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Information on using Expert Photo CD Gallery #2 to view and copy selected images for use in other applications.

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Finding Images

Viewing Images

In ClickSearch, there are three sizes at which images can be viewed:

      1)   Small thumbnails (from 25 to 100 per screen)
      2)   Large thumbnails (from 4 to 50 per screen)
      3)   Large frame pictures (individually displayed)

"Thumbnails" is a term used to describe pictures when they are displayed very small in order to give you the ability to see a lot of pictures simultaneously.   Other software may call thumbnails something else like "small pictures" or "greeks".   Mainly, they are just little versions of the big pictures.

View small thumbnails: Ctrl+*[minus]*
View large thumbnails: Ctrl+*[plus]*

To select a picture, move the mouse cursor over the thumbnail and press *(click)* the left mouse button.   When you select a picture, you automatically deselect every other picture which may have been selected.

To select more than one image: select the first image by clicking, then while pressing the Shift key, select the other desired images by clicking the left mouse button.

To view a large frame picture, quickly click twice *(double click)* on the thumbnail.   The screen goes blank and the image is displayed in the center.   This display is designed to let you focus on the image itself, without having anything else on the screen which would otherwise alter your perception of the picture.

To view information associated with a picture, double click on the text below the thumbnail. The image information window will appear.   This window shows all keywords associated with the image, as well as its stock number and description.

See also:
      Copying Images (to the clipboard)
      Saving Images (to a file)
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Copying Images (to the clipboard)

ClickSearch can copy screen resolution 8 bit images to the clipboard. This is a standard practice, and avoids nearly all compatibility problems with other software.

To copy a picture to the clipboard, follow these simple steps:

     1)   Select the picture to be copied by clicking on the thumbnail.

     2)   Type **Ctrl**+**C**
               -or-
            Select **Copy** from the **Edit** menu

A dialog window will appear giving you three options for copying the picture to the clipboard. For most applications, the 8 bit option (default) works well.   *(See below for more information about other options.)*

After you choose the OK button, ClickSearch copies the image to the clipboard.   You may now **Paste** the image into most other applications by choosing 'Paste' from the target document's menu.

About Clipboard Picture Formats
8 bit images (the default choice) are usually the fastest and easiest to use.   Some applications still have strange bugs and need grayscale images or 24 bit images to work properly.   If the pictures are doing funny things in other applications, chances are that the developers of the application did not expect you to push their software to it's limits! ClickSearch has been tested with all major word processors, paint programs and spreadsheets with very few problems.

If you use the 24 bit option, expect your other applications to slow down.   During testing, many applications spent large amounts of time processing 24 bit pictures and the results were often poorer quality than the results with 8 bit images.   24 bit picture data is overkill except for the most professional applications.

See also:
         Saving Images (to a file)
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Saving Images (to a file)

ClickSearch can save images into files in one of two ways: as a *.PCX screen resolution file or as a *.JPG high resolution or vector based clip-art file.

To save an image into a file:

(1) Select the image's thumbnail.

(2) Choose **File** - **Save As**.   The **Save Image** dialog box will appear.

(3) Select the drive and directory where you wish to save the image.

(4) Select the **List Files of Type** drop down combo box and choose either the ***.PCX** or ***.JPG** file extension.

(5) Enter a file name for your image.

(6) Click **OK**.

See also:
      Copying Images (to the clipboard)
      Finding Images (to a file)
      Using Images
      Printing Images

Using Images

Using Saved Files
Once youve written an image into a file, it is up to the destination application to properly import the file.   Most applications have menu options for **Importing**, or **Inserting** a picture or file.   Microsoft Word, for example, has an **Insert** menu with a **Picture** option.

Using the Clipboard
After you have copied an image to the clipboard by choosing **Edit** - **Copy**, you will probably want to use it with another application.   This is done by **Pasting** the image into the other application's document.   Before we can do this, we need to get to the other application.   At this point, you can either **Minimize** ClickSearch or **Exit** ClickSearch completely.

To **Minimize** ClickSearch: **Alt**+*[space]*   **N** from the control menu box, the hyphen shaped icon in the upper left corner of the window.
To **Exit** ClickSearch: Choose **File** - **Exit**   (Alt+F X)

The first step is to get the other application running.   If the other application is already running, you may press **Alt**+**Tab** repeatedly until you find the application you want *(consult your Windows documentation for more information).*

If the other application is not running, minimize or exit Expert Photo CD Gallery #2 as described above, and then execute your other application.   Open a new document or the document in which you want to use the picture and choose **Paste** from the **Edit** menu.   For most software, that's all there is to it!

THAT'S EASY!
We've tested simple cutting and pasting under Windows with the following applications, and it works beautifully:

> **Microsoft Write** 3.1 (standard with Windows)
> **WordPerfect** 6.0
> **Microsoft Word** 2.0
> **Lotus AMI Pro** 3.0
> **Adobe Photoshop** 2.5
> **Aldus PhotoStyler** 1.1
> **Borland Quattro Pro** 1.0
> **CorelDRAW!** 4.0
> **Quark Xpress** 3.1

For some applications, however, more than one step is necessary.   The following is a list of applications which do not support pasting from the clipboard.   With pressure from users about compatibility, the publishers of this software will eventually support the clipboard properly.   Please make sure to let them know that you would like their software to <u>fully</u> support the clipboard.   These applications have been tested with ClickSearch, and we have listed work-arounds for each of them separately below:

> **Adobe Illustrator** 4.0
> **Aldus PageMaker** 4.0
> **Micrografx Designer** 3.1
> **Microsoft Excel** 4.0

Adobe Illustrator 4.0
For some reason, Adobe does not support the clipboard.   Adobe is aware of the problem, but has not suggested any direct work arounds.   The best work around we've found is to use a paint program which can write an EPS file *(we had great success with Adobe Photoshop):*

      1) Copy the picture in ClickSearch.
      2) Start up the paint program and open a new document.
      3) Paste the picture from the clipboard into the new document.
      4) Save the image as an EPS file (we used 8 bit PC ASCII format)
      5) Exit the paint program.
      6) Start up Adobe Illustrator and create a new or open an existing document.
      7) Select **Place Art...** from the **File** menu.
      8) Choose the file you saved from the paint program as the EPS file to place.
      9) Select **OK**, and Adobe Illustrator should create a frame containing the picture.

For more information about Adobe Illustrator and the Windows clipboard, contact Adobe Systems.

Aldus PageMaker 4.0
For some reason, Aldus does not support the clipboard.   The best work around we've found is to use a paint program which can write an EPS file *(we had great success with Adobe Photoshop):*

      1) Copy the picture in ClickSearch.
      2) Start up the paint program and open a new document.
      3) Paste the picture from the clipboard into the new document.
      4) Save the image as an EPS file (we used 8 bit PC ASCII format)
      5) Exit the paint program.
      6) Start up Aldus PageMaker and create a new or open an existing document.
      7) Select **Place...** from the **File** menu.
      8) Choose the file you saved from the paint program as the EPS file to place.
      9) Select **OK**, and Aldus PageMaker should allow you to specify a frame for the picture.

For more information about Aldus PageMaker and the Windows clipboard, contact Aldus.

Micrografx Designer
We tried pasting from the clipboard into version 3.1, and were unable to do so.   More recent versions of Designer may be available which properly support the clipboard.   The best suggestion we can offer is to use a paint program which can write a PCX file *(we had great success using Adobe Photoshop).*   Unfortunately, we were unable to get Designer to import any pictures without crashing with a General Protection Fault.   Later releases of Designer may correct this problem:

      1) Copy the picture in ClickSearch.
      2) Start up the paint program and open a new document.
      3) Paste the picture from the clipboard into the new document.
      4) Save the image as a PCX file (we used 8 bit color format).
      5) Exit the paint program.
      6) Start up Micrografx Designer and create a new or open an existing document.
      7) Select **Import** from the **File** menu.
      8) Choose **PCX** format and select the PCX file you saved from the paint program.
      9) Select **OK**, and Designer should create a frame containing the picture.

For more information about Designer and the Windows clipboard, contact Micrografx.

Microsoft Excel 4.00 for Windows
Microsoft Excel requires that you insert a graphics object into a spreadsheet rather than just detecting that there is a valid picture in the clipboard.   It is likely that future releases will correct this oversight.

To get a picture into an Excel spreadsheet:

1) Copy the picture in ClickSearch.
2) Start up Microsoft Excel.
3) Create a new document or open an existing document.
4) Select **Insert Object...** from the **Edit** menu.
5) Select **Microsoft Drawing** from the list of object types.
6) When Microsoft Draw appears, select **Paste** from the **Edit** menu.
7) Exit Microsoft Draw and update the Excel spreadsheet.

For more information about inserting pictures into Microsoft Excel, contact Microsoft.

See also:
   Printing Pictures

Printing Images

You can print pictures with almost any word processor, paint program, spreadsheet, or page layout program.   Even Microsoft Windows Write™ scales and prints pictures well.   (To export pictures into other software, see Copying Images (to the clipboard) and Using Images.)

To print a picture with Microsoft Windows Write™:

1) Copy the picture in ClickSearch to the clipboard (see Copying Pictures).
2) Open Microsoft Windows Write™.
3) Select **Paste** from the **Edit** menu of Write.
4) Select **Print** from the **File** menu of Write and click on the **OK** button.

This prints your picture!   Consult your Microsoft Windows documentation for more information about printer setup and Windows Write.

You can also print pictures inserted into other documents using other application software.   Usually, there is a **Print** option in the **File** menu.   If you have difficulty with other applications, consult the documentation that came with the application when you bought it, or contact the publisher's customer support department.

Printing Lore
Applications each print images in their own way.   Most applications depend on Windows to render images when printing an image, but some do not.   The following is a list of facts regarding applications and printing.

1) A given application may do a poor job of displaying a picture on the screen, and still be able to print it beautifully.   Some applications display images so poorly that they look like a field of multi-colored noise.   These same applications usually print the images well.   DO NOT anticipate a printout by the way the screen image looks.

2) Conversely, an application which displays an image on the screen may print poorly.

3) The printer driver may have a lot to do with print quality.   A good example of this is the Hewlett Packard LaserJet 4 printer driver which seems to do better at halftoning than Adobe Photoshop, even though Adobe Photoshop is programmed to do a painfully correct halftone.   In this example, it can be argued that Adobe Photoshop is actually decreasing the image quality by performing the conversion to black and white itself, since the printer driver does a better job.   However, on higher resolution printers, Adobe Photoshop output is far superior than most other applications.

4) There are so many factors to take into account about how an image is printed that it is virtually impossible to predict whether or not a given application will do a good job with a given image.   For the most part, experimentation is the only way to know for sure.

The Find Button

The Find button is located at the upper right of the ClickSearch™ window.

When you click on the Find Button, the *Search Criteria* dialog box pops up.   Simply type a phrase that describes what you want to see, and press *Enter* or click on the *Start Searching* button.   The window also gives you helpful examples so you can see how to structure your search phrases.

ClickSearch™ has a very intelligent search system and will try to find what you type.   If any search results with no matches, the Search Criteria window will pop up again automatically so you can revise your search phrase immediately.

To close the dialog box without searching, double-click on the control menu box or press Alt+F4.

No Need To Wait

Don't bother waiting for searches to finish before going about your business.   ClickSearch™ searches "in the background" and will never stop you from working with the software.   Feel free to view the full screen versions of pictures or copy pictures to the clipboard while ClickSearch™ is searching.

Search Syntax (what to type)

The simplest searches are one word or word phrase (also affectionately known to the photography industry as "keywords").   You can search for **cars**, **trucks**, **people**, **food**, **airplanes**, etc.

All searches are entered into ClickSearch as words or word phrases.   Words can be separated by a word like "**and**", "**or**", "**with**", "**without**", etc.   For example, if you wanted to find pictures of a silhouetted couple at sunset, any of the following search phrases would work great:

> **couple with silhouette and sunset**
> **sunsets and silhouette and couples**
> **silhouette and sunset with couple**

Now let's say that you want to find anything silhouetted at sunset without people in the picture.   You could enter any of these phrases to find the pictures you are looking for:

> **sunsets and silhouette without people**
> **silhouette without people and sunsets**
> **sunsets and not people with silhouettes**

ClickSearch™ is designed to be very forgiving to the user so you don't have to be a rocket scientist to find pictures in a hurry.   The tense or case of words is not important and synonyms or vague terms are acceptable.   The ClickSearch software is second to none in the industry for intelligence, accuracy and speed.

A great effort has been made to support feelings and concepts with the search in ClickSearch™.   You can search for vague terms like **love** and **wealth**, as well as content inspecific terms like **melancholy** or **obnoxious**.   Give it a whirl...you might be surprised!

Vocabulary

Sometimes ClickSearch™ is unable to locate or understand words you have entered. Usually, the symptom of this is that a search finds nothing.   If this happens, try to think of a different way to state the same thing.   Great effort has been taken to set ClickSearch™ up with a huge vocabulary, but it is nearly impossible to cover the entire language with software and still make it usable.

For example, let's say you searched for the word **monolith** and were unable to find any matches.   You might try searching for **obelisk**.   Or **pillar**, for that matter.   Try to think of what you are after, and don't be afraid to try words which are not exactly the ones which popped into your head in the first place.

If you are searching for something specific, is it possible that there are no pictures of what you are looking for in the library you have?   Could be...this library may have no radishes at all.   While using ClickSearch, it is easy to believe that the supply is endless!

📞 Customer Support

Your purchase of an Expert product includes free product support to help you get the most out of your software.   All Expert products are thoroughly tested and come with a user's guide.   In most cases, the answer to many of your questions are in the User's Guide or this help file.

If you are having problems starting or running ClickSearch, please feel free to give us a call. We can be reached at (305) 567-9996, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST (Eastern Standard Time).

When you call, you should be at your computer.   Be ready to give the Product Support Specialist the following information:

The 10-digit program version number from the front of your program CD.
The version of DOS that is installed on your computer.   (You can determine the version by
        typing VER at the DOS prompt.)
The version of Windows installed on your computer.
The type of hardware you are using:
    - Brand of computer you own
    - CPU type (386, 486, Pentium)
    - Video type (EGA, VGA, Super VGA)
    - Model and type of printer
The exact wording of any messages that appeared on the screen.
What happened and what you were doing when the problem occurred.

We encourage Windows 3.1 (or MSDOS 6.X) users who need product support to print an MSD report.   Have it available for the Product Support Specialist who answers your call.   You will find the MSD (Microsoft Diagnostics) program in either the Windows or the DOS directory.