



# PIC STATION

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## Features

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PicStation is a powerful picture-browser. Thumbnails of the pictures on your harddisk and CD-Rom are generated and stored on your harddisk in the directory < PicStationPath \ temp >. So if the thumbnail-files already exist, you get a very quick overview of your pictures.

The content of the <temp> directory can be deleted at any time, but needs to be rebuild the next time PicStation starts.

You can look at pictures by:

- *directory*                      Select <Choose Path> in the System-menu
- *dragn drop*                      Drag picture-files in the Filemanager or Explorer (Win 95) and drop them to PicStation.
- *command-line*                      Start PicStation on Command-line:  
                                         (only functions if System-menu command <Path-Dialog after start> is disabled)  
  
                                         Syntax:            picstat path\wilcard.ext  
  
                                         (wildcard = \*, a-z, 0-9,  
                                         ext = \*, fBMP, GIF, ICO, JPG, PCD, PCX, TIF, TXT, WMF)

Other features:

- *ASCII - Viewer*. All files, which are not picturefiles, can be displayed as ASCII-text.
- *multiselection* and *drag'n drop* (as in the Windows Filemanager). For example, drag some thumbnails and drop them to paintprograms or compressionprograms like WINZIP.
- *export* in order to convert to all formats except WMF, PCD in the following logic:

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
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<i>BMP, GIF, PCD, PCX, TIF</i>	-> <i>BMP, GIF, PCX, TIF</i>
<i>BMP, GIF</i>	-> <i>JPG</i>
<i>WMF, JPG</i>	-> <i>BMP</i>

- *show pictures in original or stretched size.*
- *Skip pictures in original size or in the overall presentation via thumbnails.*
- *run associated program*
- *copy picture to clipboard*
- *change thumbnail-size*

## File-Menu

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<i>Choose path</i>	Show Path-Dialog in order to choose a path. You can type in a filter in the editfield for the extension, e.g. PIC*.GIF or ANIMAL*.BMP. PicStation recognizes the formats: BMP, GIF, ICO, JPG, PCD, PCX, TIF, WMF and ASCII.
<i>Export</i>	Show Export-Dialog in order to export the selected picturefiles as: BMP, GIF, JPG, PCX, TIF
<i>Quit</i>	Terminate PicStation

## Picture-Menu

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<i>Show</i>	Show selected picture in either original or stretched size depending on the Flag: Show streched
<i>Delete</i>	Delete selected thumbnail(s) on harddisc.
<i>Refresh</i>	Refresh Screen. Actualisize Thumbnail.
<i>Run Associated</i>	Start the program, which is associated with the file-extension of the selected picture. (eg. Paint Brush)
<i>Copy To Clipboard</i>	Copy the selected picture to clipboard.

## Sort-Menu

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<i>None</i>	The Thumbnail-order is determined by the drag and drop mechanism.
<i>Name</i>	Sort Thumbnails by filename.
<i>Date</i>	Sort Thumbnails by date of file.

## Options-Menu

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<i>Always on top</i>	Enable: PicStation Window is the topmost window
<i>Show filename</i>	Enable: show picture filenames beyond the picture
<i>Path-Dialog after start</i>	Enable: path-dialog will be shown at startup time
<i>Show streched</i>	Enable: picture fits into PicStation window.
<i>Thumbnail size</i>	Change thumbnails width and height.

## Mouse

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<i>LeftClick</i>	Select thumbnail.
<i>LeftClick &amp; MouseMove</i>	Drag thumbnails and drop them inside to get another order, or drop them outside to a different target. (To drop Thumbnail release Mousebutton).
<i>LeftClick &amp; Strg</i>	Mark thumbnail as in the Windows Filemanager.
<i>LeftClick &amp; Shift</i>	Mark thumbnails as in the Windows Filemanager.
<i>LeftDoubleClick</i>	Show selected Picture.
<i>RightDoubleClick</i>	Run associated program.

## Keystrokes

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<i>Return</i>	Show selected Picture.
<i>Esc</i>	Go back to thumbnail-page.
<i>Cursor left</i>	Skip to thumbnail or picture left to the current position.
<i>Cursor up</i>	Skip to thumbnail or picture up to the current position.
<i>Cursor down</i>	Skip to thumbnail or picture down to the current position.
<i>Cursor right</i>	Skip to thumbnail or picture right to the current position.
<i>Space</i>	Skip to thumbnail or picture right to the current position.
<i>Tab</i>	Skip to thumbnail or picture right to the current position.
<i>Home</i>	Skip to first thumbnail or picture
<i>End</i>	Skip to last thumbnail or picture
<i>PgUp</i>	Skip to thumbnail or picture of previous page.
<i>PgDwn</i>	Skip to thumbnail or picture of next page
<i>Del</i>	Remove selected thumbnail(s) (not physical)
<i>F5</i>	Refresh thumbnail, eg. after Thumbnail-Size changes.

## Credits

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