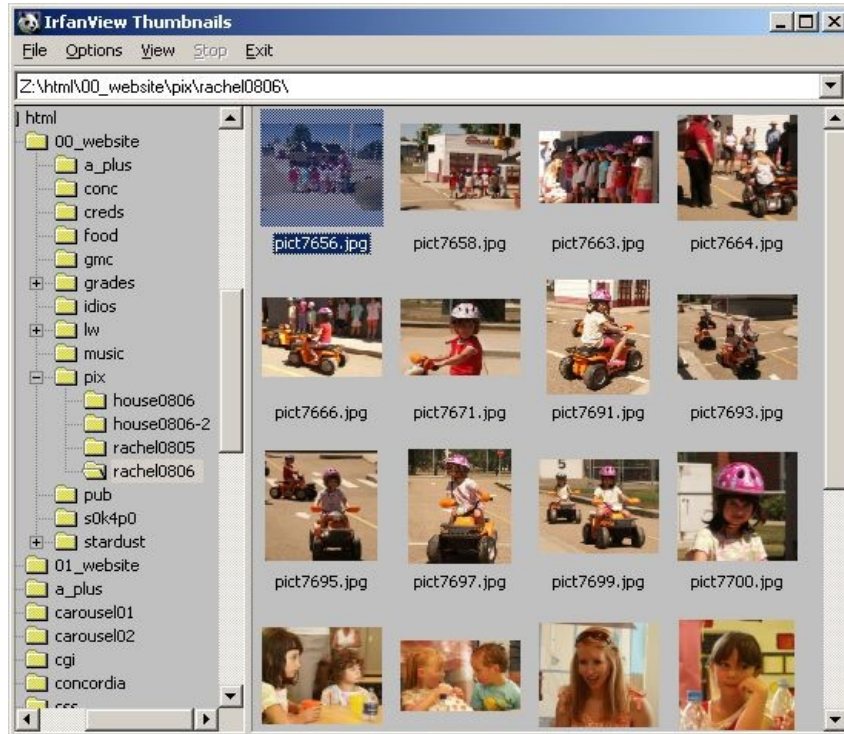
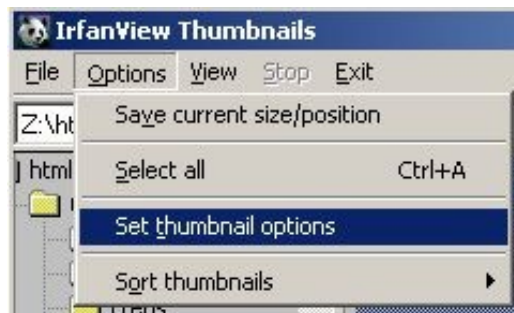


## Creating Thumbnail HTML pages with IrfanView

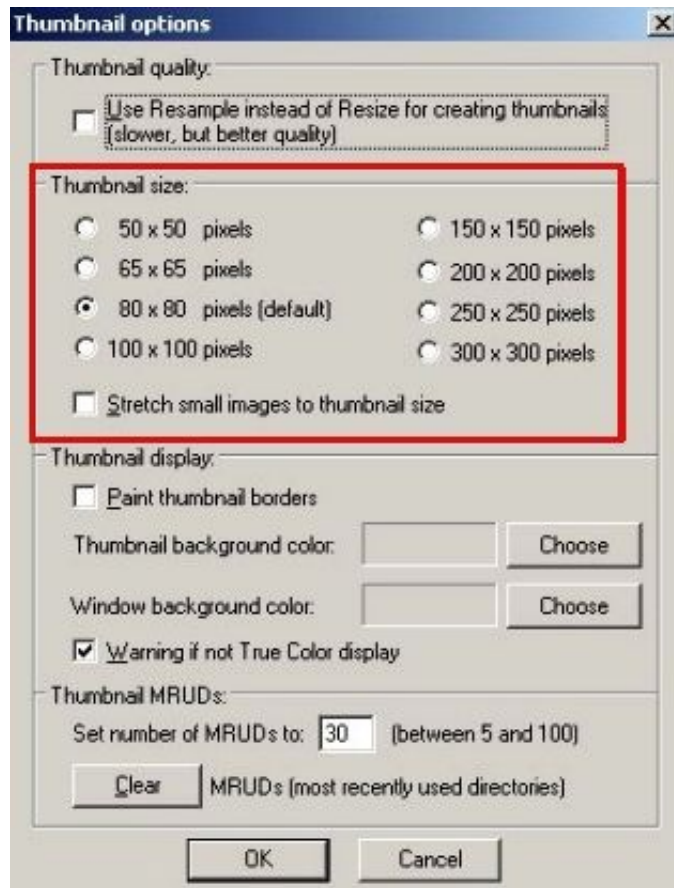
1. Copy all images you want to include to a separate folder, cropped and otherwise edited as you wish.
2. Now make a COPY of this folder, because you're likely going to change your mind about something and want to start over, or screw things up (I do both, frequently).
3. Open any one of the images with IrfanView.
4. Press T and a thumbnail viewer will open (OR click **File > Thumbnails**).



For options controlling the thumbnails, click **Options > Set thumbnail options**:

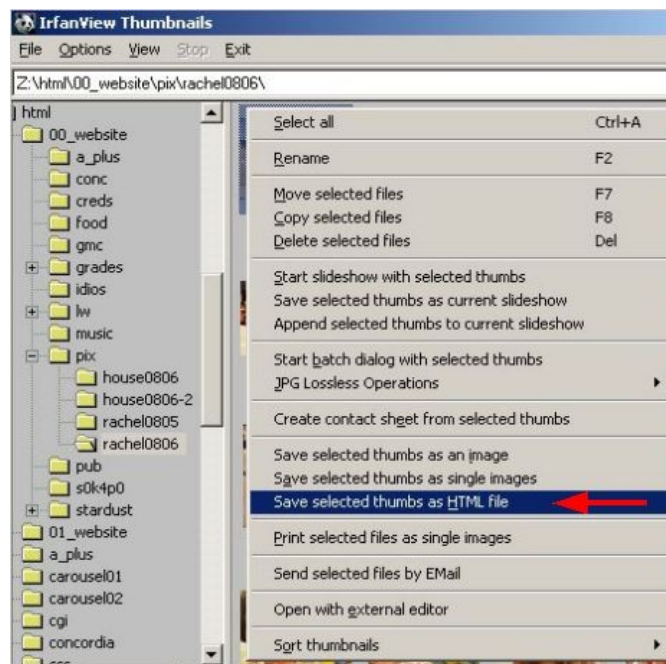


...and you see a dialog box; probably the only thing you might want to change is the size:



Continuing...

5. Click on any one of the thumbnails and then press **Ctrl+A** to select them all.
6. Now **RIGHT-CLICK** on any of the selected thumbnails and a menu pops up:



7. Click **Save selected thumbs as HTML file**, and you get another dialog box, and THIS IS THE IMPORTANT ONE, so pay attention:

IrfanView will create the thumbnail images; the thumbnail files will have the same name as the originals PLUS whatever is in this box tacked onto the end, before the extension, e.g.: **mypic.jpg** will have a thumb version called **mypic\_t.jpg**

How many columns do you want? That's up to you. Experiment.

This should be index.html, as you see here.

This should be the same folder as your pictures are in; change as required.

Whatever it says here will be the title of your HTML page. You can easily change it later (see below).

8. When you're done, click **Export**.

Now there will be a whole lot of new files in that folder: there will be one thumbnail for each image, one html page for each image, and index.html. Open index.html in your browser.

## Editing index.html

DO NOT edit index.html in a full-blown word processor like MSWord or WordPerfect etc. I don't care if it is SUPPOSED to be able to edit html, just DON'T! You will end up with garbage.

You can open index.html in any plain text editor, like Notepad or Editpad, or something designed for editing HTML. What you will see in a plain text editor is naked HTML, like this:

```
index.html - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//E
<html>
<head><link rel="icon" type="image/png" href="../../favicor
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=
<meta name="GENERATOR" content="Irfanview">

<title>Birthday Party</title>
<style>body {font-family:verdana,}</style>
</head>

<body bgcolor="#C0C0C0">
<div style="margin-left:40px;margin-right:40px;"><p><a href
<center>

<h4>Birthday Party</h4>

<h3 style="background-color:#aaaaaa;" align="center"><a href
<hr>

<TABLE>

<TR>
<TD ALIGN=CENTER VALIGN=BOTTOM><FONT face="verdana, Arial, r
<A HREF="pict7656.html" target="" style="text-decoration:nor
```

What appears in the Page title box you will see twice, very near the top of index.html (above). If you don't see your title text, search for it (Ctrl+F should do it).

NOTE:

`<title>Birthday Party</title>` - this is what appears in the **title bar** of the browser window or tab

`<h4> Birthday Party</h4>` - this is the actual title on the page

IrfanView (most versions) defaults to `<h4> </h4>` for the page title, which seems silly to me; h4 is rather small text. Change it to `<h1></h1>` for larger text.

Down at the bottom of the page, you may want to delete the "Created by IrfanView" notice.

## OTHER NOTES

Remember that pictures can be huge, both in dimensions and file size. They should be reduced in size so that:

- a) you don't use up all your web space with a few images
- b) people don't have to scroll around to see a whole picture
- c) people don't have to sit and wait for the pictures to appear

A good compromise is about 800x600 pixels for a JPG; and about 150Kb per file. You can use IrfanView for batch conversions, i.e., it will resize a whole folder of photos so that none are bigger than 800x600. It won't *enlarge* pictures smaller than 800x600, only shrink pictures *bigger* than 800x600. Look up batch mode/conversion in Help.