

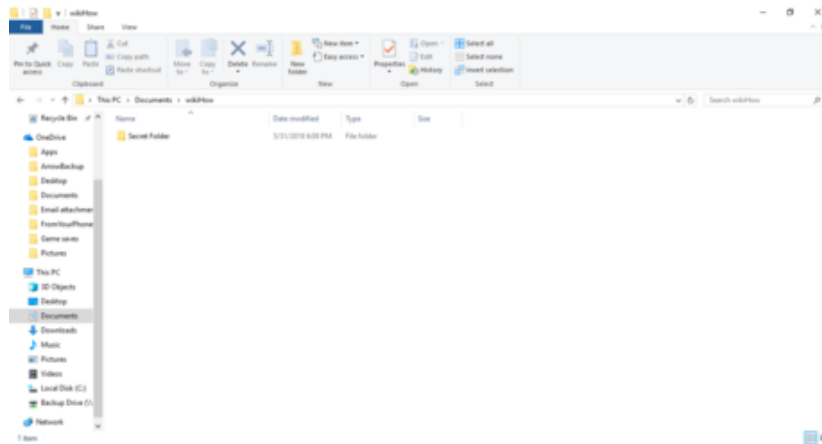
How to Hide a Folder on Windows

Windows offers a feature that allows folders to be hidden from view under normal circumstances. This feature is typically used for program files so that they don't clutter up your computer when you are normally using it, but you can...

Method 1 of 2:

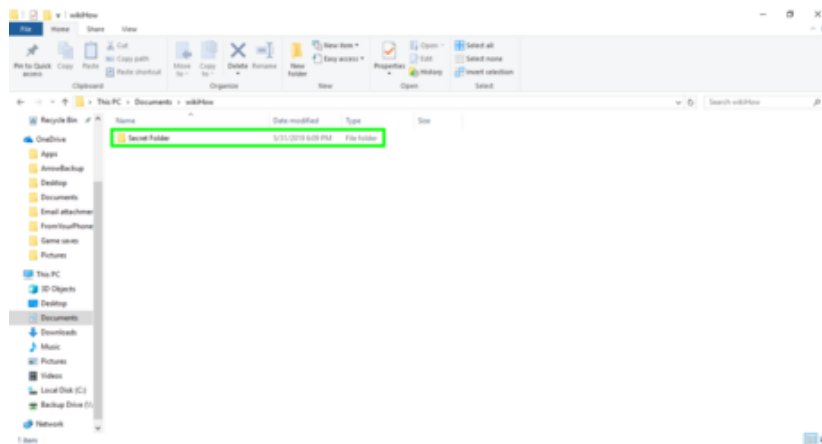
Hiding a Folder

1.

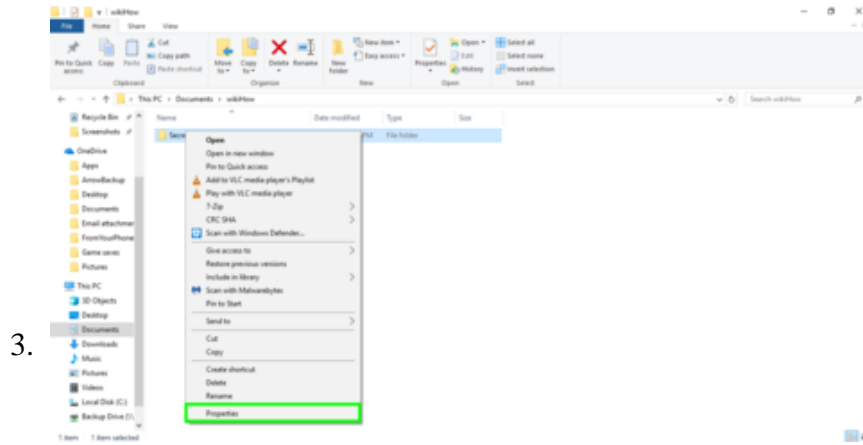


Navigate to the folder that contains the folder that you want to hide.

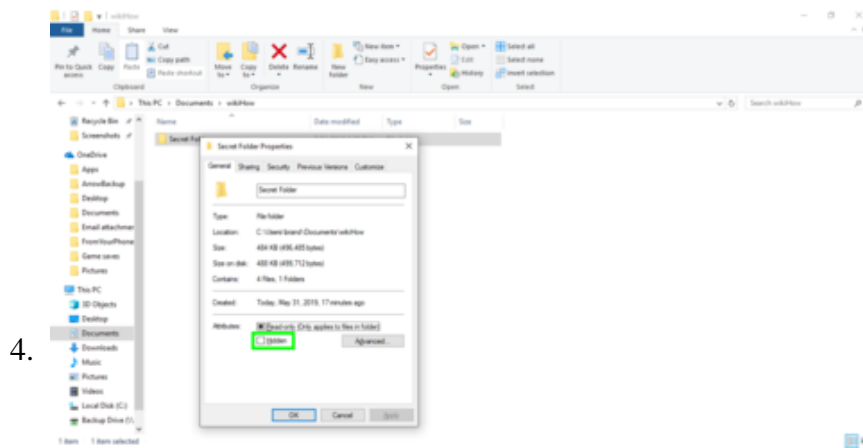
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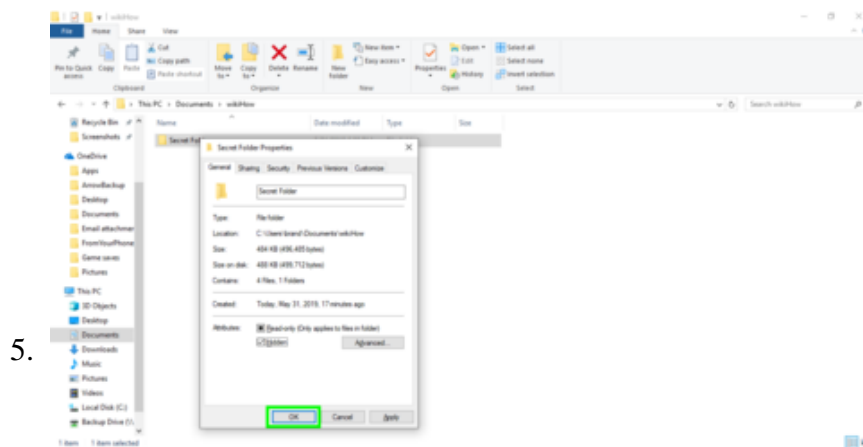
Right click the folder that you want to hide.



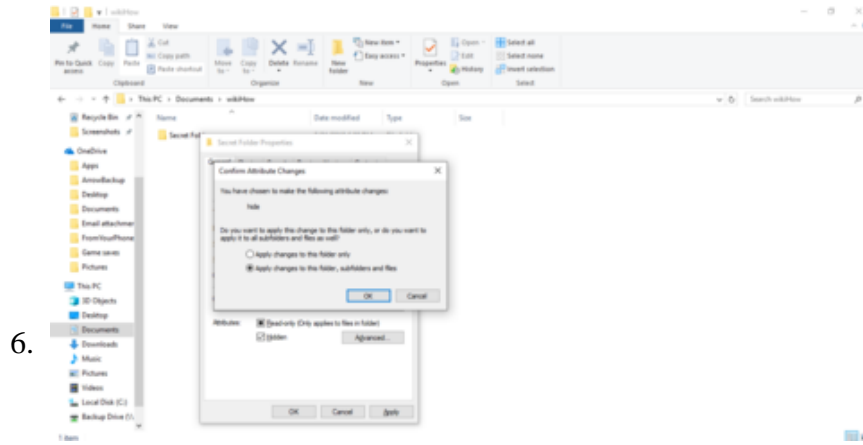
Select "Properties". It's at the bottom of the context menu.



Check the "Hidden" Checkbox. It is at the bottom of the properties menu in the "Attributes" section.

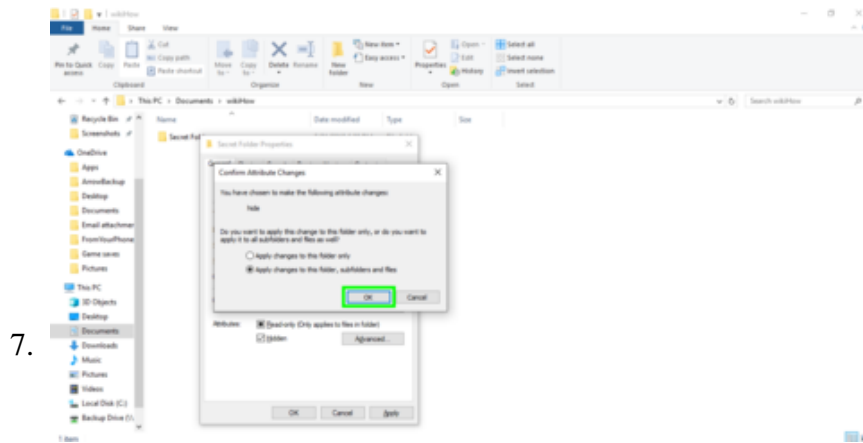


Click **OK**.



Decide if you want to hide only the folder, or the folder and everything inside of it. Hiding both the folder and everything inside of it will make all files and folders inside of the folder hidden. Hiding only the folder will only hide the folder, but nothing in it.

1. It will be hard for somebody to find a folder if it is hidden, but if nothing inside of the folder is hidden, then somebody can find the files inside of the folder through a search.

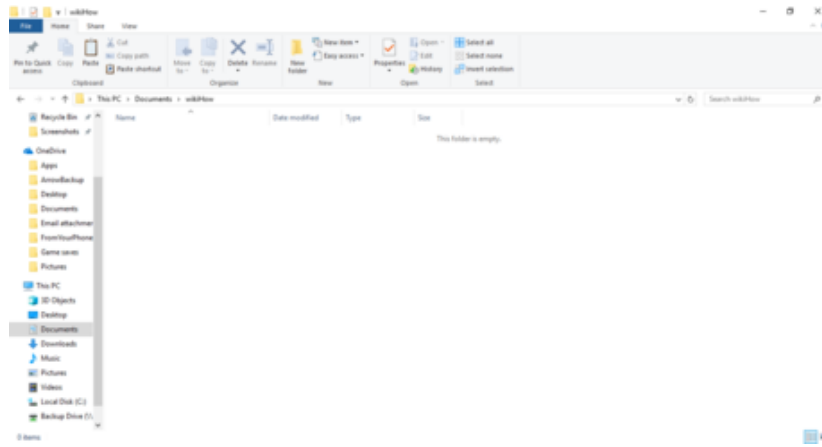


Click **OK**. After clicking OK, the folder will be hidden.

Method 2 of 2:

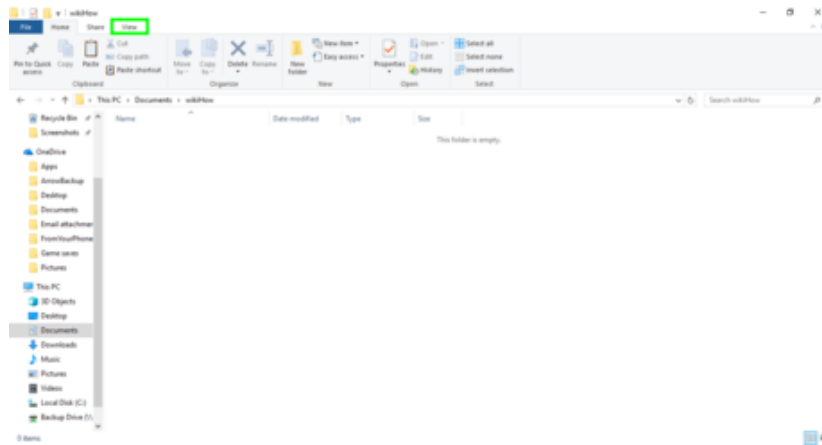
Viewing a Hidden Folder

1.



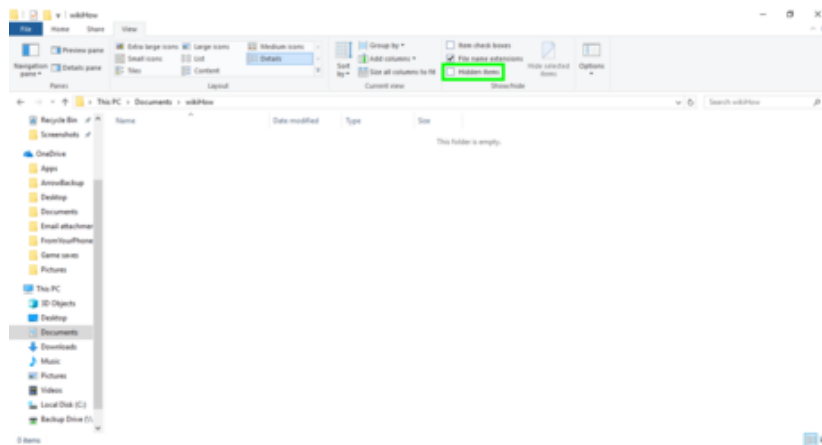
Navigate to the folder containing the hidden folder.

2.

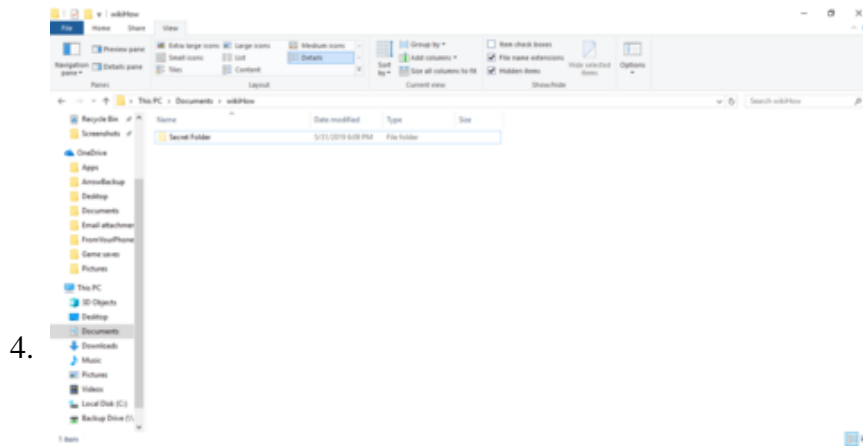


Open the **View** tab. It's near the top of the window.

3.



Check the "Hidden Items" checkbox. It's in the "Show/hide" group.



View the hidden folder. It will be slightly lighter than normal, non-hidden, folders.

1. Make sure to uncheck the "Hidden Items" checkbox in the **View** tab when you are done, or else somebody else might be able to see your hidden folder.

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