

## **Vista Program Releases**

Cemetery Management SC & Max releases have had the ability to store pictures internal of the database removed. This is in keeping with present practices with most database programs.

Many programs were based upon Object Oriented programming practices (OOP) and utilized a process called Object Link Embedded (OLE) to hold pictures internal of a database.

Databases were never designed specifically with an ability to store pictures. This was available in the event a picture needed to be stored on a screen for its display. The idea of actually storing pictures in a database for the purpose of storing pictures is problematic.

An example is to take a 5K GIF file, one of the smallest files that still retain a picture's properties. Embed a 5K GIF file in a database and the database bloats out to 1 MB larger in size. Why? A database needs to be able to convert information into ASCII properties and most pictures are actually mathematical equations. Each individual part of each equation has to be rendered into a subset ASCII and then back in a container so a user can see what the picture is.

Vista is based on Dot Net, not OLE. Since the introduction of Microsoft Access 2003, MS has been packaging Office programs with a picture manager, not a photo editor.

There are many free programs available for keeping pictures in albums.

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