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Don't Delete That Thumbs.db File



Thumbs.db

I have always wondered why there is a Thumbs.db file in all of my folders that contain digital photos. In the past I have deleted these files simply because they are annoying to look at. Well it turns out that deleting these files is not a good idea.

Thumbs.db files allow Windows XP to render all of the individual images all at once almost instantly rather than individually each time a folder with digital images is opened.

If you still feel the need to delete your thumbs.db files check out the safe workaround [here](#).

Many Photo-Sharing Sites Can Sell Your Photos

That's right! Some photo-sharing websites like Twitpic and Lockerz can sell users' photos for a profit without your consent! Not only can many of these sites make money off of your photos, the pictures can also be downloaded by anyone. Strangers can use your photos on their blogs, print them on t-shirts, or do whatever they want with them.

Photobucket.com is the photo-sharing website that I frequently use to upload and share photos. I immediately closely read their "[Terms of Use](#)" and found that they give you the option to make your photos "public" or "private". If you select the "private" option, then your photos are safe from being downloaded or used by anyone else. I was relieved to find that my photos were safe because I had pictured photos of my grandparents ending up on greeting cards at carwashes across the country.

Twitpic.com has recently changed their terms of use because of the backlash. However, they only went so far as to make a change to clarify that users retain ownership of pictures they upload, but Twitpic still retains a nonexclusive right to use and distribute the content as the company sees fit. You can find Twitpic's Terms of Service [here](#).

You can read more on this subject at [Huffingtonpost.com](#).



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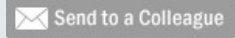
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