

AutoBrowser Overview

- n The AutoBrowser provides quick access to all the images on your CD. Launching the AutoBrowser opens a display of thumbnails representing general libraries of images including Scenics, Woods, Animal Skins, etc.
- n Double-clicking on a library thumbnail displays thumbnails of all images in that library. For instance, if you want to see what all the fabrics look like simply double-click on the thumbnail labeled Fabrics.
- n With the thumbnails of a library displayed, double-clicking on a thumbnail will display the image at its full resolution. Double-clicking again on the full screen image will return to the thumbnail display.
- n If you select a thumbnail with a single click, additional information about that thumbnail is shown in the status line at the bottom of the screen.
- n Each command also has a command key assigned to it. The letter underlined on the button indicates which key combination activates the command. For instance, to exit the AutoBrowser type Alt-X.
- n The AutoBrowser is optimized to display images as quickly as possible while sacrificing a minimum of image quality. Each image is represented by three files: a 256 color .bmp for the thumbnail display, a 256 color .gif file for the full screen display, and a truecolor .tga master file. In each library directory, the .tga files reside at the root level, the .bmps in the BMPS directory and the .gifs in the GIFS directory. The .gifs may be satisfactory for many mapping purposes. The .bmps in each directory use a common palette to speed display. If you wish to view the truecolor .tga files, use the 3D Studio View Image command or the AutoVision Replay command.
- n The AutoBrowser will run only from the CD. It will not run properly if moved to another location.

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Double-clicking a thumbnail displays the image at its full resolution. On displays which can't accommodate the full image, scroll bars become active. Additional information about the image is displayed at the bottom of the full image display. To return to the thumbnail display double-click on the full resolution image.

Buttons

Main

To return to the main Library screen, click the Main button.

View

If you've select a thumbnail with a single click, clicking the View button displays the image at its full resolution. This is the same action as double-clicking on a thumbnail.

Back/Next

If all of the thumbnails can't be displayed on a single screen, clicking the Next button moves to the next screen. The Screen status indicates what screen you are on and how many total screens there are.

Once an image is displayed full screen, the Back/Next buttons move through the full screen views of the images in the current library without returning to the Thumbnail Display. You can move through all the images by selecting the first image in a library, clicking the View button, then hit the return button when you are ready to move to the next image.

Exit

Clicking the Exit button quits the AutoBrowser. Or type Alt-X.

Help

Click the Help button for Help. Or type F1.

Tag

With an image selected, clicking the Tag button copies the full path of the selected image to the clipboard, it does not copy the image to the clipboard. You can then switch to AutoVision and paste the image's path into the image path field. To use this with AutoVision, select the menu item AutoVision/Material. Click New. Set your cursor in the File Name field and paste using the Control-V command key. Name the material and click OK.

You can also use the Windows Notepad to create a list of images. Launch the notepad then switch to the AutoBrowser (alt-tab). In the AutoBrowser, tag the path of your image to the clipboard, switch to the Notepad and paste. Repeat these steps for each image you want to save the path for then save the Notepad document to disk or print it.

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Library Thumbnails

Double-clicking on a library thumbnail displays thumbnails of all images assigned to that library. For instance, if you double-click the Scenics thumbnail you'll see a grid representing all the images in the scenics library.

If you've selected a thumbnail with a single click, clicking the View button displays thumbnails of all images in the highlighted category.

Buttons

Library

When a library thumbnail is selected, clicking the Library button displays thumbnails of all images in the selected library. This is the same action as double-clicking on the thumbnail.

Back/Next

If all of the thumbnails can't be displayed on a single screen, clicking the Next button moves to the next screen of images. The Screen status line at the bottom right of the window indicates which screen you are on and how many total screens there are. You can move to screens already viewed using the Back button.

Exit/Help Buttons

Clicking on the Exit button quits the AutoBrowser. Clicking the Help button opens AutoBrowser Help.

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Library

Libraries are groups of similar images. Marbles make up one library. Other libraries are Woods, Tiles, Prints, Patterns, etc.

Texture Universe CD

The Texture Universe CD includes over 425 truecolor targa files in 15 categories.

thumbnail

A thumbnail is simply a scaled down version of a larger image.

