:

= the current sheet/page number, number of #s is the number of digits;
\$W, \$H, \$B, \$p and \$U

- **Destination folder/directory** for result sheet images/pages. Type in a folder/directory path or use the **Browse** button to find the folder/directory you want to use.

Possible [placeholders](#) for the destination folder name: \$D and \$U

Note: The Sheet image is created in the memory. On 32-bit Windows versions you will get a sheet size limit for about 6000x5500 pixels.

On 64-bit Windows versions, the limit is much higher, you can create sheets with e.g. 25000x25000 pixels.

Start Panorama dialog with selected files: Click to start the [Panorama](#) dialog with all selected thumbs (files).

Start 'Create Multipage TIF/PDF' dialog with selected files: Click to start the [TIF/PDF](#) dialog with all selected thumbs (files).

Start 'Export image tiles dialog with selected files: Click to start the "Save Image Tiles" dialog with all selected thumbs (files).

Save selected thumbs as an image: Click to have your selected thumbs made into a single image and saved. A dialog lets you choose the folder/directory to save the image in. Images are selected by clicking on each thumb while holding down the **CTRL** key, or by using the **Select all** option (see below).

Save selected thumbs as single images: Click to have chosen thumbs made into images and saved individually. A dialog lets you choose the folder/directory to save them in. Images are selected by clicking on each thumb while holding down the **CTRL** key, or by using the **Select all** option (see below).

Save selected thumbs as HTML file: Click to make a page of thumbs that can be used in a web browser or at an internet website. A dialog lets you choose some HTML options and the folder/directory to save the file in. Images are selected by clicking on each thumb, while holding down the **CTRL** key, or by using the **Select all** option (see below). Check this [help page](#) for infos and examples about the HTML placeholders. The default **HTML template files** are located in the **IrfanView** "HTML" subfolder. They can be edited and changed: you can remove unwanted lines or variables or add your own code like CSS styles, etc. You can also prepare several folders with different templates, for different purposes. You can also prepare a "copy_files.txt" file to copy your own files (like CSS styles etc.) to the destination folder/subfolders (see example "copy_files.txt" in the IrfanView-HTML folder).

Print selected files as single images: Click to print all selected images (batch printing). Images are selected by clicking on each thumb while holding down the **CTRL** key, or by using the **Select all** option (see below).

Send selected files by EMail: Click to send all selected images by EMail (English [Plugin EMail](#) required). Images are selected by clicking on each thumb, while holding down the **CTRL** key, or by using the **Select all** option (see below).

Open with external editor: Click to open an alternate viewing or editing program with the image connected to the current displayed thumbnail. To use this option, you must first set up an [external editor](#).

Start Face Detection: Click to send all selected images (or complete folder) to Face Detection dialog ([Plugin](#) required).

Options:

Save current size/position will save the actual size/position of the thumbnail window. You can resize/move the thumbnail window manually with mouse.

Select all highlights all the thumbs for saving them as files (see above).

Set thumbnail options lets you control the size and quality of the thumbnails. Click it to open a dialog box.

The first option is **Use Resample instead of Resize for creating thumbnails**. Click the [check-box](#) to have better quality thumbnails displayed. This may take longer for the images to appear. The next option is **Thumbnail size**. Click on the size-box to set a size for the thumbnails. The default is 100 x 100 pixels.

On the options for the thumbnail display you can also set the **border/background color** options for thumbnails and the **background color** for the thumbnail window. And you can disable the display of a warning, if the screen is actually not configured for 24 bits per pixel (true color).

You can **Set the number of the MRUDs** (most recently used directories) for the thumbnail view. If you want to clear the MRUD list, press the **Clear MRUDs** button.

The info text shown if you move the mouse over a thumbnail can be disabled or configured. Check [this page](#) for more infos about text possibilities.

With option **Show common shell folders** you can set, if also special personal folders like *desktop*, *my pictures*, etc. should be displayed above the drives in the folder/directory tree view. After modifying this option, the thumbnail window have to be refreshed to see the modification.

Use full file path for sorting (if subfolders loaded) lets you control which file parts are used for sorting if sub folders are loaded. Either full name (incl.path) or short name (name + extension only). Short name helps you to find duplicate filenames.

When done making your choices, click **OK** to save and exit. Click **Cancel** to exit without making any changes.

Sort thumbnails allows you to sort the files/thumbnails in the current folder.

Note: In the thumbnail mode, you have more sort options than in the normal/window mode, like *Sort by EXIF Date* or by *Image width/height*. These sort options are not saved, they are available only during the thumbnail window lifetime.

Note: you can also sort thumbnails manually, using drag & drop. You can select one or many thumbnails and move them to another location in the thumbnails list.

Load file list from TXT file lets you import a custom file/thumbnail list.

Load thumbs from all subfolders will scan all subfolders of the current folder and display the thumbnails.

View:

View mode: Thumbnails, Tiles, Details or List mode. Details and List mode do not generate thumbnails (=faster) and can show some basic file informations. Thumbnails/Tiles mode show thumbnails (=slower) and the Tiles mode shows some extra file/image infos like: Image dimensions and EXIF date (taken) in the file info text.

Folder tree will hide/show the folder/directory tree on the left side of thumbnail window.

Most recently used directories will hide/show the box with last used directories on the top side of thumbnail window.

Remove selected thumbs from list will remove the thumbnails from the thumbnail list (**NO file delete**, display only).

Refresh reloads the folder/directory tree and all images in the folder/directory and refreshes all thumbnails.

Refresh selected thumbs reloads only the selected files and refreshes their thumbnails.

Hint: You can copy/move files/thumbnails to the folders in the folder/directory tree using the mouse. Hold the *SHIFT* key to move files, as in Windows Explorer.

Hint: If you click on a tree folder while holding the CTRL key down, the selected folder will be loaded with all subfolders.

Hint: If you use **Drag&Drop** of selected thumbs/files to another graphic program (with opened window!) like Windows Paint, Photoshop etc., the selected files will be loaded in that program/window.