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 Foreman
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 Norway

Posted - 03 Oct 2007 : 08:40:15

All,
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Thank you all very much for your help! 😊

Regards,
 André,
 Norway

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peter bunce
 Railway Exec
 (Moderator)
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 1st Class Member

 United Kingdom

Posted - 03 Oct 2007 : 10:10:31

quote:

Originally posted by Agra

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Regards,
 André,
 Norway

Hi Andre, Sounds to be working, I should think you can go back to the missing threads (topics?) if necessary use the search function if you can remember the forum, or name of it. An alternative is to reset the last visit box in the upper ight hand corner (NOT the very corner, a bit below it!) it with a forum selected, go back for up to a year.

Hope they transfer OK!

Yours, Peter Bunce
my website is now part of www.musiccorner.co.uk: go to the G scale sections



Dwight Ennis
Administrator
★★★★★
1st Class Member

Posted - 03 Oct 2007 : 10:28:38

quote:

Originally posted by Agra

USA

I still haven't been able to try transferring the threads I saved last night from the memory stick to my home computer, but at least it now seems to function OK on the work computer.

When your browser saves a file locally, it creates a folder with all the photos in it (as you mentioned). It saves the html file, but changes the links to the photos and other external files to point to the new folder (i.e. saved on the Desktop in XP...

C:\Documents and Settings\YourUsername\Desktop\PhotoFolder\PhotoName.jpg

When you copy those files to a memory stick and try to read them from there, the path to the photo folder is going to be different. The new path may become something like...

F:\PhotoFolder\PhotoName.jpg

However, the saved html file is still looking for them at the old location, so it doesn't work.

The fix would be to save them to a specific drive and file on one machine - not the Desktop - an independent folder on the drive like...

C:\MLS Saved Threads

and then copy them to an *identically named and located* folder on the other machine.

You don't want to save them to the desktop since doing so makes your Username part of the path and would require identical Usernames on both machines.

I still recommend downloading and using the PDF option as it will eliminate all these headaches and make everything location-independent.

Dwight Ennis
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Agra
Foreman
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1st Class Member

Posted - 03 Oct 2007 : 11:06:26

Thanks, Dwight. Will try things out when I get home.

Norway

Regards,
André,
Norway

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SteveC
Engineer

Posted - 03 Oct 2007 : 14:32:00

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USA

André

Unfortunately, I believe that you are going to be disappointed because using the *Save as type: Web Page, HTML only (*.htm, *.html)* option you need an active Internet connection to display the images.

If you open the HTML file created on your memory stick and locate one of the tags that point to one of the pictures, you'll find that it is using absolute addressing and is pointing directly to the MLS server

For Example:

```
<IMG src="http://1stclass.mylargescale.com/MLS_User/imgFileName.jpg">
```

or to whichever server the image file is stored on.

The only *Save as type:* that works off-line is the *Web Page, complete (*.htm, *.html)* and you'll still wind up with the problem that I described above, any time the image file name uses characters other than a~z, 1~0, the dash (-), or the underscore (_).

Edit Update:

Well, my statement regarding *off-line* use in the above paragraph is not exactly truthful, there is the *Web Archive single file (*.mht)* option.

When you save a Web page as "Web archive, single file (*.mht)" the web document gets saved in the Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension HTML (MHTML) format with a .mht file extension. All relative links in the Web page are remapped and the embedded content is included in the .mht file, rather than being saved in a separate folder (as the case is with "Web Page, complete (*.htm, *.html)"). However this option creates some very large files and if for some reason something doesn't work, well let's just say if you think straightening things out in an HTML file is difficult then don't even consider tackling one of these.

Dwight

I beg to differ, when using the *Save as type: Web Page, complete (*.htm, *.html)*, so long as the the folder that contains the downloaded image files is placed in the same folder its matching *.htm* file is located in, everything will work properly regardless of the drive, path, or the name of the folder the *.htm* is placed in (save for the problem I described in previous reply), because within the HTML file *relative addressing* is used as opposed to *absolute addressing*.

For example:

```
<IMG src="MLS_topic_files/Test_Image-1.jpg" border=0>
```

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Agra
Foreman

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1st Class Member

Norway

Posted - 04 Oct 2007 : 06:31:17

Hmmm, getting a bit over my head now 😞, I'm not a computer buff.
Still, I'll read through this whole thread carefully, and try some different things, hopefully tonight.

Thanks,
André,
Norway

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Dwight Ennis
Administrator

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1st Class Member

Posted - 04 Oct 2007 : 07:15:55

Thanks Steve. I stand corrected. 😊😊

USA

Agra - with all due respect, you're making things complicated for yourself. 🙄 The **simplest** approach is to download one of the two PDF print drivers mentioned at the beginning of this thread (2nd and 3rd posts) and use that method. Trust me. 😊

The **second simplest** approach is to go to the Printer Friendly page, from that window, select **Edit|Select All**, copy it, and paste it into a new Word document. This approach also allows you to edit the content before saving.

Go to [this thread](#) to have a look at several threads saved using a combination of the above two methods. I used the copy-and-paste-into-Word method because I wanted to preserve the essential info while editing out some of the extraneous "attaboys" and off-topic posts. Once I had it the way I wanted it in Word, I saved it as a PDF by printing to a PDF printer (just as is suggested above). I took the extra step of making them PDFs because I wanted them to be available to everyone, whether or not that owned Word.

Each of these methods has the advantage that you end up with only one file which you can name anything you wish, which makes remembering what's in the file easier, and there are no separate folders full of photos, etc. The photos are stored directly in the document. 😊

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Posted - 04 Oct 2007 : 13:46:42   

André

First off, if you've got the ability to install software on the computers that you use, then as suggested by others using the PDF option is a really good solution.

Even using the 'select all' and copy/paste into a blank MS/Word document as Dwight suggests isn't a bad option. However if you're locked into using the downloading of the 'Printer Friendly' via 'Save As...', try the following.

In an attempt to explain what I'm talking about, I'll describe a step-by-step example, using the [Printer Friendly](#) / Save As... / [Web Page, complete \(*.htm, *.html\)](#) procedure and an actual topic on MLS, which will cause the problem that I've described above. Where you'll wind up with many little red **x** icons instead of the images as desired.

- First make a hard copy print out of this reply so it will be easier to follow along.
- Next, open Bob Sorenson's topic on how to build a Truss Deck Bridge by clicking the following link.
(Note: At the time I wrote this reply Bob's topic had 2 pages with a total of 30 replies and contained a total of 61 images. It could change by the time you try this procedure, however, that shouldn't keep it from working.)
[Building a Truss Deck Bridge, TTP](#)
- Click the [Printer Friendly](#) link located in the upper right area of the topic screen.
- After the new browser window opens displaying the [Printer Friendly](#) version of the topic. Open the [File Menu](#) and click the [Save As...](#) menu option.
- After the [Save Web Page](#) dialog displays.

Using the [Save in:](#) drop down list and the area where the folders and files are listed, navigate to where you want to save the Web Page to.

In the *File name:* field type in the following as the name to apply to the new file to be created.

Truss_Deck_Bridge

In the *Save as type:* field, make sure that the *Web Page, complete (*.htm, *.html)* type is selected.

Click the *Save* button.

(Note: Depending on the computer, the type of Internet connection, and the current load on the MLS server it may take a bit of time for this process to complete.)

- After the download process has completed.

Open a Windows Explorer window and navigate to the location where you saved the download too.

- If the folder that you saved the download to was empty to begin with, then you should now find two items now listed.

One should be a file labeled:

Truss_Deck_Bridge.htm

The other should be a folder labeled:

*(Note: The name of the folder is the same as the .htm file, but has the suffix **_files** appended. This is the location where all of the image files for the topic were downloaded to.)*

Truss_Deck_Bridge_files

- Now, *right-click* the *.htm* file and then click the *Open* option on the context menu.
- After the local copy of the downloaded Web page is displayed in the browser window.

Scroll down until you encounter the first red **x** icon. This should be in a reply posted on 03-SEP-2007 by Dave Crocker.

Right-click the red **x** icon and then click the *Properties* item on the context menu.

- After the *Properties* page displays. Look in the area labeled *Address (URL)*, there you should see listed the location (i.e. Drive, Path, & File name) where the Web page is looking to find the image file it is supposed to display.
(Note: Depending on where you downloaded the files to the length of the path may not allow the file name to be displayed. I know that it may not look it, but if you place the mouse cursor just to the left of the letter 'f' in the word 'file' at the beginning of the path, then click hold and drag right and down, you'll be able to select all of the text in that field and cause the file name to be revealed.)

Anyway, the name of the file that is being looked for is:

Truss_Deck_Bridge_files/truss%20bridge%20-%207.jpg

Just as a reminder, in a previous reply I stated that the **%20** was the URL encoding for a 'space character' and that when the browser went looking for the file it would translate that **%20** to an actual 'space character', so the file that the browser is actually looking for is.

Truss_Deck_Bridge_files/truss bridge - 7.jpg

- Using the Windows Explorer, lets go see what file names we can find in the **Truss_Deck_Bridge_files** folder.

After clicking the *Truss_Deck_Bridge_files* folder in the left pane of the explorer window. In the right pane the closest filename that we can find is (should be the last file listed at the bottom):

truss%20bridge%20-%207.jpg

Which proves three things:

1. The needed file is in fact there.
2. Even though the actual file name matches what the browser seems to be looking for it still can't find it.
3. Which in turn proves the browser is translating the **%20** to a *'space character'*.

- So if the theory holds true, if we modify the file name and replace the **%20** sequences in the file name with an actual *'space character'* then the image should be displayed in the Web page.

Right-click the file name and then click the [Rename](#) option on the context menu.

After the [marque](#) displays around the file name. Using either the cursor keys or the mouse select the **%20** characters between *'truss'* and *'bridge'* then tap the [space bar](#).

Repeat the procedure on the sequence:

- Between *'bridge'* and *'the dash'*
- Between the *'the dash'* and *'the 7'*

Finally, tap the <ENTER> key to exit the [File Name Edit](#) mode.

- Now switch back to the browser window that has the downloaded Web page displayed. Most likely you'll find that the red **x** is still displayed so you'll need to refresh the screen.

If you've followed all the steps correctly the image should now be displayed. All that remains is to return to the image file folder and modify the remaining file names.

Hope that the above made what I was talking about a bit clearer.

The last thing to remember is that if you encounter something other than the URL code **%20** you can't just replace it with a space character, the coding you replace must match the character you replace it with. That's where the PDF file I mentioned above and provided a link to is for.

Best of luck.
SteveC

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Agra
Foreman
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Norway

Posted - 09 Oct 2007 : 02:30:03

SteveC and others,
I've been away for a few days, someone very important to me had to go to hospital.
Thanks for taking an interest in my computer related troubles,

Regards,
André,
Norway

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SteveC
Engineer
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1st Class Member

USA




Posted - 09 Oct 2007 : 08:37:34

André

No problem, just hope we provide the help you want.

Agra
Foreman
★★★★
1st Class Member

Norway

Posted - 09 Oct 2007 : 10:34:21   

To SteveC, Dwight and all you others: I have now finally had some time to try and solve the problem of saving MLS threads to a memory stick, and thence to my home computer, and not getting those annoying red "x"s. I printed out SteveC's excellent tutorial, and followed it to the letter. Bingo! I'm going to do the same procedure to all of the threads I've saved that need it (some don't have spaces in the file names, so store OK). When and if I get an Internet connection at home, I'll try using the PDF option recommended by Dwight and others, but I'm not allowed to install it at work, which is where I have my only Internet access point at the present time. Dwight, I'll use select all/copy/paste etc. like you suggest on new threads I want to save until I have a PC that I can administrate myself as to software content.

Thank you all for your kind assistance with this, and SteveC: you do an excellent write-up on computer stuff- easy to follow, and works, too 😊😊




Regards,
André,
Norway

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SteveC
Engineer
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1st Class Member

Posted - 09 Oct 2007 : 13:13:07   

André

I like all the rest that replied to your request for help are just glad that you got what you needed.

USA

In regards to using the [select all/copy/paste](#) procedure, when you paste the topic into the blank Word document you're going to find that it's in a table format. Some of the image files like the first few in the example topic I used to explain the procedure, are links to the images. That's because the size (i.e. width & height) is very large, they will also be much larger than what can be displayed on a standard 8 1/2" x 11" or A4 page in MS/Word. To resize an image that's too large in MS/Word simply point at the image with your mouse and double-click it, after the [Format Picture](#) dialog displays click the [Size](#) tab. Before doing any resizing make sure that the [Lock aspect ratio](#) & [Relative to original picture size](#) options are checked (i.e. selected), then go ahead and set the [Width](#): value to 6.5" which should get you close and you can fine tune it after that.





The other thing is if you can download the PDF software mentioned above and then copy it to your memory stick. Then you could take it home and install it on your computer. That would give you the capability to print either the MS/Word documents or the downloaded HTML documents to PDF format if you wish.

If you do choose to make the PDF format files and don't have a copy of the Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your home computer. You'll have to have the Acrobat Reader installed to view the files you create. If you find that you can download the PDF software to your memory stick then you should be able to do the same thing for the Acrobat reader too. To get a free copy of the reader simply go to the following link <http://www.adobe.com/>

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rgolding
Engineer
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Posted - 12 Oct 2007 : 07:02:42    

I guess I'm a little lost here. Why wouldn't you just use MLS to store the info you want to keep? Isn't that what the "archives" are for?

USA



GOD BLESS THE USA
Ric Golding, Kaskaskia Valley RWY,



Carlyle, Illinois



Dwight Ennis

Administrator



1st Class Member

USA

Posted - 12 Oct 2007 : 07:48:35



Ric - The only problem with the archives is that photos can be lost over time as members clean out their 1st Class web space. Often, much of the info one seeks is contained in the photos.

Preserving things via the above methods preserves the photos as well as the text. 😊

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rgolding

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USA

Posted - 12 Oct 2007 : 08:00:33



Okay, that answer makes sense. I'm well aware of outdated, lost, or removed photos. Thanks.



GOD BLESS THE USA
Ric Golding, Kaskaskia Valley RWY,
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