EZ Thumbs Frequently Asked Questions   last updated: 4/3/13
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1) What are thumbnails?

Thumbnails are tiny image files on a web page that display their larger "twin" when
clicked on.

2) Why use thumbnails?

Because of their small size you can display many thumbnails on a page. Also, thumbnails
take less time to load than the larger "twin" image. Have you ever opened a webpage
which took forever to load because of all the large images? If you're like me you'll
get impatient and click the Stop Button thus preventing all the page's images from
being displayed. Use EZ Thumbs when building your web pages so that people accessing
your site see all your beautiful images.

3) How do I create a web page with EZ Thumbs?

   a) Load EZ Thumbs from Window's Program Menu.

   b) Click the Browse Button on the tool bar and select a directory that contains image
   files of JPG,GIF, or BMP format (Three JPG images are located in the \Program Files\EZThumbs
   directory for testing purposes).

   c) Select some images by clicking on them. To select all images press the F2 key.

   d) Click the Options Button on the tool bar and enter image and page options.

   e) Click the Run Button on the tool bar then select "Yes" to preview your web page.

That's all their is to it!!! The final step is to upload all the files in the WEBPAGE
directory to your web directory. Pretty easy, huh?

4) I want my thumbnail images to appear in a specific order on my web page. How do I
go about doing this with EZ Thumbs?

EZ Thumbs determines the order of the images on your page based on the image's file
name. Images are sorted in ascending alphabetical order. To rename your image files
simply place the mouse cursor over the image and press down the right mouse button.
For example: If you had three image files of your dog "Duke" at 1 year old, 2 years
old, and 3 years old you could name the files DUKE1.JPG, DUKE2.JPG, DUKE3.JPG.

5) How do I use an image file as a background for my web page?

From the toolbar click the Options Button. In the Page Section click on the box just right of "Background Color", select an image file, and click the Open Button to set. The image file you selected will be used every time you build your page until you select another image file. If you don't want to use an image file anymore you must select the Cancel Button.

6) How do I add captions to my images?

There are 2 methods for doing this. Use whichever method you like best.

To add a caption above your image go to the Options Screen and select "Create page for each image". Next, click on a image in the Images List and type a caption in the text box.

To add captions to your thumbnail images when the mouse cursor passes over them go to the Options Screen and de-select "Create page for each image". Next, click on a image in the Images List and type a caption in the text box.

7) How do I get the captions to display beneath my images?

To display captions below your images go to the Options Screen and select "Below image".

8) How do I de-select images?

By default when you load EZ Thumbs all the images in the directory will be selected. To de-select images simply click on them. De-selected images will be a darker shade of gray and appear raised versus inset.

9) How do I select/de-select all images easily and quickly?

You can use three function keys for selecting and de-selecting images:

F2 - Select all images
F3 - De-select all images
F4 - Select the reverse of those images currently selected.

10) I only want to see specific images based on file type and name. How do I filter for specific files?

This can be accomplished on the Options Screen. In the Image Section to the right of "File Pattern" type in the file names and types you want to see. You can use wild card characters "?" and "*" where "?" replaces a single character and "*" replaces multiple characters. Here are some examples:

m*.jpg - See all JPG files beginning with "m".
f??e.bmp - See all BMP files beginning with "f" and ending with "e" of length four characters. Examples: file.bmp, fore.bmp, fine.bmp, fire.bmp
photo1.* - See all file types (JPG,BMP,ICO,etc) named "photo1".

11) Can I pass a directory to EZ Thumbs?

Yes. Click Window's Start Button then select "Run...". Next, type in "C:\Program Files\ EZThumbs\EZThumbs.exe" [directory path]. An example is:

"C:\Program Files\EZThumbs\EZThumbs.exe" C:\MyImageDirectory

Note: The double quotes enclosing EZ Thumbs's file path are necessary because of the space in the directory C:\Program Files.

12) Can I add EZ Thumbs to the "Send To" menu item in Window's Explorer?

Yes. To add EZ Thumbs to your SendTo folder follow the steps below:

  a) Create a shortcut to EZ Thumbs on your desktop.
  b) Copy this shortcut to the Window's Clipboard. To do this select the shortcut, click
     the right mouse button, and select "Copy" from the drop down menu.
  c) Fire up Window's Explorer and open directory "\Windows\SendTo" if you're using
     Window's 95 or 98 else if you're using NT open the directory
     "\Winnt\Profiles\<Your UserName>\SendTo".
  d) Paste the shortcut into the directory by selecting "Paste" from the Edit Menu.

  Now when you're using Window's Explorer you can launch EZ Thumbs by selecting a directory,
  clicking the right mouse button, selecting "Send To" from the drop down menu, and
  finally selecting "EZ Thumbs".

13) How do I register EZ Thumbs?

To register EZ Thumbs click the Register Button at the top of the main screen and enter the code

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