

How to back up and restore Photos application settings in Windows 10

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If you use the Photos app, you can manually back up your settings to restore them as needed on any Windows 10 PC.

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Note : Sources settings for accompanying folders will not be included in the backup.

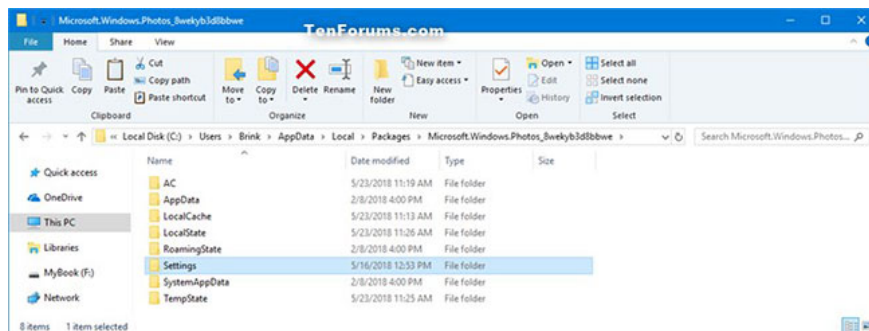
Backup settings from the Photos app

1. If the **Photos** app is currently open, close it.
2. Open **File Explorer** (Win + E), copy (Ctrl + C) and paste (Ctrl + V) the folder location below into the File Explorer address bar and press Enter .

(Current account)

`%LocalAppData%PackagesMicrosoft.Windows.Photos_8wekyb3d8bbwe`

3. Copy the **Settings** folder to the desktop.



Copy the Settings folder to the desktop

4. Move the **Settings** folder on the desktop to the location where you want to save the backup. You can rename this folder to whatever you want.

5. You can now close **File Explorer** if you like.

Restore settings for the Photos app

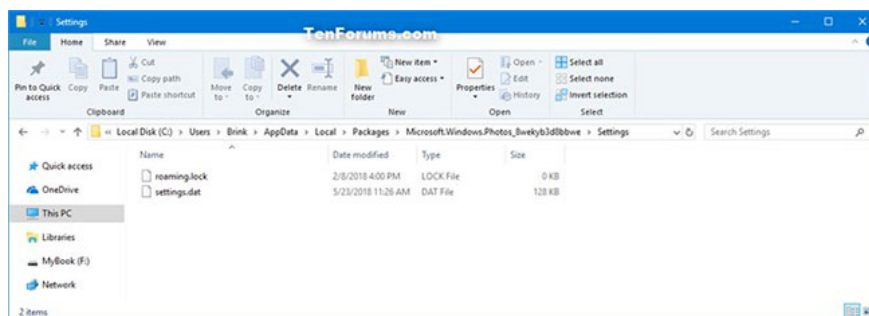
Restoring a backup of settings in the Photos app will replace the existing app settings.

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2. Open **File Explorer** (Win + E), copy and paste the folder location below into the File Explorer address bar and press Enter .

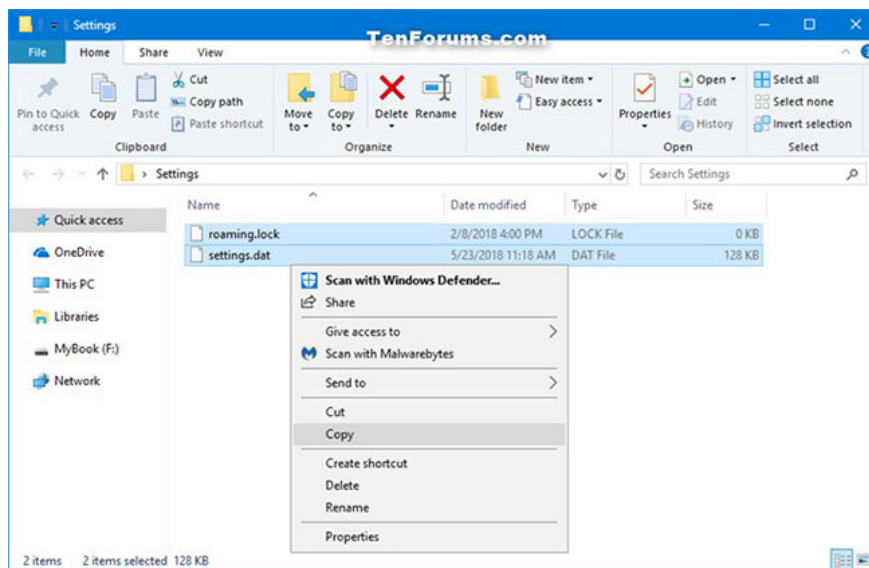
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%LocalAppData%\Packages\Microsoft.Windows.Photos_8wekyb3d8bbwe\Settings
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Open File Explorer

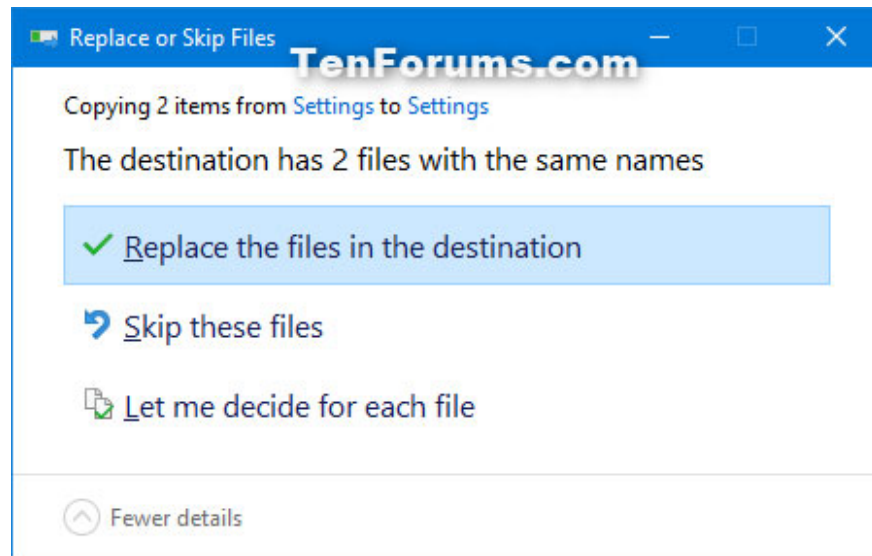
3. In a separate File Explorer window, open the Backup **Settings** folder from Part 1, select the content in this folder, right-click or hold and hold on the selected items and click **Copy** (Ctrl + C).



Open the Settings folder and select the content

4. Paste (**Ctrl + V**) the selected files from the backup in step 3 into the **Settings** folder from step 2.

5. When prompted, click **Replace the files in the destination** .



Click Replace the files in the destination

6. You can now close the **File Explorer** windows if you like.

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