

REMOVE THUMBS.db

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When viewing a folder (such as “My Pictures”) with the Thumbnail view, Windows XP creates a *thumbs.db* file. This is a cache of the current pictures in that directory.

The more folders you view using thumbnails, the larger that file becomes.

If you want to turn this feature off and save a little disk space, do this:

❶ Start the Windows Explorer by selecting Start > My Computer.

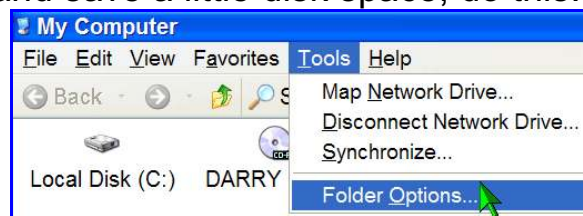


Figure 1

❷ From the MenuBar, select Tools > Folder Options (Figure 1).

❸ Click on the “View” folder.

❹ In the first section under Files and Folders, check “Do not cache thumbnails” (Figure 2).

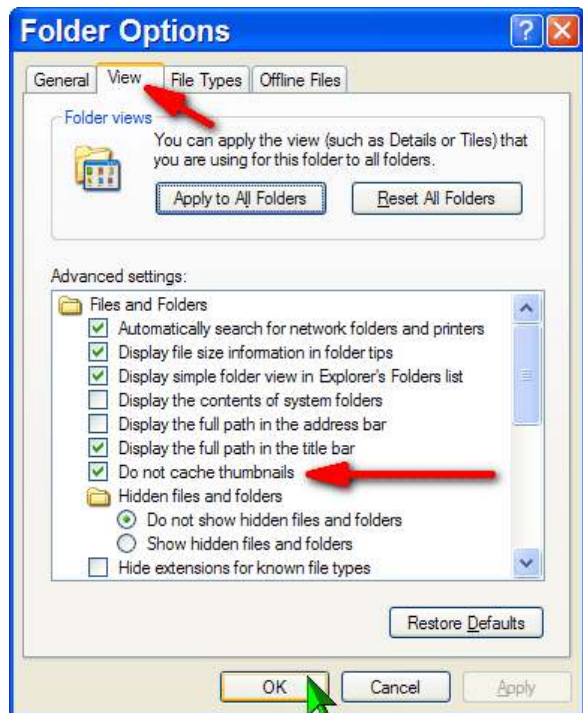


Figure 2

❺ Touch the *Enter* key, on the keyboard, or click on the “OK” button.

Now you can use Search for the *thumbs.db* file on your computer and remove any you find. No more should be created.