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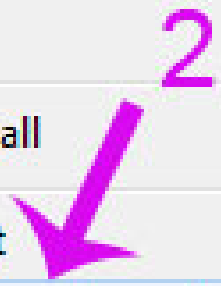
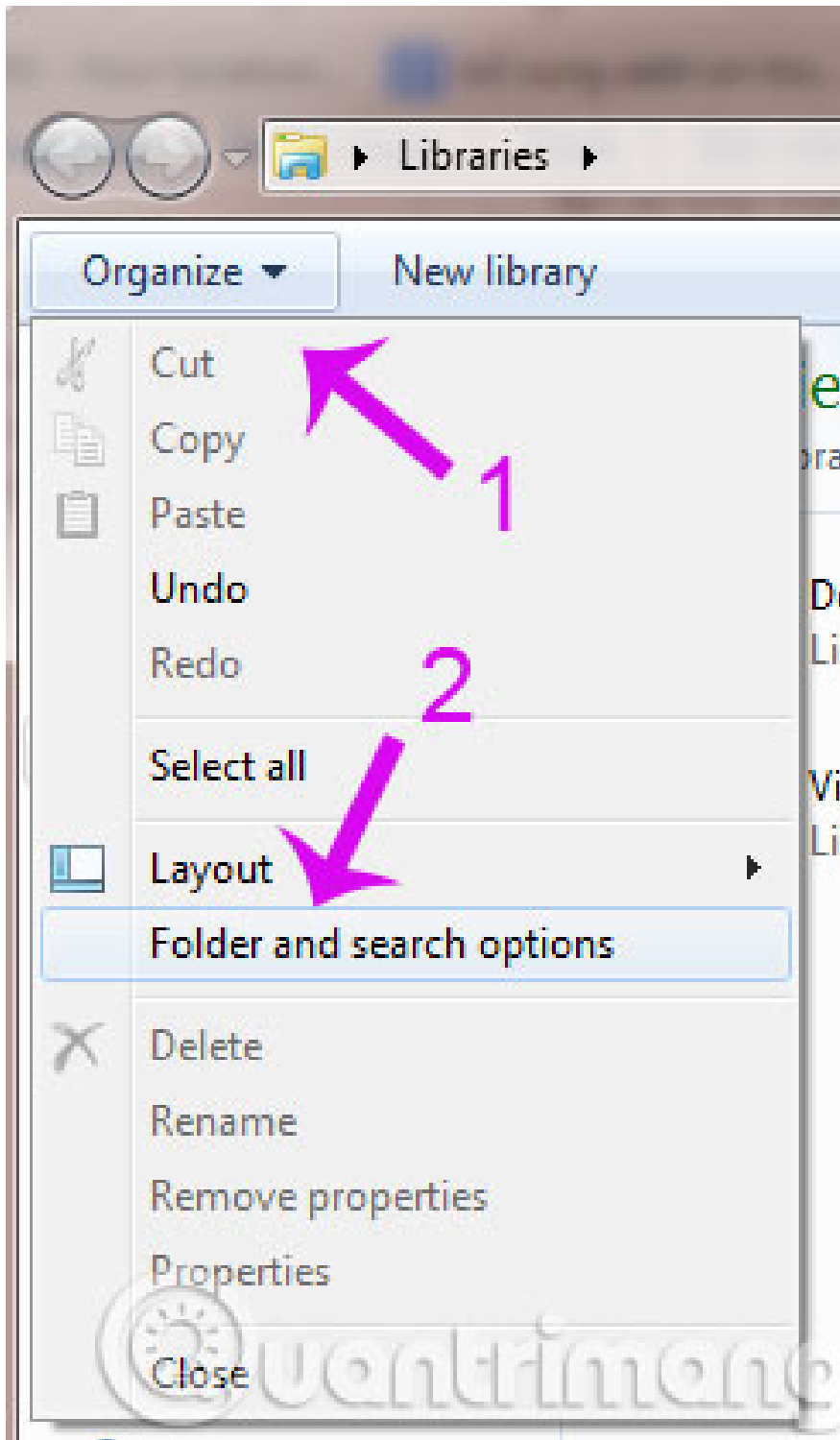
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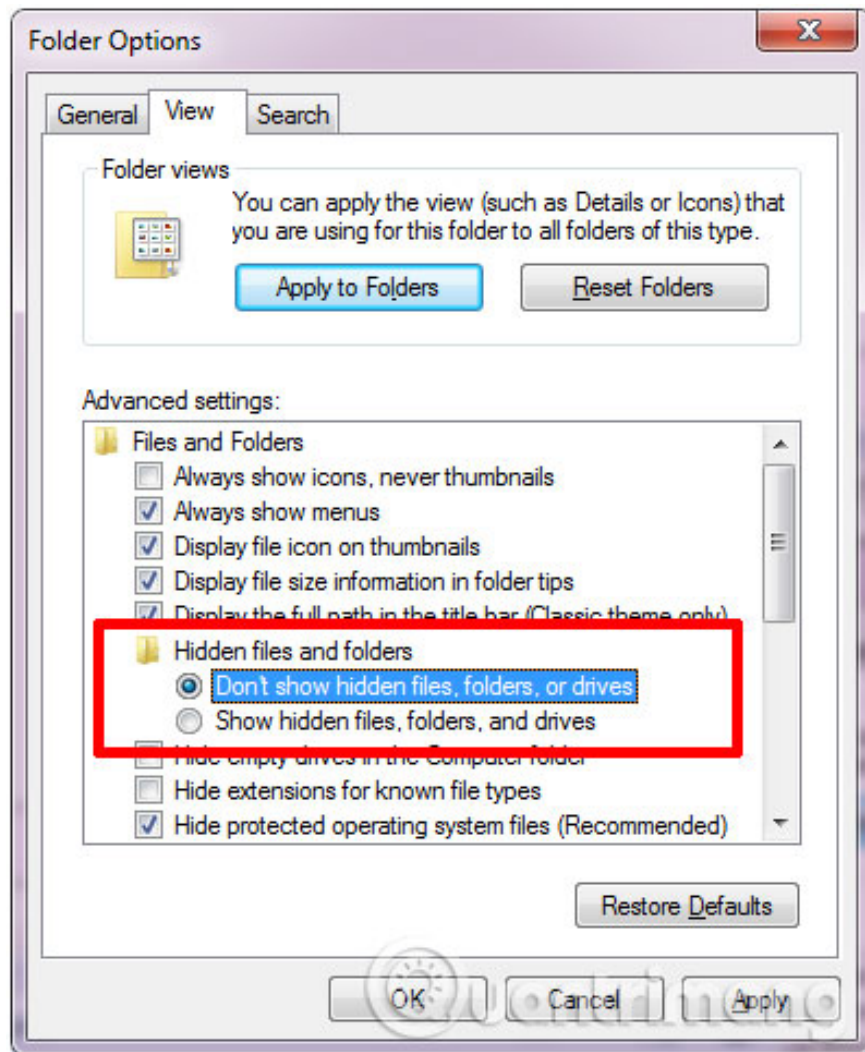
Hide data

By default Windows also has built-in features that allow you to hide files or folders. To do this, open **Windows Explorer** and go to **Organize > Folder and search options** menu, then select the **View** tab.

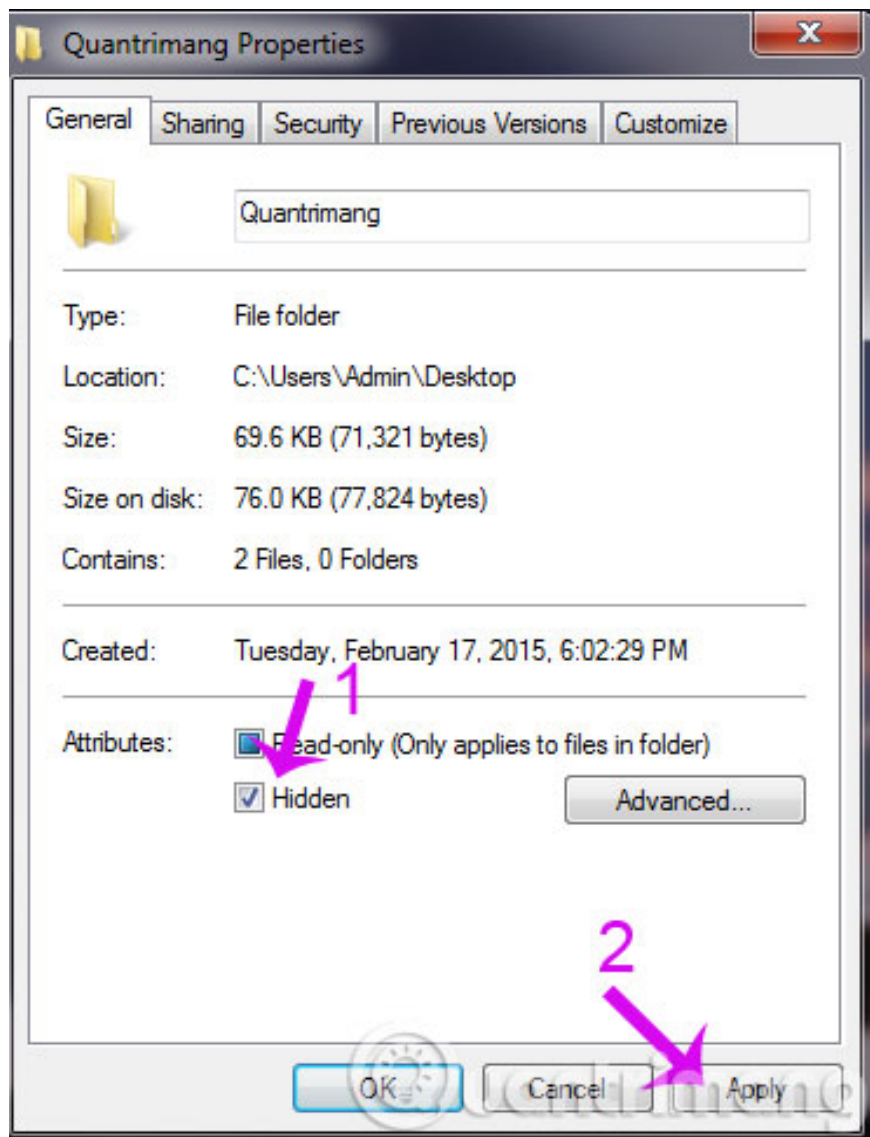
Under the **Hidden files and folder section** , click on the option **Don't show hidden files, folders, or drives** and click the **OK** button.



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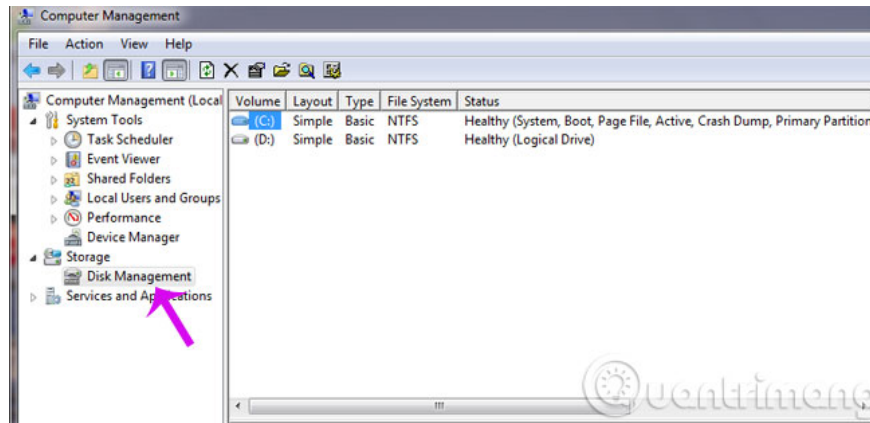
Now to hide the data, just right-click the folder or file to protect, select **Properties** , in the **General** tab , simply click the **Hidden** option.



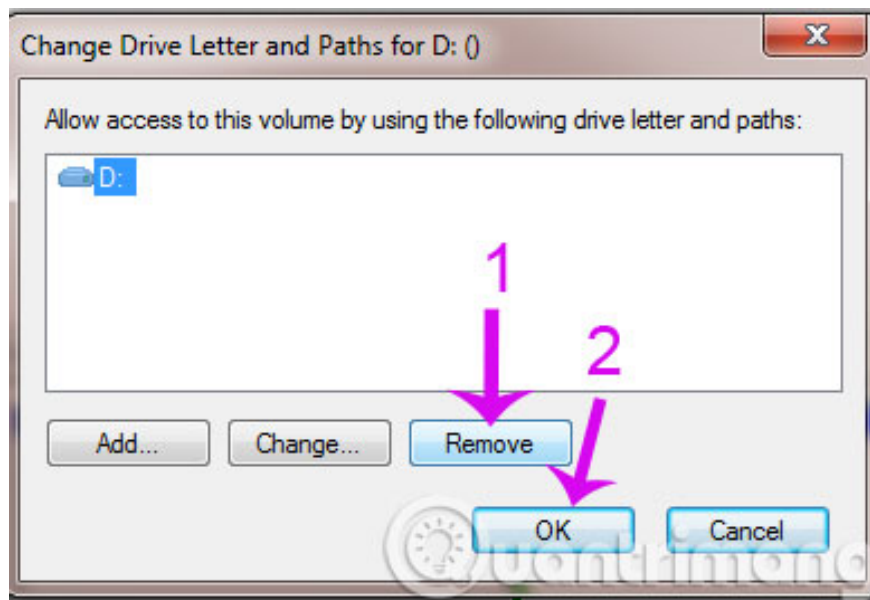
To display the hidden data again, simply repeat the steps above but reverse the check boxes.

Hide the drive

This feature will help you go a step further with the ability to hide the entire drive from the system. To start, activate the **Disk management** tool by right-clicking on **My Computer**, selecting **Manager** and then clicking on **Disk Management** on the left to access the list of disk partitions on the system.

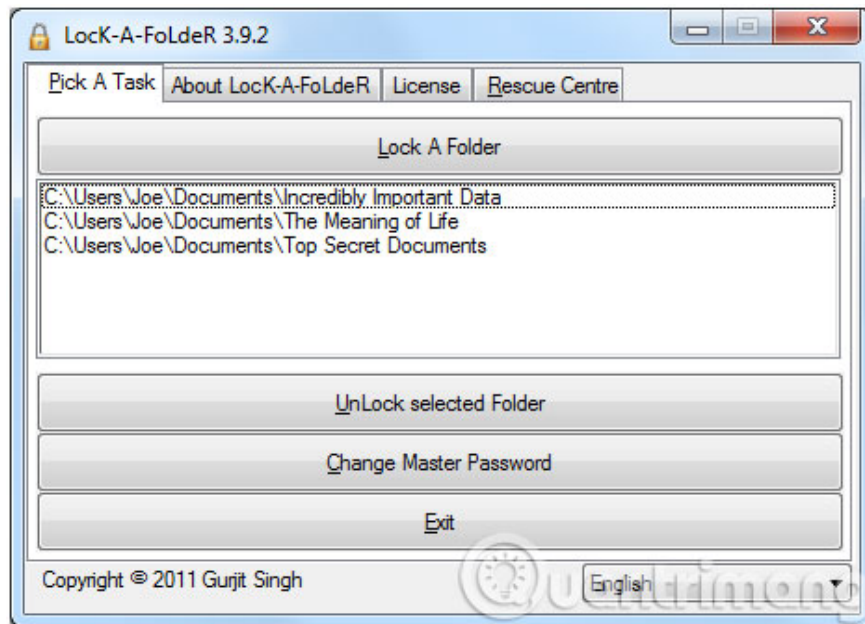


Right-click the drive you want to hide and select **Change Drive Letter and Paths** . From the new window that opens, select the drive letter to hide and click **Remove** and then click **OK** . From now on you will see the selected partition will completely hide from the system, including search results using the Windows search engine.



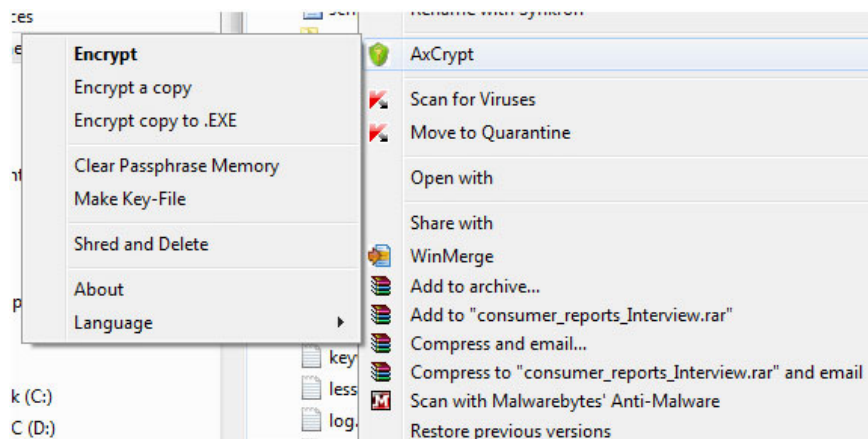
Password protection

If you want to protect files or folders securely with passwords instead of the above two solutions, then third-party software must be used. There are many software for you to choose such as **SecretFolder** and **Lock-A-Folder** . Both programs are small in size, the user interface is extremely simple, allowing you to hide folders and files and protect them with a password.



Encryption

All of the above methods will help you protect data to a certain extent but still have certain shortcomings. Therefore using a data encryption solution will ensure that only those who have the security key can access the data.



There are many free tools for you to choose and use your data encryption like **VeraCrypt** or **AxCrypt** tool built into the menu when right-clicking on Windows files and folders, helping you Quickly encrypt folders and files with just one click.

I wish you a smooth week!

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