June 2009 Newsletter

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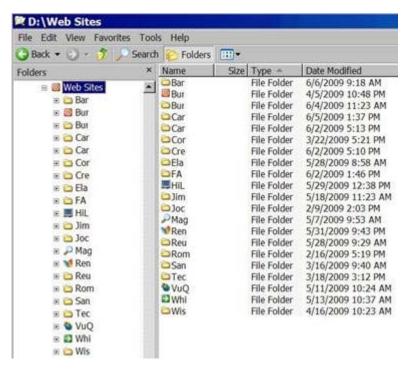
New Operating System - The latest I have heard from Microsoft is that Windows 7, their newest operating system (OS), will be available this October. For those of you who are still using Windows XP (and I count myself among you...), this should come as good news. I never chose to upgrade to Vista and it was never well-received by anybody, really. However, the support for XP is practically non-existent now and it will only get worse, so I am seriously thinking about going to Windows 7 ASAP. I have been reading a lot about it and it sounds like Microsoft has done a better job on this OS than they did with Vista.

<u>Window Dressing</u> – I don't know if many of you use Windows Explorer or My Computer when you are viewing files, but there is a little trick you can use to make navigating a bit easier.

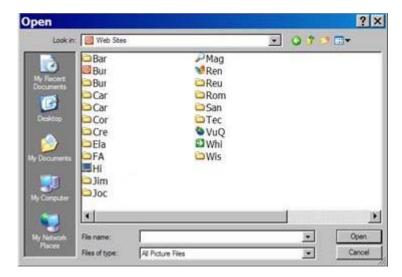
When you open a window using Explorer or My Computer, you generally see a bunch of folder icons, file icons, etc. For me, it can get pretty busy as I have numerous folders. As a result, it sometimes takes a while to find the folder you want. Well, you can change the look of specific folder icons to make them stand out. Here's how:

- First, go to any folder and right-click on the icon. You should see a pop-up menu.
- Select "Properties". This will display a pop-up window. Click the "Customize" tab.
- There are a number of things you can do here but, for now, let's just concentrate on the Folder icons section.
- Click "Change Icon". Another pop-up window displays. Depending on your settings, you may or may not already
 see a bunch of icons. There is a "Browse" button where you can go to different areas on your PC to select icons. I
 suggest going to a file named "C:\Windows\system32\SHELL32.dll". This file is chock full of some pretty cool
 icons.
- Once you have found an icon you like, select it, click "OK" and then click "OK" on the previous pop-up. The new icon will now display for that folder.

Here is a little snippet of how my Explorer window looks with some updated icons. I have removed most of the filenames, just for display purposes:



Also, if you are browsing in your folders, for example, by using the "File", "Open" command, the icons also display:



This makes it much simpler to get at folders you use more frequently.

Hopefully this was clear. If not, let me know and I can work with you on it.

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