

# OPEN FILE WITH

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**QUESTION:** When I go to open a photo, I use Start ► My Pictures and then click on the file [ending in .JPG]. In the past, Microsoft My Pictures opened; but now, all I hear is “Don’t Do That!” Is something wrong with my program or is it just me?

**ANSWER:** The problem is that the file you’re trying to open has lost its “association” (link) to the program you want to open it. That’s why you are getting a “system error” when you try to open it.

NOTE: My friends and clients have “Darry D Sounds” installed on their systems. The “system error” sound plays a female voice saying, “Don’t do that” to warn them that something is wrong.

Here’s how to fix your problem.

1. Go to the file. Usually, this requires selecting Start ► My Pictures.

2. Change the “Properties” (Figure 1) for the file by:

- ❶ RIGHT-click on the file.
- ❷ Left-click on “Properties” (last choice).

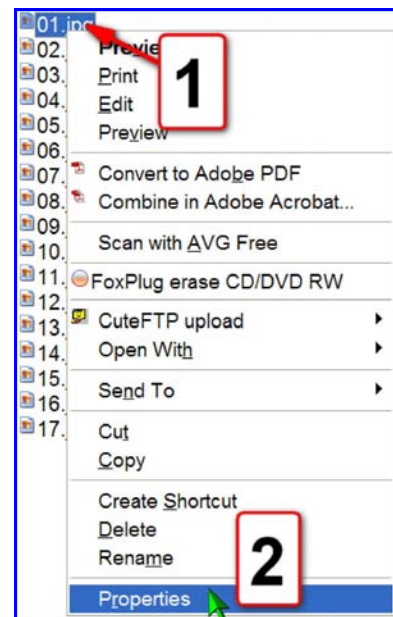


Figure 1

3. Click on the “Change” button (Figure 2) next to the “Opens with” line.

4. Click on the program you want to open the file (Figure 3) and click “OK” button.

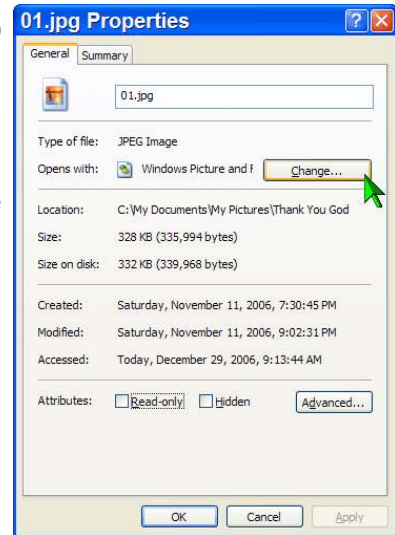


Figure 2

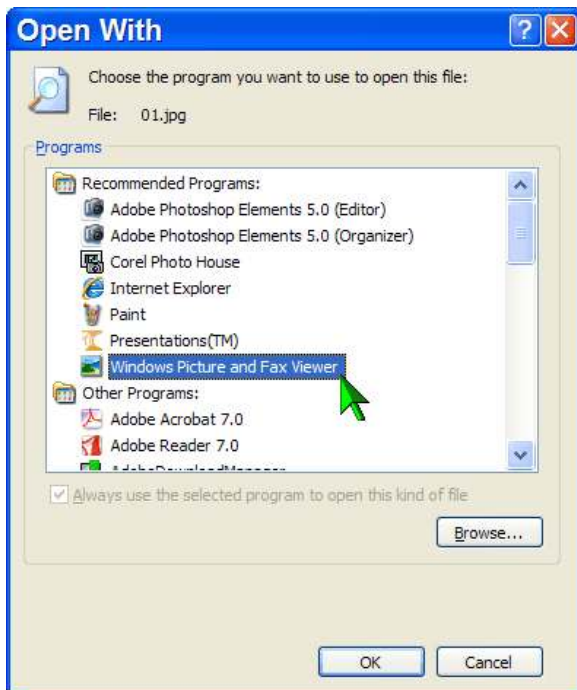


Figure 3

5. The program will show (Figure 4) next to the “Opens with” line.

Touch the *Enter* key, on the keyboard, or click on the “OK” button and you have reassigned which program will open your file.

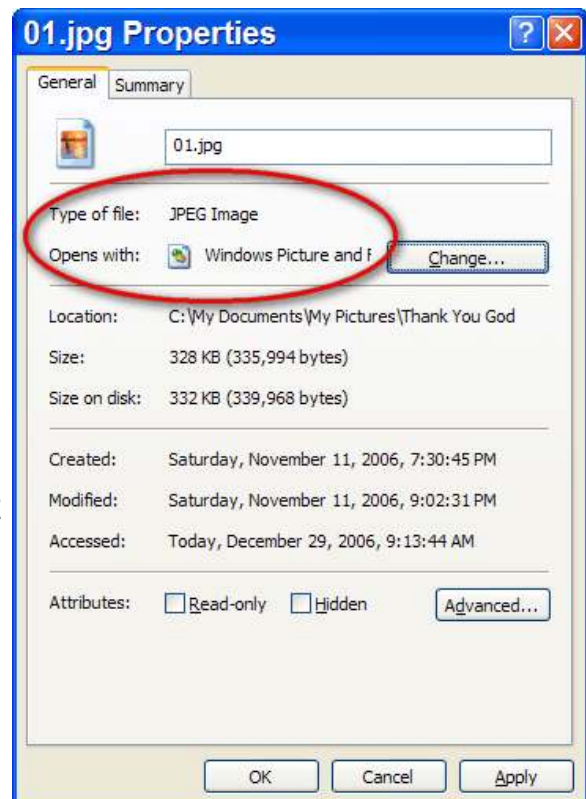


Figure 4

6. That said, I would be remiss if I did not recommend to you that you open all these graphics files with “Windows Picture and Fax Viewer”:

- ★ BMP
- ★ GIF
- ★ JPG

See my lesson “Windows Picture and Fax Viewer” on my webpage < <http://darryd.com/Windows> > for the reasons and benefits.

7. When you want to open a photo (.JPG) to edit it use just 3 steps (Figure 5):

- ❶ RIGHT-click on the file.
- ❷ Left-click on “Open With”.
- ❸ Left-click on the program you want to open it with this time.

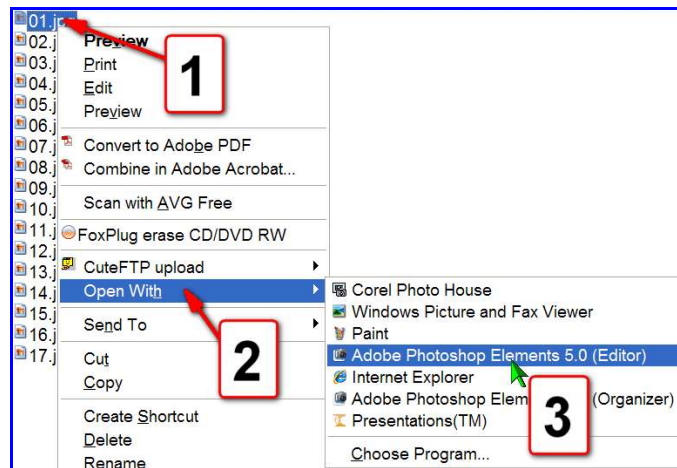


Figure 5