

Introduction

Congratulations on obtaining ACDSee 32, the fastest and easiest-to-use image viewer available for Windows 95 and Windows NT! ACDSee is two tools in one. A full-featured *image viewer* quickly displays your images in high quality. The *image browser* lets you efficiently find and organize your images.

Image Viewing *As an image viewer, ACDSee stands unsurpassed in its ability to quickly decode and display images.*

- **Speed** - Using its **efficient decoder** with **incremental display**, ACDSee displays images faster than any other image viewer.
- **No waiting** - multithreaded design means you can use other functions while ACDSee is processing -- you'll spend less time waiting and more time doing.
- **Less memory** is required to view images than with full-fledged image editing applications.
- **High quality output** - ACDSee gives you single and two-pass dithering algorithms that make optimal use of your display's capabilities.
- **Support for most popular image formats** - BMP, DCX, GIF (including animation), IFF, JPEG, PCD, PCX, PIC, PNG, PSD, TGA, TIFF (including multi-page) and WMF
- **Scroll, manual and auto zoom, auto-window size** and **full-screen mode** features allow you to view your images the way you want.
- **Slide show** gives you the ability to view a sequence of images automatically. ACDSee provides read-ahead decoding, subfolder searching, forward/reverse/random and single/loop sequencing features.
- **Print** your images along with names and descriptions. Several images can be printed at once as a batch.

Image Browsing *ACDSee is the best choice for browsing images in your file system.*

- **High-speed preview** lets you quickly and easily take a peek at images without interrupting or slowing down your exploration.
- **Thumbnail mode** shows a thumbnail of each image instead of the normal file icons, allowing you to visually browse more quickly through many images.
- **Rapid File management** utilities including **drag-and-drop** and **cut-and-paste** allow you to quickly organize your images and other files into folders.
- **Visual overwrite confirmation** shows you source and destination images side by side before overwriting images when copying or moving.
- **Auto-skip** can automatically skip copying or moving files if they already exist in the destination folder.
- The **shortcuts pane**, a feature unique to ACDSee, allows you to quickly move and copy files to a user-configured list of frequently used folders. Or, you can also use the list to browse frequently used folders.
- **File descriptions** allow you to annotate any file with a descriptive phrase without altering the name or contents of the file.
- **Customized file details** allows you to configure how and what information about your files is displayed.
- **Desktop wallpaper** commands allow you to quickly change your desktop background to *any* image, centered or tiled.
- **File conversion** also allows images to be quickly and conveniently converted to JPEG or BMP format. A batch of files can be converted all at once.
- **Copy to clipboard** allows you to copy images from ACDSee into other applications.
- **Shell edit** commands allow you to quickly open your images in your favorite image editor applications.

- A **File list generator** gives you a text listing of the files in a directory, including descriptions, file type, size, image dimensions and date.
- **Shortcuts** to images (.LNK files) are handled transparently, allowing you additional flexibility in organizing your images.

User Interface

As a whole, ACDSee provides an efficient interface which has been highly optimized to minimize the amount of key punching and mouse pushing you need to do to get things done.

- ACDSee completely avoids the bulky, slow interfaces that plague most Windows software products in favor of **streamlined operations**.
- Whether you like to use the mouse or do it all from the keyboard, ACDSee provides you with the **short cuts** you need to do it quickly.
- To get you up and running quickly, ACDSee incorporates full on-line help with **tool tips** and **context-sensitive pop-up help**.
- Extensive customization options allow you to configure ACDSee to work the way you want it.

Image Formats Supported

BMP	Windows Bitmap	Windows and OS/2. 2/8/16/24/32 bpp. RLE and uncompressed. BI_BITFIELDS encoded not supported.
DCX	Multiple-page PCX	All sub-types and multiple pages supported.
GIF	Graphics Interchange Format	Single page and animated.
IFF	EA Interchange File Format	1-24 bpp, including HAM and HAM8. Multiple pages and animations not supported.
JPEG	JPEG JFIF	JFIF and Adobe CMYK.
PCD	Kodak PhotoCD	512x768 and 768x512 resolutions.
PCX	ZSoft Publisher's Paintbrush	All sub-types supported.
PIC	SoftImage PIC	All sub-types supported.
PNG	Portable Network Graphics	All sub-types supported.
PSD	Adobe PhotoShop Document	RGB, grayscale, duotone, paletted and bi-level. Lab colour and 16 bpc not supported.
TGA	Targa TGA	All sub-types supported.
TIFF	Tag Image File Format	1,8,24,32 bpp. Uncompressed, PackBits, LZW, CCITT Group 3 & 4, ZIP, NEXT, new JPEG. Support for multi-page documents.
WMF	Windows Metafile Format	Win 3.x embedded metafiles. (Enhanced metafiles not supported)

What's new in ACDSee 32 version 2.21?

Legend

- + New feature
- o Minor change
- !! Bug fix

Changes since version 2.2

- + added support for DCX format (multi-page PCX FAX)
- o reduced memory overhead for loading GIF images
- o the file list is automatically updated when files are dropped into it, even if the "auto-refresh" option is turned off
- !! file list would sometimes auto-refresh continuously when running on Windows 95 and "Cache in description" and "Reading image information" and "Auto-refresh" options were turned on
- !! some interlaced animated GIF images were not decoded properly
- !! problem handling animated GIF images with missing GCE's
- !! round-off error could cause horizontal lines to appear when decoding interlaced images at a high zoom level
- !! fixed problem with "View all images in folder" not working when ACDSee was started on the command line

Changes since version 2.1

- + Added support for SoftImage PIC format
- + Shortcuts to images are now handled transparently
- + Added Cut, Copy and Paste commands to Browser for file management
- + Added Copy Image commands to allow images to be copied to the clipboard
- + Added Paste command to Viewer to allow files copied from Explorer to be pasted into the image list
- + Revised Move/Copy Overwrite options, adding auto-rename
- + Added "Slideshow" and "Slideshow Recursive" commands to Viewer
- + Added "Save defaults" button to Options dialog – options are no longer permanently saved when OK is pressed
- + Added shell open/edit commands to Viewer
- + Added option to hide Browser path box ("View > Controls > Path box")
- + Added Remove All command to Move/Copy Files dialog box
- + Added "Tools > Generate File List" command
- + Added "Image List > Highlight Image Files" option
- + Added "/p" command line option for printing images
- + Added FileName edit box to Move/Copy Files Dialog box when a single file is being moved to allow it to be renamed
- + Added "Apply to all" checkbox to Edit File Description dialog to allow a single description to be applied to several files at once
- + In full screen mode, you can press and hold down the b, t and m keys to temporarily show the status bar, the tool bar and the menu, respectively.
- + "Oem convert" option for file descriptions
- + Option to show full image file path in Viewer
- + "Show hidden files" option is now available directly from the Browser window (View menu or Ctrl+H)
- o Added selected file name to status bar of Browser
- o Changed default renamed file in Move/Copy to use a unique postfix number instead of "Copy of..."
- o Added option to disable open/remove commands
- o "Exit after delete/move" now causes the Viewer to exit to the Browser when the last image in the image list is deleted or moved (only if ACDSee was started in Browser mode)
- o Internal move/copy is used for drag and drop file operations now (except folders)
- o Added new Read Image Headers option : "Only on non-floppy and non-CDROM disks"
- o Numeric keypad +/- now expand/collapse items in folder tree
- o The current parent folder name is shown in the title bar of the Browser

- o Added keyboard shortcuts to help menu
- o Rearranged Browser File List context menu
- o Reversed the meaning of Ctrl and Shift when applied to Delete command to better
- o Limited WMF bitmap size to prevent use of too much memory when displaying WMF files of large dimensions
- o Added support for IFF-HAM, IFF-HAM8 and IFF-EHB
- o Added support for TIFF-CMYK, PSD-CMYK and JPEG Adobe CMYK
- o Prevented selection of next item in list if a multiple move operation was just completed and all files were successfully moved. Instead, the next item just receives the focus.
- o The setting of the "Hide non-image files" option is no longer automatically saved on exit
- o Preview/Next Page commands added to Viewer toolbar when a multi-page image is viewed
- !! several problems displaying animated GIF images
- !! Visible glitch in split bars after adjusting
- !! ACDSee would hang when decoding truncated IFF images
- !! Viewer title bar did not update after a rename or after a Remove All command
- !! Auto-refresh into sorted position was not working correctly
- !! Browser did not always detect file description changes made in the Viewer
- !! Sort mechanism was ignoring '-' and '"' characters
- !! "Browse with ACDSee" shell command appeared in non-file folders such as Recycle Bin and My Computer
- !! Colour component alignment problem with non-interleaved PCX images
- !! Various auto-refresh bugs
- !! Double-update flicker problem when switching images in Viewer in auto-zoom
- !! Preferred window size was saved incorrectly when flipping out of Full-Screen mode
- !! Preview image did not appear when set to be to the left of the file list and the folder tree was turned off
- !! Crash when converting 24bpp images when running in 256 colours
- !! new OS/2 bitmaps were not read correctly
- !! Glitch in the rightmost 8 pixels of some 2-colour GIF images
- !! Preview in progress was unnecessarily cancelled and restarted during an auto-refresh event
- !! File being decoded in viewer could not be renamed
- !! File list filtering was not working in Browser
- !! Subfolders were not updated when a parent folder was renamed in the folder tree
- !! GIF dimensions were not interpreted correctly for some images
- !! Various glitches with randomized slide shows
- !! Fixed a bug displaying interlaced GIF images with only 2 rows
- !! Fixed bug that made Rename button on MCRReplace dialog skip file if user had skipped a previous image in the same move/copy operation
- !! Fixed bug that refreshed the file list unnecessarily when deleting a file with auto-refresh, read image headers and save image info in description options on
- !! Fixed problem with wallpaper not being updated in WinNT 4.0 and Memphis
- !! Fixed problem reading PSD subtypes BITMAP and LAB, and those with extra channels
- !! Fixed problem reading IFF images with masking==mskHasTransparentColor
- !! Fixed problem handling short (8.3) filenames passed via DDE or on command-line when the "View All" option was turned on

Changes since version 2.0

- + Support for Electronic Arts Interchange File Format (IFF)
- + Support for Adobe PhotoShop Documents (PSD)
- + Confirm replace dialog now shows source and destination images for comparison
- + Print Setup options
- + Added Show Next and Previous Slide show Image commands to Viewer
- + Can now be started in Viewer mode with no images using the /v option
- + Options to show folders and non-image files in thumbnail view mode
- + Option to bypass recycle bin by default
- + Option to disable GIF animation

- + Option to allow Auto-refresh to be turned off
- + Option to automatically exit Viewer after deleting/moving the first
- + Options to disable Browser, File-Ops, Options, Options-Save, Wallpaper and Print features
- + Added middle or left+right mouse button support for toggling full-screen mode
- + Web Page command in Help menus
- + Help tips for menu items
- o "View all" option now applies to File|Open Viewer command
- o Improved document icons
- o The remove wallpaper command now restores the original wallpaper, if any
- o Changed thumbnail code to use DIBs when possible
- o Changed left mouse button double click in viewer to switch to Browser mode
- o Changed progress indicator in Browser so it doesn't cover up the status bar information
- o Re-optimized updating of File List when files are deleted/moved from Viewer
- o Enhanced refreshing of folder tree
- o Changed to format numbers (e.g., file sizes) according to locale prefs
- o Changed Viewer to exit when the last image is moved to another folder.
- o Changed "confirm deletion" option to "don't confirm"
- o Added help button to registration dialog box
- o Modified registration-nag image counter to include thumbnail images
- o Changed non-system icon scheme to provide image type-specific icons
- o Drives in file list auto-refresh when CD-ROM is inserted or removed
- o Show Preview option in Viewer's Open dialog box is now saved and restored
- !! Fixed enabling/disabling of buttons and menu command in Viewer
- !! Fixed auto-window-size bug when the system tray was placed at the top or left hand side of the screen
- !! Fixed bug which caused the slide show to stop when a bad image was encountered
- !! Fixed bug with "phantom" ACDSee on task bar
- !! Fixed a bug which caused file descriptions with extended characters to be displayed incorrectly
- !! Fixed problem where not all thumbnails in a large folder could be created
- !! Fixed a bug which occasionally caused a crash when dragging and dropping
- !! Fixed animated GIF support to work better with images whose first frame is smaller than the entire overall animation dimensions
- !! Delayed Browser auto-refresh while in Viewer mode until the Browser is returned to
- !! Browser's View menu items are now checked/unchecked properly
- !! Fixed bug which prevented creating shortcuts to drives
- !! Fixed a few bugs with file associations
- !! Fixed a bug which (when Folder Tree is hidden) caused some drives not to appear in the file list sometimes
- !! Fixed a bug which caused a refresh after deleting a file and "cache image headers" option is on
- !! Hidden folders are no longer shown in the folder tree if the "show hidden files" is not turned on
- !! Fixed bug which could cause the entire registry to be deleted if removing file associations from the options dialog
- !! Fixed bug which caused a divide by zero exception when generating a thumbnail for a 1281x1 image
- !! Fixed problem with long delay when drag-moving files out of a large folder
- !! Fixed a nasty bug with "Set File Associations..." which could cause the registry to become corrupt

Changes since version 1.0

- + support for animated GIF images
- + support for Windows Metafiles (.WMF)
- + folder tree pane
- + shortcuts pane
- + thumbnail file list view mode
- + image format conversion
- + drag and drop file management
- + automatic file list refreshing
- + integrated tabbed options dialog

- + added option to use device-dependent bitmaps
- + Open, Close and Close All commands in Viewer
- + Rename and Describe commands in Viewer
- + menu bars
- + support for Microsoft IntelliMouse
- + options to show/hide Browser toolbar, status bar, menu, etc.
- + option to show/hide Viewer menu
- + auto-zoom feature
- + auto-zoom reset option
- + option to hide mouse cursor in full-screen mode
- + option to save/restore Browser window size and position
- + dither mode for preview image is configurable
- + option to add or replace Viewer image list with dropped files
- + option to expand auto-sized Viewer window to the right and down rather than centered
- + snap cursor to buttons feature
- + preview area can be configured to appear on the left, on the bottom, or on the right
- + different icons for each supported file type
- + "New folder" command to create new folders
- + Associated file types can be easily set within the application
- + "Show gridlines" and "Full row select" file list options
- + Windows NT 3.51 is no longer supported
- o faster image panning
- o the preview is automatically reloaded when the preview area is resized (when auto-preview option is on)
- o the file list rather than the preview window is resized when the window is resized
- o significantly faster scrolling performance with some video drivers
- o reorganized status bar information
- o increased maximum slide show delay to 1 day
- o new 256 colour program icons
- !! fixed bug which caused some PCD images to be displayed topsy-turvy
- !! fixed bug which caused a crash when displaying very long file descriptions
- !! fixed bug where a new incoming image reset the slide show sequence mode to Forward mode
- !! fixed bugs which caused some TGA images to be read incorrectly
- !! fixed colourmap problem with some 256-colour PCX images

Starting the program

Starting in browser mode

You can start ACDSee in browser mode by clicking on the corresponding icon on the Start Menu. You will be presented with the image browser window where you can browse your system.

Starting in viewing mode

You can start ACDSee in viewer mode by clicking on the corresponding icon on the Start Menu. You will be presented with a window where you can drop files for viewing, or use the File|Open command to add images to the view list.

Launching from another application

You can also start ACDSee from the Explorer by just double clicking on an image file. Certain other programs, such as Internet applications, can also run ACDSee automatically for you as you receive images. By default, a new ACDSee instance (i.e., window) is started for each image viewed. You can have all images viewed in the same window by changing the *Startup* option in the *Miscellaneous* options page.

Command line arguments (startup parameters)

Default behaviour (no arguments)

When no command line arguments are given, ACDSee starts in Browser mode in the default folder.

Specifying images to view

You can supply one or more image files as the command line arguments to ACDSee. You can even use wildcards:

e.g., `acdsee32 c:\images*.jpg` - start ACDSee and have it view all the .JPG files in the c:\images folder.

Note: if any file name includes spaces, you **must** enclose it in quotation marks:

e.g., `acdsee32 "Metal Links.bmp"`

e.g., `acdsee32 "C:\My Pictures\Spot.psd" D:\Downloads*.jpg`

Browsing a particular folder

You may specify a particular folder to Browse as the command-line argument:

e.g. `acdsee32 c:\images\` would start the ACDSee Browser in the c:\images folder.

Starting in Viewer mode (with no images)

You can start ACDSee in Viewer mode without an image by adding a `/v` to the command line:

e.g. `acdsee32 /v`

Printing



You can use ACDSee to print one or more images and exit by adding a `/p` to the command line:


e.g., `acdsee32 /p "C:\My Pictures\Spot.psd" "D:\Downloads*.jpg"`


Browsing

ACDSee's image browser provides you with much of the functionality of Windows 95 Explorer. In addition to managing your files, you can perform commands on image files.

Navigation

You can navigate through your file system by clicking on folders  and drives 






- to open a folder or a drive, double click on the icon
- to move up one folder, double-click on the folder  labeled “..”, or click the

 button on the toolbar

- the path for the current folder you are inside is shown in the box just below the tool bar

File List View Mode






To change the way files are displayed, click on one of the following:

-  view image files as thumbnails
-  view files in rows of large icons
-  view files in rows of small icons
-  view files in columns of small icons
-  view files as small icons with details

Note: to view thumbnails in 256 colour mode, you need to have a recent version of commctrl.dll (such as the version that comes with Windows NT 4.0 or Internet Explorer 3.0)

File management

By selecting files, you may perform various commands on them:

-  copy to another folder
-  move to another folder
-  delete
-  rename
-  edit description



You can also move, copy or create shortcuts to files using the same drag-and-drop and cut-and-paste methods used in Windows Explorer. *Note: if you drop or paste files outside of ACDSee (e.g., to Explorer or the desktop) then the corresponding file descriptions will not be copied.*

The Shortcuts Pane

To turn on the shortcuts pane, selection *View | Shortcuts* from the menu (or press Ctrl+Shift+S). Once visible, you can drag folders into the preview area and drop them there. A shortcut to the folder will appear. You can double-click on a shortcut folder to browse the contents of that folder. You can also drop files onto the shortcut folders to copy, move, or create shortcuts to the files.

Image Commands

The following commands can be used on image files

-  preview image
-  view image(s)



set desktop wallpaper to image




print image(s)

- To select more than one file at a time, hold down the Ctrl or Shift key while selecting the icons. Or press Ctrl+A to select all files.
- If you want to perform a slide show, it is OK to select both image and non-image files. The files which are not images will simply be ignored.
- You can also bring up a context menu by clicking on an icon with the secondary mouse button.
- Other context menus are available by clicking with the secondary mouse button on the file list background area, file list header buttons, and preview area
- You easily change the way files are sorted

Preview Area

This is where image previews appear. You can adjust the relative amount of room available to the file list and the preview area by dragging the split bar [a thin horizontal or vertical bar located just below or beside the file list] up or down. You can also choose to have the preview area appear to the left of, below, or to the right of the file list. To do this, click on the split bar with the alternate mouse button and select one of the choices under *Preview Position* from the pop-up menu.



Options



- You can set various options which control how characteristics of the image browser by clicking on the  button, or by selecting the commands under the *View* menu.

Viewing images



Once you have selected one or more images for viewing, ACDSsee's viewing window is opened. Here you view a list of images, one image at a time.

Navigation



If you selected multiple images for viewing, then you can use the  and  buttons to navigate to the previous and next images in the list. You can also use the *Page Up*, *Page Down*, *Home* and *End* keys to navigate. If you have the Microsoft IntelliMouse, you can turn the wheel while holding down Shift to flip through the images in the list.

For images containing multiple pages, the first page is shown. To view other pages, use the  and  buttons. (These buttons are only visible while viewing a multi-page image). By holding down the Shift key, you can also use the same keyboard and Intellimouse shortcuts listed above to flip pages.

Slide Show

Or you can click the  button to have ACDSsee automatically flip from image to image every few seconds [a *slide show*]. Clicking on  again will stop the slide show. The delay between flipping, along with other slide show options, can be set in the options dialog.

Magnification (Zooming)










You can enlarge or reduce the apparent size of the image by clicking on the  and  buttons. Alternatively, you may press the + and - keys on the numeric keypad. If you have the Microsoft IntelliMouse, you can change the zoom level by turning the wheel. Additional zoom commands are available under the *View | Zoom* menu.

Scrolling (Panning)

If the image is so large that it is not fully visible within the window, you can scroll the image using the cursor keys or by dragging the image with the mouse. When using the cursor keys, you can hold down the *shift* key to scroll slowly, and the *ctrl* key to scroll quickly.

Other commands

Here are some other commands which you will find useful:

-  switch to browser
-  print image
-  set desktop wallpaper image
-  copy file to another folder
-  move file to another folder
-  delete file
-  change file name
-  edit file description
-  set viewer options

- You can also bring up a menu of commands by clicking in the view area with the secondary mouse button

- pressing Ctrl+F will toggle full-screen display mode
- in full screen mode, you can press and hold down the b, t and m keys to temporarily show the status bar, the tool bar and the menu, respectively
- The system menu contains an “Always on top” window option

Browser keyboard shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts

Key	Function
Backspace	Move up one folder.
F5	Refresh the list of files.
Ctrl + V	Preview the selected image.
Enter	File list - View the selected files. Shift for new window. Path box - Browse the specified folder Shortcuts list - Browse the folder the shortcut refers to
Ctrl + S	Slide show all.
Ctrl + Shift + S	Slide show all, including subfolders.
Ctrl + G	Generate ASCII file listing
Ctrl + P	Print the selected images.
Ctrl + W	Set desktop wallpaper. <i>Shift key: tile wallpaper.</i>
Alt + W	Restore original desktop wallpaper.
Ctrl + C	Copy selection to clipboard.
Ctrl + X	Cut selection to clipboard.
Ctrl + V	Paste from clipboard.
Alt + C	Copy files to another folder.
Alt + M	Move files to another folder.
DEL	Delete. <i>Shift key: bypass recycle bin.</i> <i>Ctrl key: bypass confirmation.</i>
F2 or Ctrl + R	Rename.
Ctrl + D	Describe.
Ctrl + O	Options.
F1	Help.
Ctrl + L	Shell open. <i>Shift key: specify application to open with.</i>
Ctrl + E	Shell edit. <i>Shift key: specify application to edit with.</i>
F8 - F12	Change view to Thumbnails, Large Icon, Small Icon, List or Details.
Alt + X	Quit.
Ctrl + Num '+'	Automatically size columns in detail view.
Ctrl + A	Select all files
Ctrl + I	Toggle the display of image files only.
Num 0-6	Sort by extension, name, size, type, date, image dimensions or description.
Num +/-	Sort in forward/reverse direction
Num *	Toggle the preview size between full-size and auto-size
Ctrl + [Num 2-6]	Toggle the display of size, type, date, image dimensions or description in detail view.
Tab	Move between the path box, folder tree, file list and shortcuts list
Ctrl	Hold down Ctrl key to select multiple files. Press Space key or click with mouse to tag individual files.
Shift + Esc	Minimize window.
Ctrl + Shift + T,B,M,D,F,Q,P	Toggle display of toolbar, status bar, current folder path box, menu bar, folder tree, shortcuts list, preview, respectively
Ctrl + Shift + Cursor Left, Down, Right	Set preview position to the left, below, and to the right of the file list, respectively.

Note: some commands allow the Alt key to be substituted for the Ctrl key, if you prefer to use the Alt modifier.

Viewer keyboard and mouse shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts

Key	Function
Esc	Return to the browser or quit.
Enter	Switch to the browser.
Insert	Add images to view list.
Ctrl + Q	Remove current image from the view list.
Ctrl + Shift + Q	Remove all images from the view list.
Page Up, Page Down, Home, End	Previous, Next, First, and Last image in view list, resp. <i>Shift key: navigate pages within a multi-page images.</i>
Ctrl + S	Stop or resume timed slide show.
Space/Backspace	Show next/previous image in slide show sequence.
F5	Reload.
Num - or “-“	Zoom out.
Num + or “=”	Zoom in.
Num *	Zoom to fit window/screen
Num /	Zoom 100%
Ctrl + P	Print.
Ctrl + C	Copy to.
Ctrl + M	Move to.
F2	Rename.
Ctrl + D	Describe.
DEL	Delete. <i>Shift key: bypass recycle bin.</i> <i>Ctrl key: bypass confirmation.</i>
Ctrl + V	Paste files on the clipboard into the image list.
Ctrl + W	Set the selected image as the desktop wallpaper. <i>Shift key: tile wallpaper.</i>
Alt + W	Remove original desktop wallpaper.
Ctrl + L	Shell open. <i>Shift key: specify application to open with.</i>
Ctrl + E	Shell edit. <i>Shift key: specify application to edit with.</i>
Ctrl + O	Options.
F1	Help.
Alt + X	Quit.
Ctrl + Shift + T,B,M	Toggle display of resp. toolbar, status bar and menu bar.
T, B, M	Temporarily display resp. toolbar, status bar and menu bar.
Ctrl + F	Toggle full screen mode.
Shift + Esc	Minimize window.
Cursor keys	Scroll image. <i>Shift key: scroll slower</i> <i>Ctrl key: scroll faster.</i>





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Mouse shortcuts

Left button drag	Pan image in direction of drag.
Left button double-click	Switch to the Browser.
Right button click	Context menu.
Left + Right button click	Toggle full screen mode.
Middle button click	Toggle full screen mode.
Wheel up	Show previous image in view list.

Wheel down	Show next image in view list.
Shift + wheel up	Show previous page of a multi-page image.
Shift + wheel down	Show next page of a multi-page image.
Ctrl + wheel up	Zoom in.
Ctrl + wheel down	Zoom out.
Wheel click	Toggle full-screen mode.

How to run a slide show

1. In the browser, select several image files. (Hold down Ctrl to make a multiple selection)
2. Click on . The image viewer window is brought up.
3. Click on  to start the slide show. Click again to stop.
 - In the Browser, you can press Ctrl+S or select *Tools | Slide show* from the menu to add all images from the current folder to the slide show image list. Select *Slide show recursive* to include images in subfolders as well. The *Slide show* and *Slide show recursive* commands are also available from the context menu for items in the folder tree, file list and shortcut list.
 - By checking the *Viewer | View all images in folder* option, you need only select one image to perform a slide show of all images in the folder, beginning with the selected image.
 - From the Viewer, you can add images to the slide show list by using the *File | Open* menu command, or by dragging files and dropping them on the window. You can remove an image from the slide show list by using the *File | Close* menu command. Use *File | Close all* to remove all images at once.
 - The slide show will automatically stop when you use  and , or when you minimize the window.




How to view an image full-screen

In full-screen mode, the window borders, menu bar, status bar and tool bar are hidden and the window is expanded to fill the screen, so that only the image is visible on your monitor.

To enter full-screen mode:

1. Bring up the image in the Viewer
 2. Press Ctrl+F or double click anywhere on the image
 3. The tool bar buttons are hidden, but you can still access the commands via shortcut keys or by clicking with mouse button 2
 4. To return to the window, press Ctrl+F or double click again
- You can also toggle between full-screen and normal modes by clicking and holding down the primary mouse button while clicking with the alternate mouse button.
 - in full screen mode, you can press and hold down the b, t and m keys to temporarily show the status bar, the tool bar and the menu, respectively


How to set the desktop wallpaper

1. Bring up an image in the Viewer, or select one image in the browser
2. Click on 
3. Hold down shift when you click on  to have the wallpaper tiled rather than centered
4. To restore the original wallpaper, hold down Alt and click on 

You can also set the wallpaper using the Wallpaper menu commands under the Tools menu

How to manage files


Copying

1. Select one or more files in the browser
2. Click on 
3. Select a destination path from the list, or type in a new one, or click on Browse...

or:

Right click on the selected file(s), drag and drop onto a folder in the folder tree, file list, or shortcuts pane. Select *Copy Here* from the popup menu that is displayed. You can also drop onto or into any folder in Explorer, but *file descriptions will not be copied* in this case.


Moving

1. Select one or more files in the browser
2. Click on 
3. Select a destination path from the list, or type in a new one, or click on Browse...


or:

Right click on the selected file(s), drag and drop onto a folder in the folder tree, file list, or shortcuts pane. Select *Move Here* from the popup menu that is displayed. You can also drop onto or into any folder in Explorer, but *file descriptions will be lost* in this case!


Deleting

1. Select one or more files or empty folders in the browser
2. Click on  or hit Delete. A confirmation box appears
3. Click OK to delete the file, or Cancel to stop
4. You can hold down the Ctrl to bypass the confirmation box, and Shift to bypass the recycle bin

Renaming


1. Select a file or folder in the browser
2. Click on  or the file's name. The name will become editable.
3. Type in the new name and hit Enter

Describing


1. Select one or more files or folders in the browser
2. Click on 
3. Enter the file description and click on OK

How to print images

From the browser

1. Select one or more image files
2. Click on 
3. Follow the instructions in the print dialogs
4. The selected images will be printed, one per page

From the viewing window

1. Click on 
2. Follow the instructions in the print dialogs
3. The image will be printed

From the command line

Enter `/p` as the first command-line argument, followed by the list of images to print, each enclosed in quotes and separated by spaces.

e.g., `acdsee32 /p "C:\My Pictures\Spot.psd" "D:\Downloads*.jpg"`

How to work with file descriptions


File descriptions are pieces of text (up to about 200 characters) which can be used to describe a file (or folder) in more detail than is practical with the file name alone. File descriptions are used by a few other application programs but are not supported directly by Windows 95.

The file descriptions are stored in a hidden file called "descript.ion". There is one such file for each folder. If you move, copy or delete the file with ACDSee or any other program which supports file descriptions, its description will go with it. Unfortunately, if you use other programs such as Explorer which do not support file descriptions, then descriptions are lost when files are moved or copied.


Files which reside on read-only disks such as CD-ROM's cannot be described.

In the browser, file descriptions appear in the rightmost column in detail view.

To enter or edit file descriptions

1. Select one or more files or folders in the browser
2. Click on 
3. Enter the file description. If you check the "apply to all" box, then the same file description will be applied to all selected files.
4. Click on OK


How to set options

1. Click on 
2. An option dialog box comes up.
3. You may right click on an option to get information about the option.
4. Set the options
5. Click on OK to save the options.

How to read image files with nonstandard filename extensions

By default, ACDSee assumes that all image files end with the conventional file extensions (.BMP, .JPG, etc.) If an image file has a different extension then ACDSee will think that it is not an image.

You can change this behavior so that ACDSee peeks at every file and determines whether or not it is an image:


1. From the browser, click on .
2. In the options dialog box, set the Read image headers option to Always or Only on fixed disks, and then click on OK.

Now whenever you enter a folder, you will see ACDSee checking the files. A progress bar at the bottom of the window gives you an indication on how it is doing. While the files are being checked, you can still select files, preview images, etc. To stop checking files, however, hit ESC or click on the progress bar.

When ACDSee checks the files, it also retrieves the image format and dimensions which are displayed in detail view.

You can get ACDSee to cache the file header information so that it only needs to check the files once instead of every time you enter the folder. The information is stored in a hidden file called "descript.ion".


To have ACDSee cache image header information,

1. From the browser, click on .
2. In the options dialog box, check the Cache image dimensions option and then click on OK.

How to run ACDSee automatically from other programs

Often it is convenient to use ACDSee as a “helper” application for viewing images from other applications. When you installed ACDSee, you were presented with a list of file types which could be assigned to ACDSee. This list was automatically registered for you.

To assign a new type to ACDSee:

1. Click on 
2. An option dialog box comes up.
3. Click on the Miscellaneous tab
4. Click on the File Associations... button
5. Check off the various file types you would like to associate with ACDSee
6. Click on OK


How to control the size and position of the viewing window

By default, the viewing window is automatically sized to fit the image displayed, and it is positioned in the center of the screen.


To have ACDSee position the window centered somewhere else:

- Position the window so that its center is where you want it

To have ACDSee always use a specific size and position:

1. Position the window so that its center is where you want it
2. Click on . The options dialog appears.
3. Click on the Viewer tab and Uncheck the Change window size to fit image option

To have ACDSee view in full-screen mode by default:

1. Click on . The options dialog appears.
2. Click on the Viewer tab and check the Full-screen option.
3. Click on OK.

How to change the way files are sorted

Clicking on the column headers

You can sort on the data in a column by clicking on the corresponding list header button above the file list. Clicking on the same column repeatedly will alternate between forward and reverse sorting. A '+' or '-' will appear next to the column currently being sorted on.

Menu

Select the *View* menu, and then *Arrange Icons*, and select the desired sort method.

Context menu

You can click with the alternate mouse button in the file list window in an area not containing a file name or icon to bring up a context menu with commands applicable to the file list. From this context menu you can change the sort method and direction.

Shortcut Keys

You can press any of the keys 0 through 6 on the numeric keypad (you must have Num Lock turned on) to sort by file extension, name, size, type, date, image dimensions or description, respectively.

Note that the latter two methods work even if the corresponding column is not visible, or if the list is not in detail view.

How to show/hide file list columns

Context menu

You can click with the alternate mouse in the area containing the file list column headers to bring up a context menu which allows you to make each column visible or invisible (the name column is always visible).

Menu

Select the *View* menu, and then *Show Columns*, and select the column you wish to show or hide.

Shortcut keys

You can press any of the keys 1 through 6 on the numeric keypad (you must have Num Lock turned on) while holding down the Ctrl key to toggle the display of the size, type, date, image dimensions and description columns, respectively.

How to launch document files

Like Explorer, ACDSee will launch the default application associated with a file when you double-click on it, or select it and press Enter.

Note: If the file is an image which can be viewed by ACDSee then it will be opened within ACDSee rather than launched. To launch the default associated application instead, press Ctrl+L or select "Shell Open" from the context menu.

The Open and Edit file actions

ACDSee allows you to set two *actions* for each file type. The "open" action is the default action which is used by Explorer and other programs. The additional "edit" action allows you to set up a secondary command. This is meant to allow you to invoke a special program to edit graphics with, but you can use it however you like.

Invoking file actions on a file

To invoke any action defined for a file (i.e., "launch it"), click on the file with the alternate mouse button and select the action from the context menu. These actions are labeled "Shell open", "Shell edit", etc. in the menu. You can invoke the Open and Edit actions directly by pressing Ctrl+L and Ctrl+E, respectively.

Setting the Open and Edit actions for a file type

Select a file, bring up its context menu, and select *Open with...* or *Edit with...* from the *Associate* submenu. Or just hold down Shift while pressing Ctrl+L or Ctrl+E. A dialog box pops up allowing you to select an application to handle the action. Check the box at the bottom of the dialog to make the association permanent, or clear the box to launch the file with the given application without saving the new association.


How to convert images to another format

1. Select an image in the Browser.
2. Select Convert from the Tools menu.
3. Choose the desired output format.

Tip: Viewing multiple images simultaneously

ACDSee only allows you to view one image at a time. To get around this restriction, you need to run two copies of ACDSee.

To accomplish this easily from the browser,

1. Select an image
2. Hold down Shift while you click on 
3. A new copy of ACDSee is started in viewer mode and the image is loaded
4. Go back to the original copy of ACDSee and select a different file
5. Repeat from step 2

If you have associated the relevant file types to ACDSee, you can also view an image in a new window as follows:

1. Select an image
2. press Ctrl+L (Launch).

To close the extra viewer windows, you can just hit ESC

Tip: Optimizing image display quality

If you have a 256 or 64k (high colour) display, 24-bit images with 16 million colours must be processed by ACDSee before being displayed to reduce the number of colours used. This two-stage process is called **quantization and dithering**. By selecting different quantization and dithering methods, you can trade off image quality against decoding speed. That is, higher quality output will cost you some extra decoding time.

256 Colour Displays

For 256 colour displays, the available quantization and dithering methods are:

1-pass ordered	Fastest, reasonable quality output. (default)
1-pass Floyd-Steinberg	Somewhat slower, reasonable quality output.
2-pass Floyd-Steinberg	Much slower, good quality output.

In 2-pass Floyd-Steinberg dithering, the image is decoded in two passes. In the first pass, ACDSee decodes the image and determines the optimal colour palette. While this is happening, the image is displayed using the 1-pass ordered method. In the second pass, ACDSee dithers the image using the optimal palette and, at the end, displays the image.

This method produces output that is usually very high quality, but is quite a bit slower than the single pass methods.

High Colour Displays

For high colour displays, the available quantization and dithering methods are:

No dithering	Fastest, high quality output.
Ordered	A little slower, very high quality output. (default)

For many images, there is very little visible difference between these two methods. The superior output of the ordered dithering method is most noticeable in computer generated images. However, the ordered dithering is so fast that it is usually best to use this option.

True Colour Displays

For true colour displays, ACDSee gives you the highest quality output possible. No quantization or dithering required!

Tip: Starting ACDSee's Browser in a particular folder

To start ACDSee in a particular folder, just include its path on ACDSee's command line.

Example:

1. Using Explorer, create a shortcut to ACDSee.exe on your desktop.
2. Select the shortcut icon and hit Alt+Enter to bring up its properties
3. Click on the Shortcut tab
4. In the Target box, add a space after the path to ACDSee32.exe and then type in the path for ACDSee to start in. e.g., it might read, C:\acdsee32\acdsee32.exe c:\win95
5. Click on OK

Tip: Opening images with external applications from the browser


Sometimes you may find it convenient to use ACDSee to locate an image and then open it with some other application (for editing, for example). You can define an **edit** action for your image's file type, whereupon you may launch the external application by selecting *Shell edit* from the context menu in ACDSee (or just hit Ctrl+E).

If there is no **edit** action associated with the file type, then selecting *Shell edit with* from the context menu (or Ctrl+E) will allow you to easily define one.

Tip: Caching the image header information

If you are using the Read Image Headers option then it may take a while for ACDSee to check all the files when you enter a folder. ACDSee can skip this process and still let you view images with non-standard extensions and pre-fetch the image header information. It does this by caching the information in a hidden file called "descript.ion" (the same file that descriptions go into) so that it only needs to check each file once and then never again [until the file is modified, that is].


To have ACDSee cache image header information,

1. From the browser, click on .
2. In the options dialog box, click on the File List tab, check the Cache image dimensions option and then click on OK.

Tip: Using a single window when used as a helper application

Normally, ACDSee starts a new program instance each time an external application calls it to view an image. Normally if the external application calls ACDSee several times, several viewer windows are thus generated. You can instead have ACDSee use the same window for all images, thereby reducing the number of opened windows.

To configure ACDSee to run in a single window:

1. From the viewing window, click on .
2. In the options dialog box, locate the Startup option group.
3. Click on Replace image list or Add to image list

Replace image list causes ACDSee to close all images in the current file list, thereby replacing them with the new image. *Add to image list*, on the other hand, simply adds the new files to the list, allowing you to navigate back to previously viewed images.

Important:

The single-window feature will only work when ACDSee is invoked via DDE commands. ACDSee registers itself as a DDE server in the system registry for the appropriate file extensions when you install it, or when you ACDSee to make an association to itself with the *Open with...* command, or the *File Associations* dialog under *Options*.

If you make your associations to ACDSee with another program such as Explorer, they will not be set up correctly!

Tip: Using the shortcuts pane to speed up browsing and file management

The shortcuts pane contains a number of shortcuts to folders on your system. You can quickly access frequently used folders by creating shortcuts to them here.

Adding a folder to the shortcuts pane

1. Find the folder you want to add in the File List, Folder Tree, or Explorer.
2. Drag the folder and drop it on an empty area of the shortcuts pane.

Browsing a folder in the shortcuts pane

1. Double-click on the shortcut, or
2. Click on the shortcut with the alternate mouse button and select Browse from the context menu.

Copying or Moving files into a folder in the shortcuts pane

1. Select the file(s).
2. Using the alternate mouse button, drag them into the shortcuts pane and drop them on the desired destination folder.
3. Select Move, Copy or Create shortcut(s) from the context menu

You can also drag with the primary mouse button. The action that will be taken (Copy, Move, Shortcut) is indicated by the mouse cursor shape. Use **Shift** and **Ctrl** to select alternative operations.

Renaming and Deleting shortcuts

1. Select a shortcut.
2. Press F2 to rename or Delete to delete, or
3. Click on the shortcut with the alternate mouse button and select Rename or Delete from the context menu.

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5. Click on OK

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1. log onto CompuServe
2. enter GO SWREG
3. follow the on-line instructions
4. enter the title ACDSee for the search criteria and then select Display Selected Titles
5. select ACDSee 32 for Windows 95/NT, click on Description and then follow the on-line instructions

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Hide all files that are not images readable by ACDSee.

Tip: you can also toggle this option with (CTRL+I)

Show files and folders that have the "hidden" attribute.

Show icons as they would appear in Explorer.
Otherwise, a set of generic icons is used [faster].

Automatically adjust the widths of the columns in detail view to fit the contents of the file list.

Show a preview of each image as it is selected.

Tip: you can also set this option by clicking on the preview area with mouse button #2

Wait for a period of time (in 1/100ths of a second) after an image is selected before engaging the automatic preview.

- + increase to reduce sluggish response to image selection
- decrease to cause the preview to appear more rapidly

Sets the size of the preview image

Full full resolution

1/2 one half resolution

1/4 one quarter resolution

1/8 one eighth resolution

Auto variable - uses the largest resolution which fits in the available preview area

Tip: you can also set this option by clicking on the preview window with mouse button #2

Don't ask for confirmation before files are deleted. This option has no effect if the delete confirmation is turned off system-wide for the drive containing the file.

Tip: you can also bypass confirmation on an ad hoc basis by holding down the **Shift** key while you invoke the *Delete* command.

Delete files permanently, rather than moving them to the recycle bin. This option has no effect if the recycle bin is turned off system-wide.

Tip: you can also bypass the recycle bin on an ad hoc basis by holding down the **Ctrl** key while you invoke the *Delete* command.

Cache image information in a file called "descript.ion". Information about the files in the current folder will be automatically saved to and recalled from this file rather than examining every file in the directory each time it is entered, thus speeding up performance significantly.

Set the hidden attribute on description files.

Read and write file descriptions in Oem character set, converting to Ansi for display. Otherwise, no conversion is performed.

Start up in the folder last accessed from the previous session.

Show the full path (folder + file name) of the currently viewed image file. Otherwise, only the file name is shown.

When a single image is selected and the View command is invoked, causes all images in the current folder to be viewed. Otherwise, only the selected image is accessible.

This option is useful for conveniently stepping through a directory of images in view mode.

Note: When multiple files are selected in the Browser, normal operation ensues -- only the selected files are viewed

Causes the Viewer to exit after the first image displayed is deleted or moved. If ACDSee was previously in Browser mode, it will return to Browser mode automatically after the last image in the view list has been deleted.

Sets the policy on whether files should be examined for image data.

Never	do not examine any files, ever
Always	always examines all files
Only on fixed disks	examine files on local hard drives only
Only on non-floppy and non-CDROM disks	don't examine files on A:\, B:\ or CD-ROM drives

When the **Never** setting is in effect, it is assumed that all files ending in an appropriate extension (.BMP, .JPG, etc.) are images files, and all other files are not. In addition, image properties are not displayed until after each image is accessed by previewing it. This is the fastest option because no files need to be opened for examination.

By contrast, the **Always** setting examines all files regardless of their extension. This allows the detection of image files with non-standard extensions (e.g., older versions of Netscape™ store cached image files with a .MOZ extension). In addition, image properties are pre-fetched for all image files.

Because all files must be examined every time a folder is entered, this option can cause a lot of disk access and cause sluggishness. This is especially so when reading from slow-access removable media such as floppy, CD-ROM and network drives. The **Only on fixed disks** and **Only on non-floppy and non-CDROM disks** options are thus useful compromises.

Tip #1: you can cancel the file examination process on an ad hoc basis by hitting (Escape) or clicking on the progress meter.

*Tip #2: you can optimize file examination tremendously by enabling the **cache image info in description** option.*

Enter your full name here (as it appears on your credit card, if you are registering by credit card).
It must contain at least 5 letters.

This is your pre-registration code. It is generated from your name. ACD Systems may ask you for this number if you register by telephone.

This is the product ID number. It identifies the product and version that you are registering. ACD Systems may ask you for this number if you register by telephone.

This is the product ID number. It identifies the product, version and unit that you are registering. You can find it at the back of your manual. ACD Systems may ask you for this number if you register by telephone.

Connects to the ACD Systems Internet Orders page using your Web browser.

Displays more information about the registration process.

Type in the registration code given to you by ACD Systems when you register.

Validates your registration information and unlocks the software

Closes the dialog box without validating your registration information.

Pre-load the next image in the list

Start a slide show automatically when more than one image is viewed

Specifies not to stop the slide show when the last image of a sequence is reached.

In a slide show, pause for this amount of time before showing the next image

In a slide show, don't flip to the next image until it has finished loading [thus overriding the delay setting]

Order the presentation of images in a slide show from first to last

Order the presentation of images in a slide show from last to first

Order the presentation of images in a slide show in a random permutation

Use single pass quantization to 256 colours with ordered dithering to enhance the display of true colour and high colour images on a 256 colour display

Use single pass quantization to 256 colours with Floyd-Steinberg dithering to enhance the display of true colour and high colour images on a 256 colour display

Use two pass quantization to 256 colours with ordered [pass 1] and Floyd-Steinberg [pass 2] dithering to enhance the display of true colour and high colour images on a 256 colour display

Do not use ordered dithering to enhance the display of true colour images on a high colour display.

Use ordered dithering to enhance the display of true colour images on a high colour display

Use single pass quantization to 256 colours with ordered dithering to enhance the display of true colour and high colour previews and thumbnails on a 256 colour display

Use single pass quantization to 256 colours with Floyd-Steinberg dithering to enhance the display of true colour and high colour previews and thumbnails on a 256 colour display

Use two pass quantization to 256 colours with ordered [pass 1] and Floyd-Steinberg [pass 2] dithering to enhance the display of true colour and high colour previews and thumbnails on a 256 colour display

Do not use ordered dithering to enhance the display of true colour previews and thumbnails on a high colour display.

Use ordered dithering to enhance the display of true colour previews and thumbnails on a high colour display

Place the viewer window on top of all other windows, even when it is not the active window

Use the entire display to view images

Show the tool bar

Show the status bar

Show the menu bar

Show the box containing the path of the current folder

Show the folder tree

Show the shortcuts panel

Show the preview area

Shrink large images to fit the size of the viewing window

Zoom small images to fit the size of the viewing window

Return the zoom level to 100% whenever a different image is viewed

Automatically change the size of the viewing window to match the size of the image

View externally opened images with a new instance of ACDSee.

View externally opened images with the current instance of ACDSee, if one is available.
The images are added to the current image list.

View externally opened images with the current instance of ACDSee, if one is available.
The current image list is emptied before new images are received.

Remove all images in the image list before adding dropped files.

Append dropped files to the current image list.

This is the path containing the files which will be moved or copied

This is the path to which the files will be moved or copied.
Type in a path, select one from the most recently used list below, or click on *Browse...*
If you enter a path that does not exist, it will be created for you.

Click this to choose another path. You'll be able to browse through the folders on your computer.

Removes the selected path from the history list.

Removes all paths from the history list.

Specifies the action to be taken when a file that is being moved or copying already exists in the destination folder.

Replace	Overwrite the destination file with the source file.
Skip	Skip the operation.
Rename	Move or copy the source file, giving it a new name that is unique in the destination folder.
Ask	Prompt for a course of action.

Perform a byte by byte comparison before overwriting files in the destination folder. If the files are identical, the file is automatically skipped (the source file is removed if performing a *move* operation).

Goes ahead and moves or copies the files.

Cancel the move or copy operation.

Select the program you want to use from the list. If the program you want to use is not in the list, click *Other...*

Enter any command-line parameters that you want passed on the command-line to the program.
(For example, Media Player accepts the */play* option, which causes it to automatically play the media file and exit media player when done.)

Specifies that whenever you open this file, or any other file with the same filename extension, Windows will use the program specified.

Click this to choose another program. You'll be able to browse through the folders on your computer.

Attributes of the file that will be overwritten

Attributes of the file that is being copied or moved

Specifies the new name for the source file

Copies or moves the file source file, replacing the destination file.

Skips this file so that it is not copied or moved

Move or copy the file, giving it the name specified.

Replaces this and all subsequent files without asking for confirmation

Cancels the entire move or copy operation.

View of the image that will be copied or moved.

View of the image that will be overwritten.

Do not show source or destination images.

Show thumbnails of the source and destination images.

Show the source and destination images at their actual size.

Specify that when you scroll one of the images, the other should follow in sync.

Sets the width of the thumbnail images

Sets the height of the thumbnail images

Sets the border thickness of the thumbnail images

Displays how the thumbnails will appear in the file list

Keep the mouse cursor over the clicked button (*Prev. Image, Next Image, Zoom In, Zoom Out*) when the action of the button causes the window position to change. This option is only relevant when *Change window size to fit image* option is on.

Hide the mouse cursor when viewing in full-screen mode. The mouse cursor will only be shown when one of the mouse buttons is pressed.

Cause the auto window resize mechanism to center the new window position over the preferred window position. (The *preferred window position* is the last position to which the window was moved manually) Otherwise, the new window position is chosen such that the position of the upper-left hand corner of the window is unchanged, if possible. This option is only relevant when *Change window size to fit image* option is on.

Use device-dependent bitmaps for displaying images, previews and thumbnails, rather than device-independent bitmaps. The following table describes the difference between the two bitmap types.

Device-dependent bitmaps (DDBs)

Slower decoding of images
Faster display, zooming and panning
More memory required for some images.
Very large images cannot be displayed.

Device-independent bitmaps (DIBs)

Faster decoding of images
Slower display, zooming and panning
Less memory required for some images.
Images of virtually unlimited size can be displayed

The magnitude of quantitative differences between DDBs and DIBs varies from system to system. Some systems do not correctly support DIBs due to video driver bugs.

Modify the list of which file types are opened with ACDSee when double-clicked in Explorer.

In report view, allow items to be selected by clicking anywhere in the row, rather than only on the icon or label.

This option is only available on systems with an updated version of comctl32.dll (v4.70 or later).

In report view, draw gridlines between rows and columns.

This option is only available on systems with an updated version of comctl32.dll (v4.70 or later).

Highlights image files. (This option has no effect when the "Show images only" option is in effect.)

This option is only available on systems with an updated version of comctl32.dll (v4.70 or later).

Do not save or restore the position or dimensions of the window.

Save and restores the size but not the position of the window.

Save and restores the size and position of the window.

Hide the preview area and do not show previews when in thumbnail view mode.

Automatically update the file list as the contents of the current folder change.

Select new files that have been added to the file list due to the auto-refresh feature

Set placement of new files that have been added to the file list due to the auto-refresh feature

Show folders when in thumbnail mode.

Show non-image files when in thumbnail mode.

Disables the animation of animated GIF images.

Displays the Print Setup dialog before printing.

Prints the visible contents of the window only.

Prints the entire image.

Centers the image in the page.

Prints the image at the top of the page.

Prints the image's file name.

Prints the image's file description.

Prints the image's resolution and format.

Prints one image per page.

Automatically sizes the image to fit the page.

