Presto! Image Explorer Context Help

Presto! Image Explorer is a stand-alone software for using as an image manager. You can arrange your images in different folders according to their different usage or attributes. It allows you to view an image before actually opening it to ensure that it is the image you want to load on screen. Moreover, it offers functions of acquiring images, adding properties to images, renaming/deleting/sorting files, etc.

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After Presto! Image Explorer has been opened, you may locate the folder that contains the image files you want to preview at the left part of the full view. Reduced or shrunken copies of the images, termed "thumbnails," in the folder appears in the boxes at the right with their file names.

Menus and Commands

There are several pull-down menus located on the menu bar. Each menu contains a list of commands to execute special functions for image managing.

Choose a menu from the following list to view the command function under it.

File

View

Help

File Menu

The following commands are included in the *File* menu:

Folder Management

Acquire

Select TWAIN Source

Selection

Image Management

Preferences

Exit

Folder Management

With the options of *Folder Management* command, you can create, rename and delete folders.

Acquire

To acquire image input from a TWAIN source, open the *File* menu and select the *Acquire* command after selecting the TWAIN source. If the hardware input device is capable enough, you can input multiple images at a time, place them in one folder, and then edit them individually.

A dialog box will appear for your further operation. The dialog box varies for different devices because manufacturers design their own user interface. You may refer to the user's manual of the TWAIN device for details on inputting images from this dialog box.

Note:

If your Presto! Image Explorer is a bundled version, it may not support this function and so the command name is dimmed.

See also:

Select TWAIN Source

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Presto! Image Explorer supports the TWAIN driver interface to give you access to images from any input device with a TWAIN driver interface such as scanners. This interface protocol was developed by several leading hardware and software manufacturers in order to establish a standard in the combined use of input devices and software applications. As long as the input device provides a TWAIN driver, it can work with Presto! Image Explorer without any problem.

If you plan to use an input device that has a TWAIN driver with Presto! Image Explorer, you should first install the driver with the hardware on your computer according to your device's manual before entering image data from it by Presto! Image Explorer.

To input an image using a TWAIN source, you need to first select the TWAIN source in your system. Open the *File* menu and choose *Select TWAIN Source* command. A dialog box appears.

All the TWAIN sources installed on your system will be listed in the *Sources* box. Click on the device you want to use and press the [Select] button.

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See also:

Acquire

Selection

You may select one or more file(s) in a folder for further management.

To select a file, click on the thumbnail preview of the image. Click again while holding the [Ctrl] key to deselect it.

To select multiple files, click on the thumbnail previews while holding down the [Ctrl] key to select or deselect non-contiguous files, or on the thumbnail previews while holding down the [Shift] key to select contiguous files.

The *Selection* command under the *File* menu offers three options for selecting or deselecting files: *Select All* for selecting all the files in the folder, *Invert Selection* for deselecting the files that are currently selected and selecting all the files that are not currently selected instead, and *Select None* for deselecting all the files in the folder.

Image Management

Once you have selected one or more file(s), you can open, rename or delete them, or add some information into their properties. You can also preview the image, or open it to a specific image editing program for editing. These functions are executed with the pop-up options while you select the *Image Management* command from the *File* menu.

The *View* option displays a preview window containing the selected image for clearer observation.

When the *Properties* option is selected, a dialog box appears listing the information about the selected file, including image type, image dimensions, file size, image resolution and last modification date. If you click on the *Details* tab, you can give a title to the image and name its author.

The *Open With* option enables you to open the selected file(s) with an image processing software that, the software considers, is proper for editing those images. If you have defined a specific application for editing the images in the *Preferences* dialog box, the images will be opened with that application when you execute this option.

The *Rename* option allows you to change the file name of the image. After the option is selected, the text cursor will appear in the file name area. Type in the new file name and press [Enter].

The *Delete* option removes the selected files from the folder. You can also strike the [Del] key to delete the files.

If you move the mouse pointer into any of the selected image previews and click the right mouse button, an option list will pop up with all these options and an additional *Create Shortcut* option. This additional option can create a shortcut for the image as you can do in Windows 95.

Preferences

The options in the *Preferences* dialog box, invoked from the *File* menu, make settings for operations in Presto! Image Explorer.

Number of Visited Folders to Recall

When you click on the left most button on the tool bar, a list of folders with their path names, which you have recently used, appears for your selection. In this way you can rapidly locate the folder you recently and often used.

By the *Number of Visited Folders to Recall* option, you can recall up to 9 folders recently used for quick processing.

View Options

In this section, you can select the file types of images to be displayed in Presto! Image Explorer. If you want to hide any image file type, select the *Hide Images of Following Formats* option and highlight the file type(s) in the list box below it.

Image Editing Application

When you want to open a selected file from Presto! Image Explorer, the image will be opened in the software which Presto! Image Explorer decides to be the proper one for that image. You can also specify the software used for opening all the image files from Presto! Image Explorer. In the *Image Editing Application* option, type in the execution file with its path of the specific software or click the [Browse] button to select from a dialog box.

Note:

If your Presto! Image Explorer is a bundled version, the editing program may be either fixed as Presto! ImageFolio or specified as ImageFolio in default. If it is fixed as ImageFolio, you can not specify another image editing program.

Thumbnail Properties

You can change the size of the thumbnails illustrating the images. In the *Width* and *Height* text boxes, enter the desired size by pixels from 16 to 288.

After you change the size, the thumbnails may be rebuilt from the original images or rescaled with the old-sized thumbnails to the new size. You can select to rebuild or rescale the thumbnails by the *Rebuild Thumbnails If Images Been Changed* option. This option should be enabled for rebuilding the thumbnails.

Note:

If the *Rebuild Thumbnails If Images Been Changed* option is enabled, the processing speed will be slower.

Default Saved Name After TWAIN Acquired

You may input photos from a digital camera or scanner supporting TWAIN interface installed on your system. If your TWAIN device is capable enough, you can input multiple photos at one time.

In this option, type in the first few characters for the file names of the new input photos and select the file format from the pull-down list.

The file names will automatically be assigned with 3-digit numbers after the first few characters.

For some of the file formats, you may click on the [Option] button to further specify their format options.

If you want the software to correct the colors of the input photos, enable the *Apply Auto Color-tuning Before Saving* option.

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If your Presto! Image Explorer is a bundled version, it may not support TWAIN input function. Therefore it is not necessary to set this option.

Exit

To quit Presto! Image Explorer, select the *Exit* command under the *File* menu.

View Menu

The commands provided under the *View* menu are related to the display on the screen. They are:

Toolbar

Status Bar

Always on Top

Arrange

Sort

Refresh

Toolbar

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Always on Top

Enabling the *Always on Top* function in the *View* menu keeps Presto! Image Explorer on top of all the opened applications for handy usage.

Arrange

Presto! Image Explorer can also be docked at the top, bottom, left or right of the screen for your convenience of viewing.

To change the displaying form of Presto! Image Explorer, select the *Arrange* command from the *View* menu and choose the desired displaying form, *Full View*, *Top*, *Bottom*, *Left*, or *Right*, from the pop-up options.

Sort

By default, files are displayed by filename in alphabetical order. You can also choose to display images by file extension in alphabetical order, by size, or by last modification date. Select the *Sort* command from the *View* menu and choose *Sort by Name*, *Sort by Type*, *Sort by Size* or *Sort by Date*.

Refresh

Whenever you invoke Presto! Image Explorer and locate the directory you want to view image files, the thumbnail image previews are displayed according to the current file access situation in the directory. If you change the situation after the directory is explored, i.e. adding or removing some files to/from the directory, and do not refresh the information for the program, the thumbnails displayed will not reflect the latest changes. In this case you should execute the *Refresh* command under the *View* menu to update the modification.

Help Menu

Besides the messages shown on the status bar, select the *Help* menu for more information on the functions, commands and dialog boxes.