

Irfanview Tips

After you zoom in .. press and hold the RIGHT mouse key to reposition the image. Click and Drag will allow you to set a CROP window.

You can double click on the image to go to the Full Screen Viewing Mode - then the CENTER mouse key (*under the scroll wheel*) will return you to the normal viewing mode.
The ENTER key will do both.

When in the Full screen viewing mode - the right and left mouse key will scan (< >) thru the images in the current folder.
I call this my (Manual slide show). I like to show the Cursor so I can use it as a pointer.

See OPTIONS - VIEWING ... uncheck "hide mouse cursor" ...
"Show Text" will allow you to display/hide the file name... This feature has new choices I haven't checked out yet.

Go to OPTIONS ... MISC 1 and check the third item "dont notify...etc ."
this will allow you to "wrap around" (*without stopping*) when scanning (< >) thru the images in the current folder.

OPTIONS - MISC 3 ... will allow you to clean up (customize) the Tool Bar.
The only tools I've found usefull are: Thumbs, Delete, Info, Zoom in and out (+ -), Scan (< >) and properties "**P**"
The other tools are still available by clicking FILE

OPTION - EXTENSIONS ... I have my Irfanview set to automatically open BMP, JPG, GIF and PSD only.
(yes it's my main viewer even for Photoshop PSD files)
While here, check out the Miscellaneous button - I like the Panda Bear Icon better.

You can have Irfanview send to an external editor (such as Photoshop) (or ViewPro ?) if desired.
See FILE - SEND TO EXTERNAL EDITOR. Where it goes is set in OPTIONS - MISC 2

The Good **Fine Rotation** tool is hidden.... I complained, but Irfan had a reason.
See IMAGE - EFFECTS (*ignore this fine rotation*) - EFFECTS BROWSER - (*now choose*) FINE ROTATION.
by trying different (+ & -) degrees you can straighten a camera shot or scanned image.

I've noticed you had several topics about batch processing.
Check out FILE - BATCH CONVERSION/RENAME.

I always scan or shoot in a high res mode, Then fix in Photoshop or Irfanview - then Batch convert/resize the results, with Irfanview, to something more reasonable and a desired compression.

Tip - Gif compression is sometimes better - because it doesn't introduce the compression artifacts that jpeg creates around sharp edged images ... like those usually created with a screen shot.

When in the Thumbnail Browser mode - check out the options - you can set the thumb size there.

If you know someone who knows how to set Windows XP so that a specific folder can be set to the thumbnail viewing mode without changing every folder in your hard drive - then we wouldn't need Irfanview's browser.

During install of Irfanview, tell it to NOT associate itself with any image file types. Then you can play with it manually - from the shortcut - and associate it later to make it your main viewer if you wish.

If your main viewer is the MS Image and Fax Viewer ... You're gonna love Irfanview.

Two things you might want to change from the initial recommended (default) settings - to start with ...

1. From the main Tool Bar ... set the normal viewing mode to "Fit Images to window"

2. From the Properties " P " (the Viewing Tab) - set the full screen options to " fit to screen: all images"

There are three modes of operation ..

1. Normal screen viewing (with Tool bar) -
2. Full screen viewing (without tool bar) -
3. Thumbnail Browser ... which has it's own properties setups.

The ENTER key will toggle between the two viewing modes.

The "T" key will call up the Thumbnail Browser - and the ENTER will return to Viewing if you don't select a thumbnail.

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