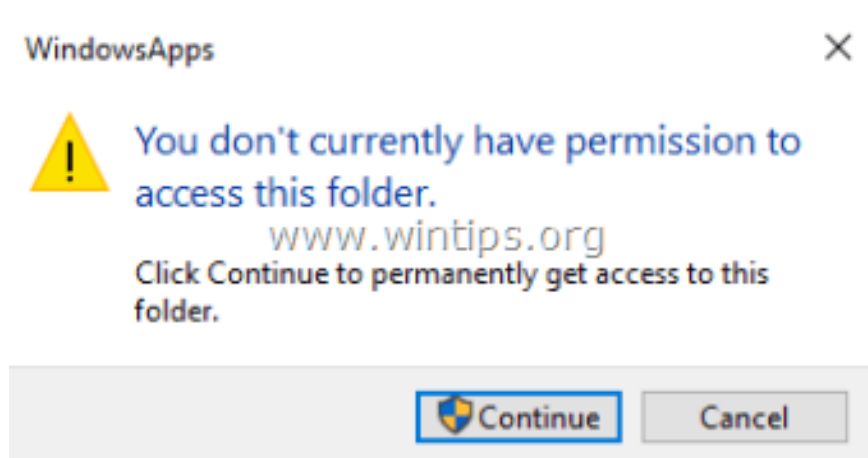


How to access WindowsApps folder on Windows 10 and Windows 8?

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Also all installed Store app data and settings are stored on the computer at:

```
"% USERPROFILE% AppDataLocalPackagesPackageFullName"
```

However, the AppData folder is also hidden and you will have to activate it to be able to view the contents in the folder.

Overview:

- All Windows Store applications are stored under the following link on the computer:

% ProgramFiles% WindowsApps (usually: C: Program FilesWindowsApps)

- All Windows Store Apps Data files for each user account are stored at:

% USERPROFILE% AppDataLocalPackages (usually: C: Users% UserName% AppDataLocalPackages)

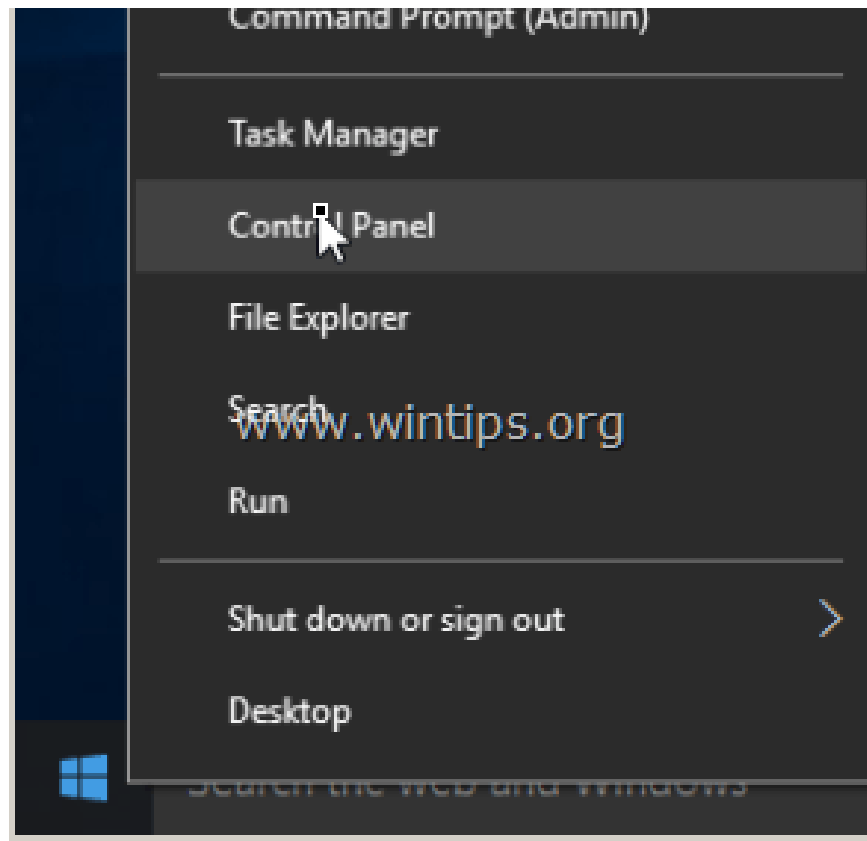
In case, if you want to access the WindowsApps folder to view and edit some settings, you can refer to the steps in the following article of Network Administrator.

How to assign folder permissions "C: Program FilesWindowsApps"?

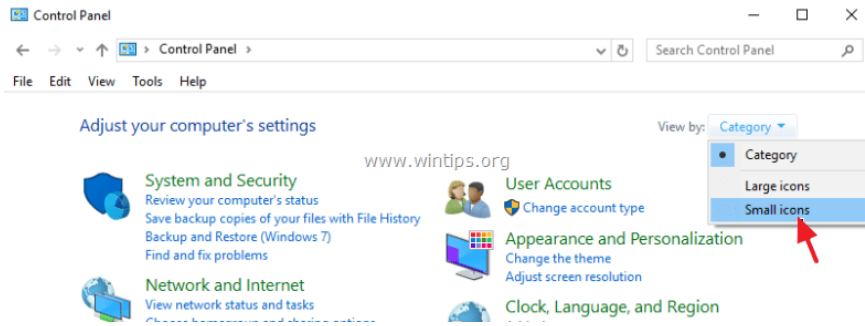
Step 1: Activate hidden folders and files on Windows

By default, the "C: Program FilesWindowsApps" folder is hidden, so the first step is to enable it to view hidden folders and files. To do this thing:

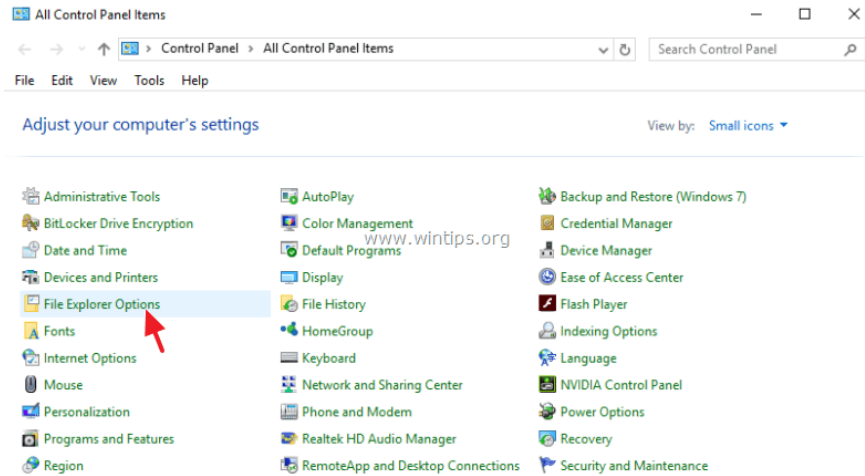
1. Right-click the Start button and select **Control Panel**.



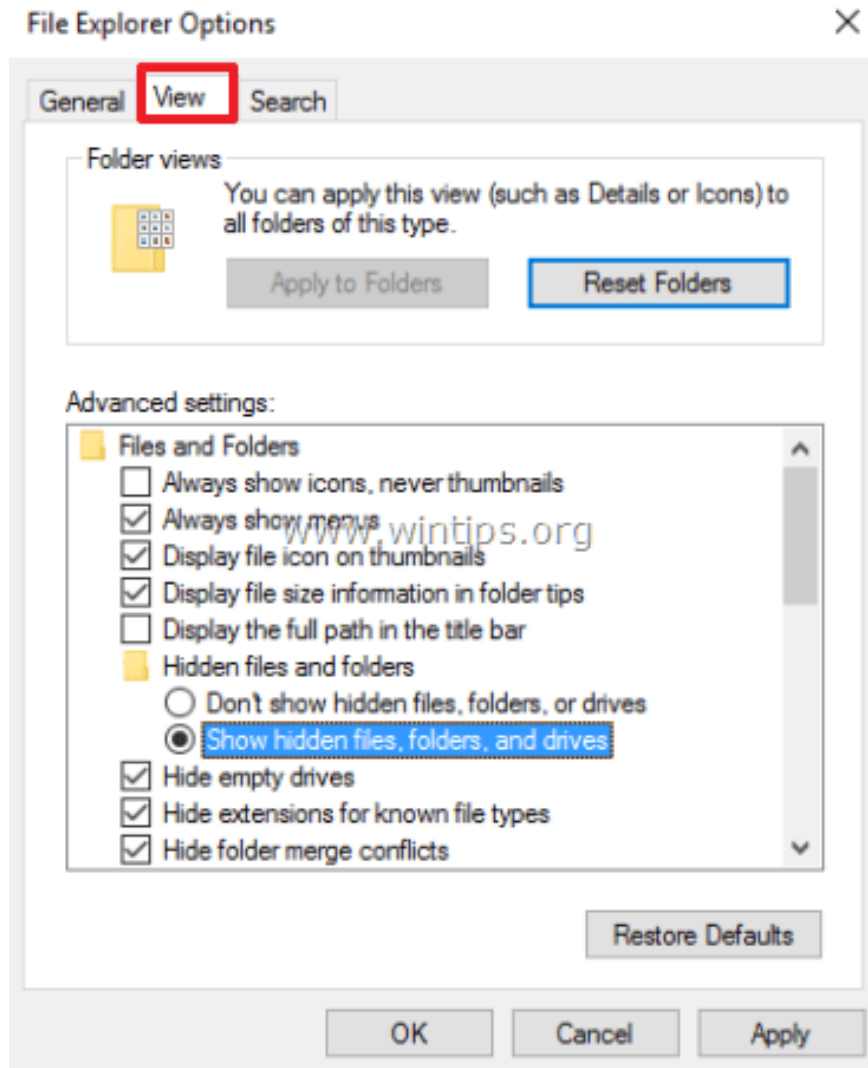
2. On the Control Panel window, set the **View by** item to **Small icons**.



3. Open the **File Explorer Options** window (on Windows 7 and 8 as Folder Options).



4. In the File Explorer Options window, at the **View tab**, select **Show hidden files, folders and drives**, then click **OK** .

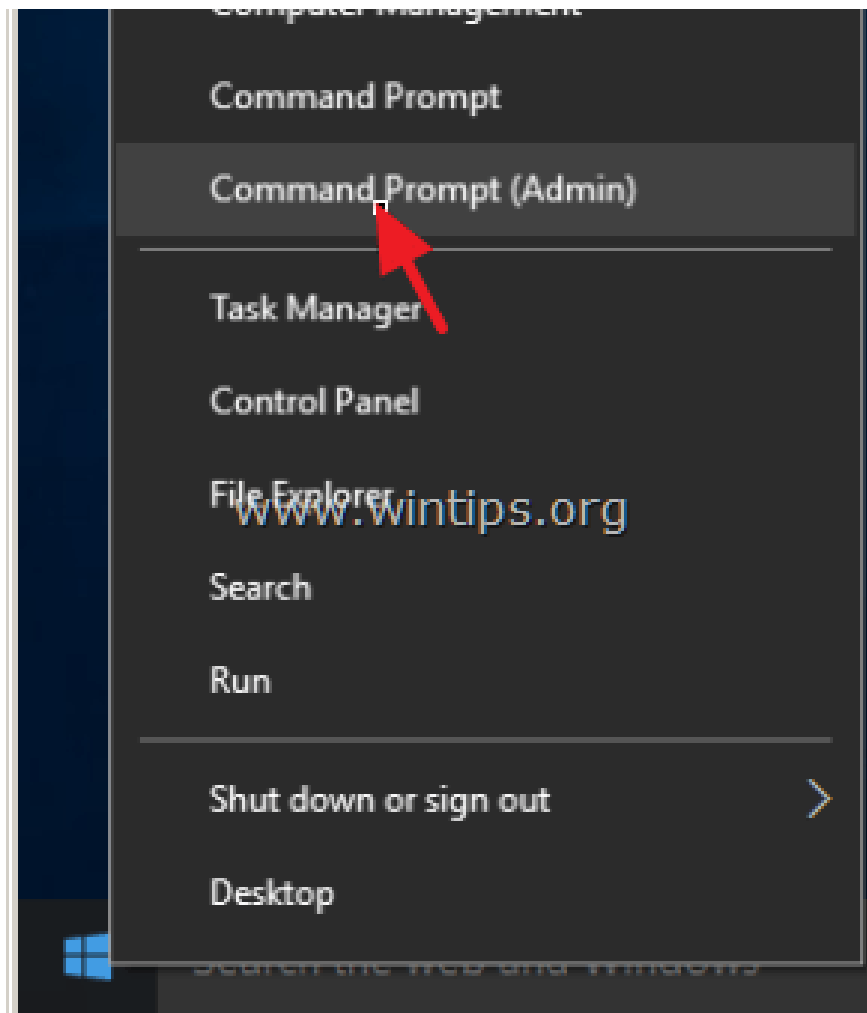


Step 2: Backup permission to access current WindowsApps folder

Before performing the steps to change permissions to access the default WindowsApps folder, you will first have to back up the permissions to allow access to the default folder to avoid bad cases.

To backup folder access "C: Program FilesWindowsApps":

1. Right-click the **Start** button, then select **Command Prompt (Admin)** .



2. On the Control Panel window, enter the following command and press Enter:

```
icacls "% ProgramFiles% WindowsApps" / save WindowsApps.acl
```

The above command will save all permissions of the folder " **C: ProgramsFilesWindowsApps** " and the file named "WindowsApps.acl" will be stored in the **C: WindowsSystem32** directory.

Note:

If an error occurs after changing the permissions of the directory, you can restore the original permissions by entering the following command into the Command Prompt window:

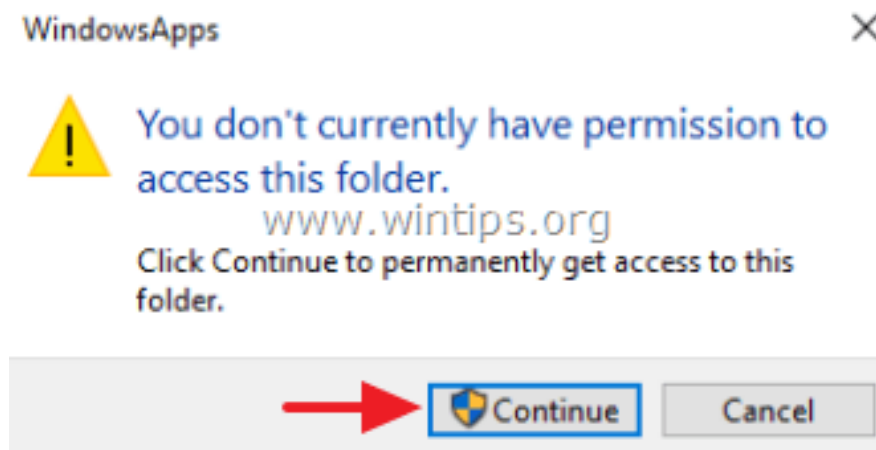
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icacls "% ProgramFiles%" / restore WindowsApps.acl
```

Step 3: Assign folder permissions "C: Program FilesWindowsApps"

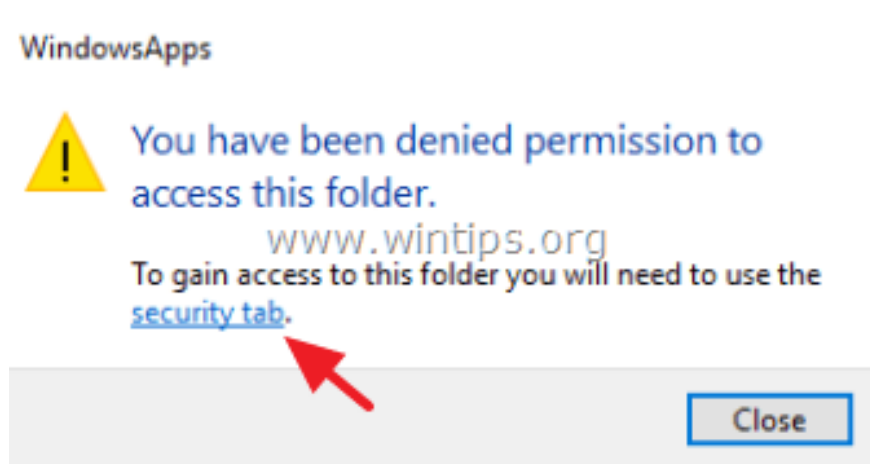
In the instructions below, Network Administrator will guide you how to assign **Read Only** permissions and how to assign **Full Access** permissions to the WindowsApps folder.

Part 1: Assign Read Only permissions on the WindowsApps folder

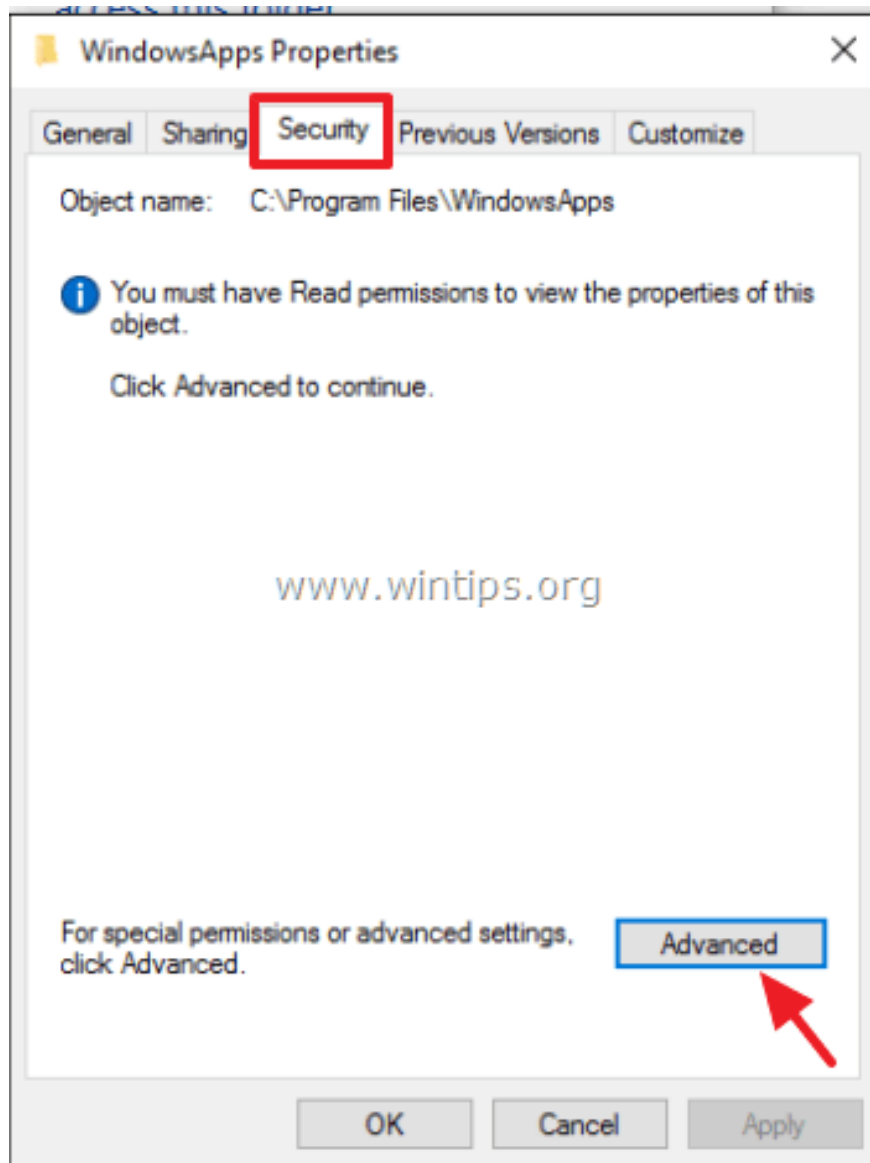
1. Open Windows Explorer, then double click to open the "**C: Program Files**" folder.
2. Next, double-click the **WindowsApps** folder and then click **Continue**.



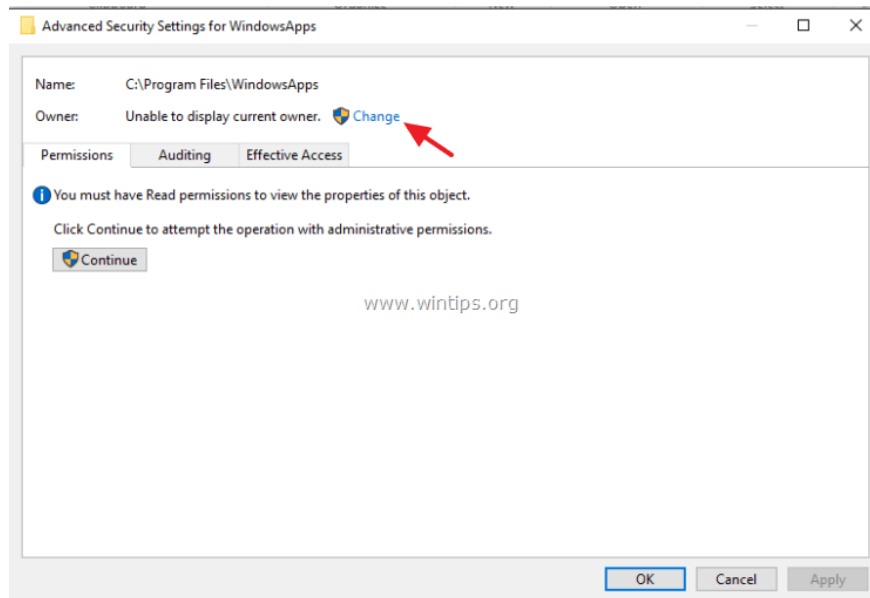
3. On the next window, click the link **security tab**.



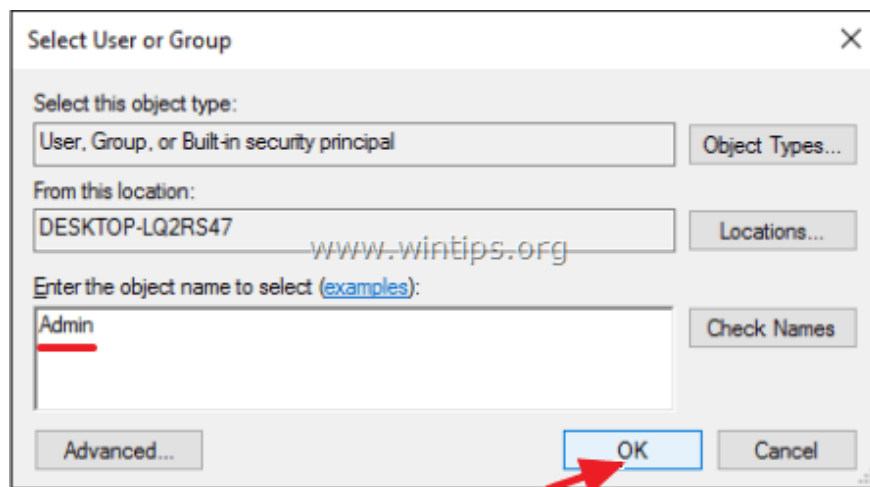
4. Select the **Security tab**, then click **Advanced**.



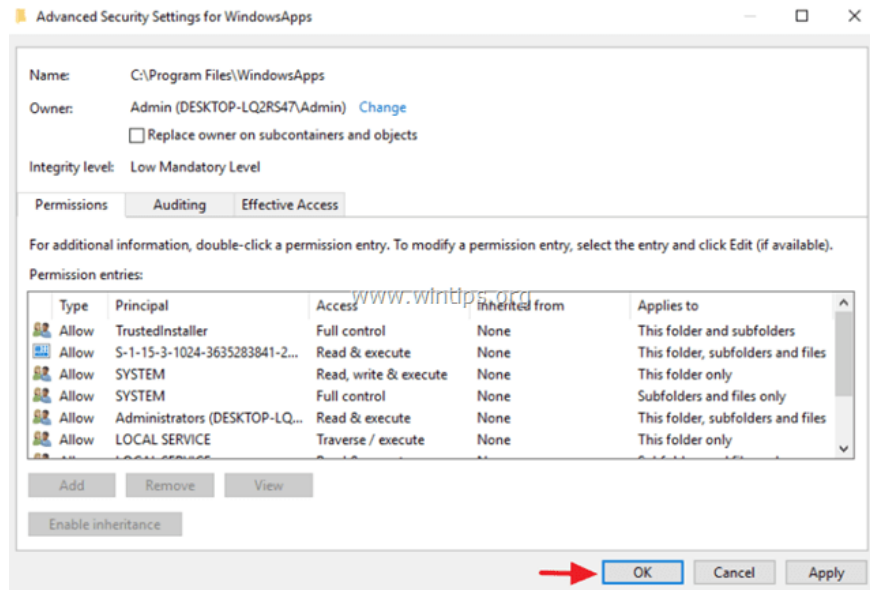
5. In the **Owner** section , click the link **Change**.



6. Add your user account (username) (such as Admin) or Microsoft account (such as yourusername@hotmail.com) to the **Enter the object name to select box** and then click **OK** .



7. Click **OK** => **OK** to exit the Security settings window.



8. From now on you can access the WindowsApps folder, the next time you click **Continue** when notified.

Part 2: Assign Full Access permissions to folder C: Program FilesWindowsApps

1. Right-click the **Start** button => **Command Prompt (Admin)**.

2. On the Command Prompt window enter the following command and press Enter:

```
takeown / F "% ProgramFiles% WindowsApps"
```

Note:

The above command will assign the ownership of the "C: ProgramFilesWindowsApps" directory to the current login user account.

3. Next enter the following statement into:

```
icacls "% ProgramFiles% WindowsApps" / grant "% username%": F
```

Note:

The above command will assign Full Control permission to the "C: ProgramFilesWindowsApps" directory for the current login user account.

4. Finally, assign the WindowsApps directory ownership, return to the TrustedInstaller account using the command:

```
icacls "% ProgramFiles% WindowsApps" / setowner "NT ServiceTrustedInstaller"
```

5. From now on you can have full access to the WindowsApps folder.

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. What is the 'System Volume Information' folder, and can this folder be deleted?
1. Instructions for fixing Access Denied errors during file or folder access on Windows
1. How to enable / disable the Security tab of files and folders on Windows?

Good luck!

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