

# How to hide files, show hidden files, view hidden folders and file extensions on Windows 7/8/10?

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There are many reasons that files or folders on Windows operating systems may be hidden. It may be due to the default system so that users do not mistakenly delete or change them. Or maybe because of virus . To display files, folders on Windows, you just need to do a few basic steps. Together refer to the instructions below of Network Administrator.

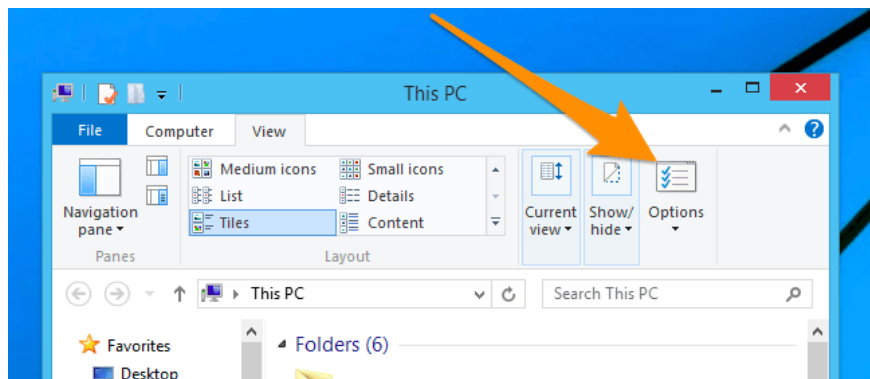
## Part 1: Display hidden files and folders on Windows 7/8/10

### 1. Windows 8 or Windows 10

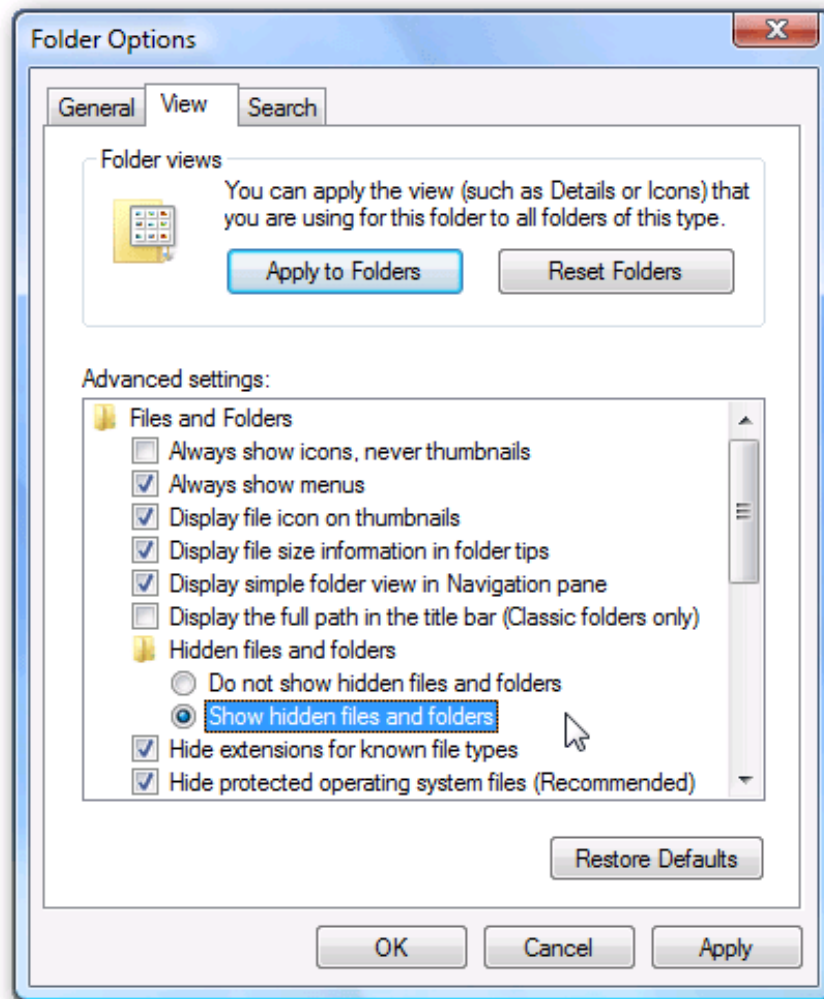
Open up all the folder folders, in the **View** tab, select **Hidden Items** .

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In the **View** tab on the Ribbon, click the Options option.



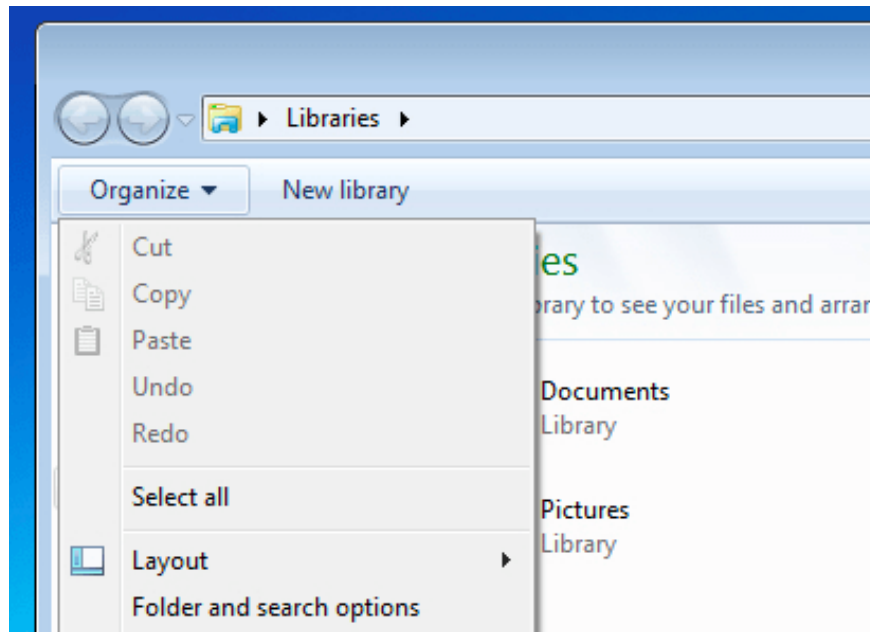
On the Folder Options dialog box that appears, click on the **View** tab and then select the option **Show hidden files and folders** .



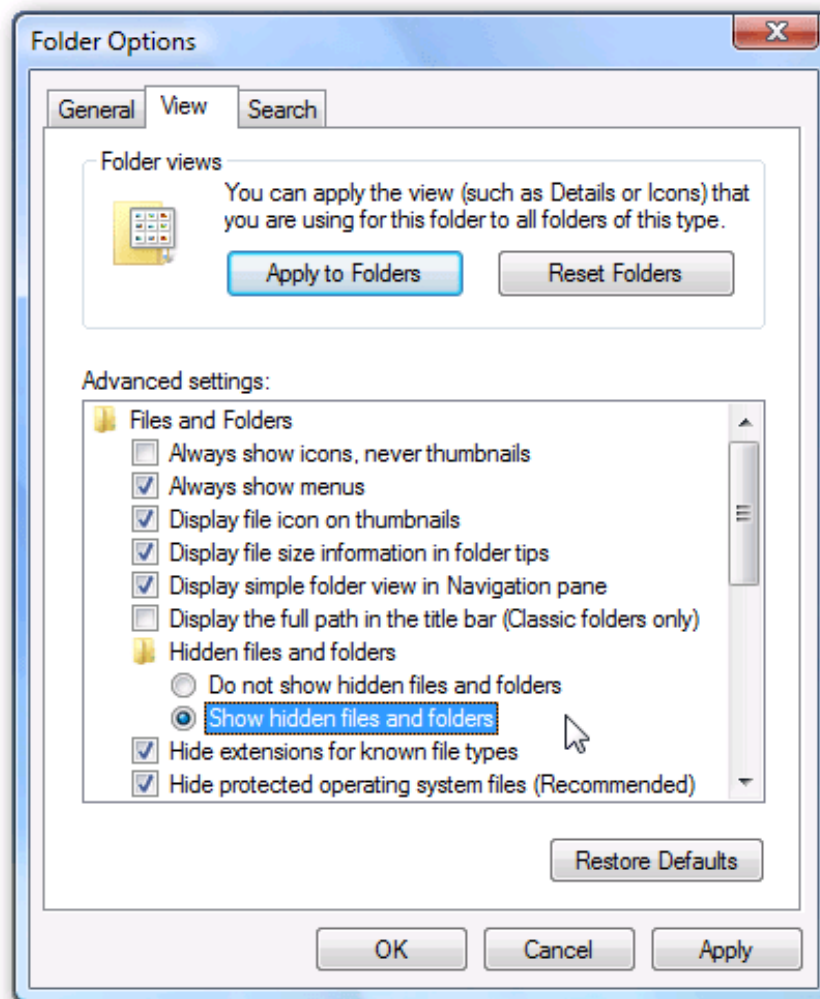
If you want to show the folder on Windows, you can remove the check box in the **Hide protected operating system files** checkbox.

## 2. Windows 7 or Windows Vista

To hide files on Windows 7 or Vista, simply click **Organize** on any folder, then select **Folder and Search Options**.



Click on the **View** tab, then select **Show hidden files and folders** in the options list.



If you want to show the folder on Windows, you can uncheck the **Hide protected operating system files** checkbox.

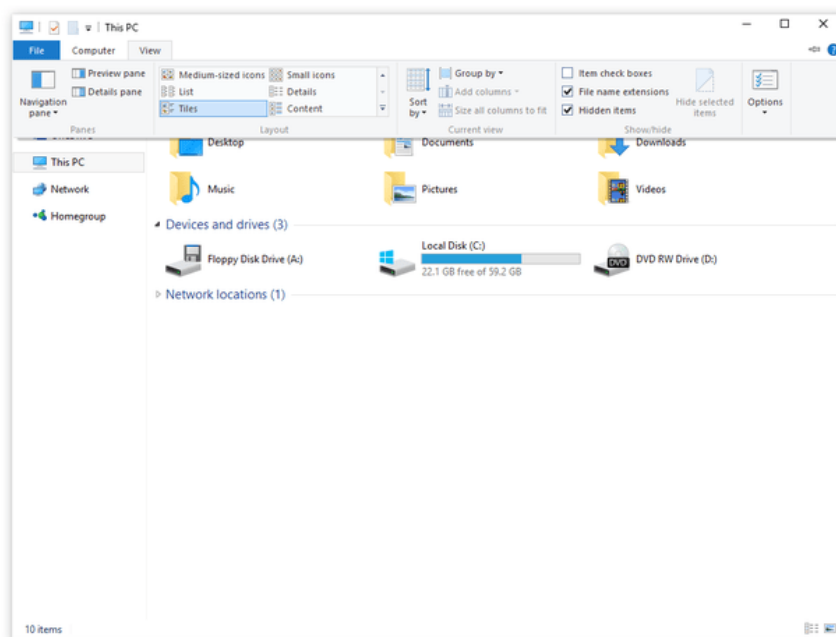
Once done, click on **OK** to save the changes.

## Part 2: Display file extensions and files on Windows 7/8/10

### 1. On Windows 10

To hide and show the file extension on Windows 10, follow the steps below:

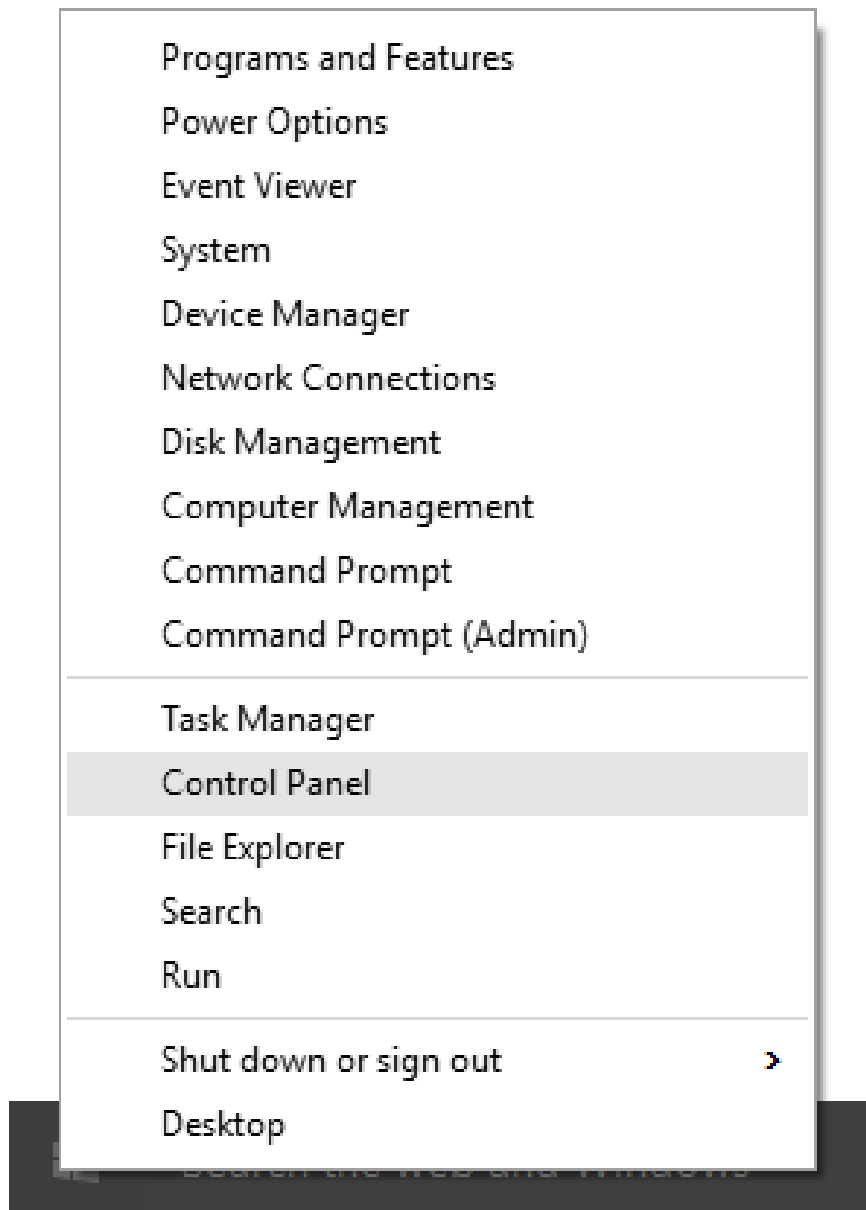
Open File Explorer, then click the **View** tab on the Ribbon, select the **File name extensions** option.



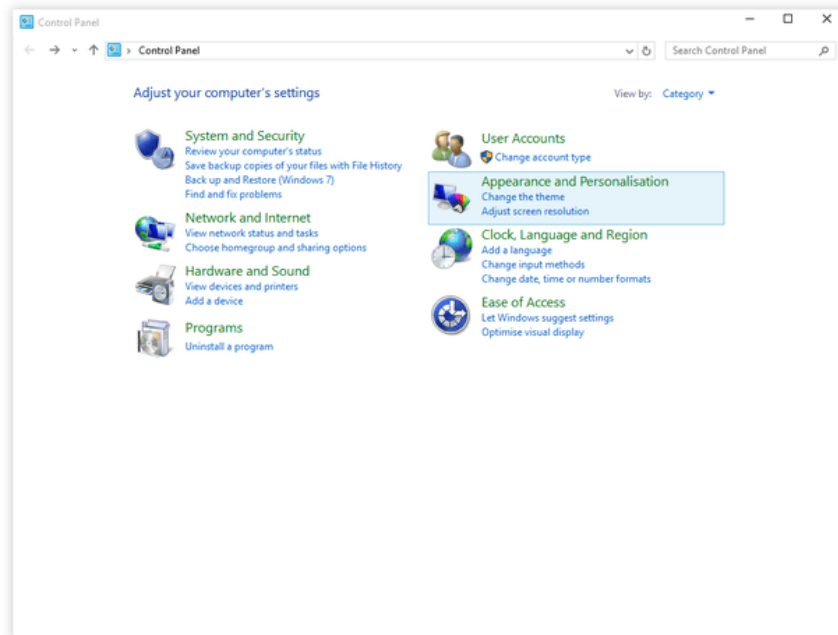
Also, if you want to see hidden files and folders, check the box and select **Hidden items**.

### - Different ways:

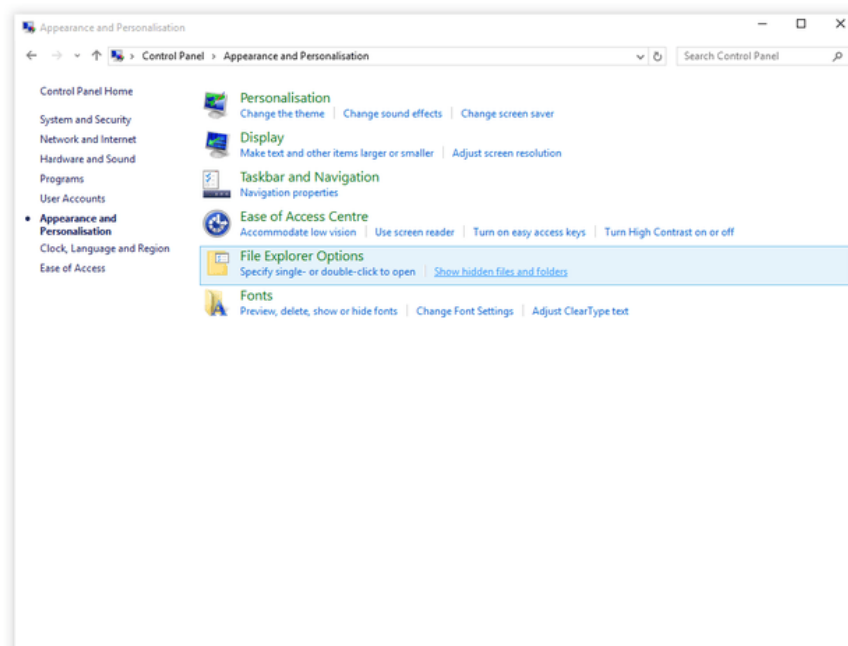
Open Control Panel by right-clicking on the **Start** button in the bottom left corner, selecting **Control Panel**.



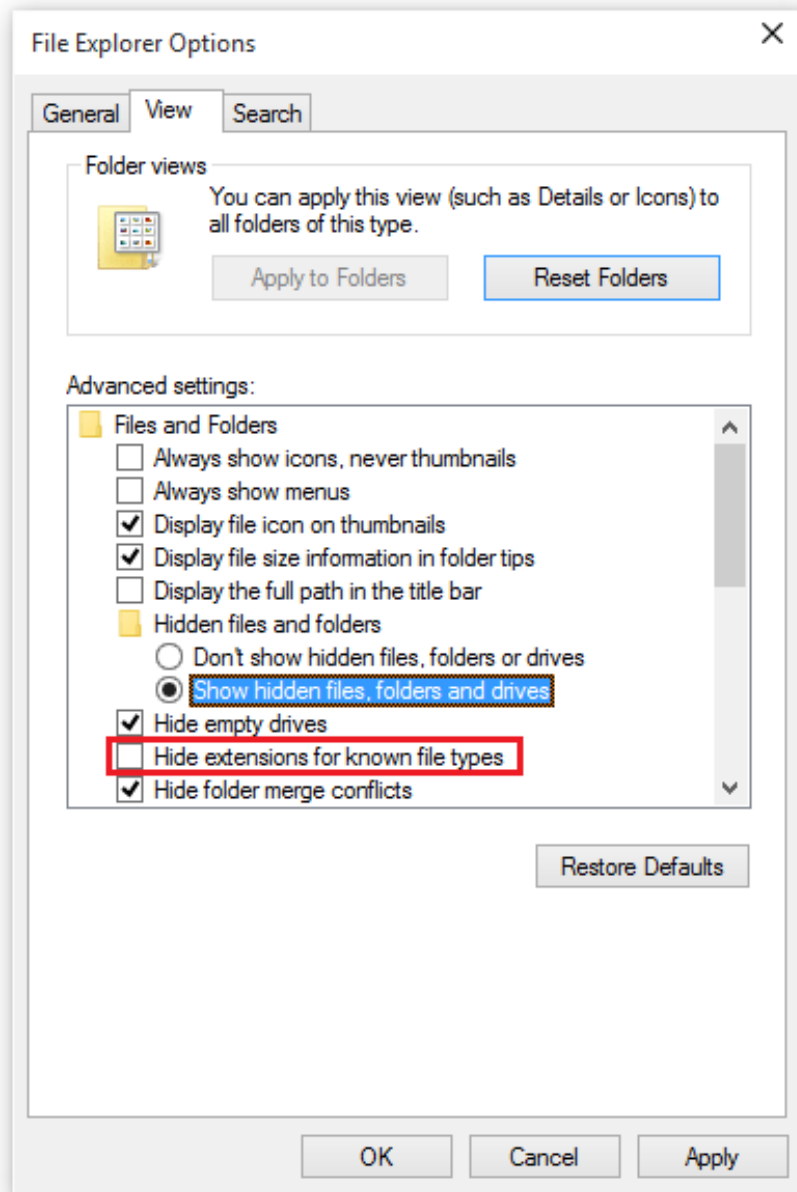
On the Control Panel window, select **Appearance and Personalization**.



Next in the **File Explorer Options** section , click **Show hidden files and folders**.



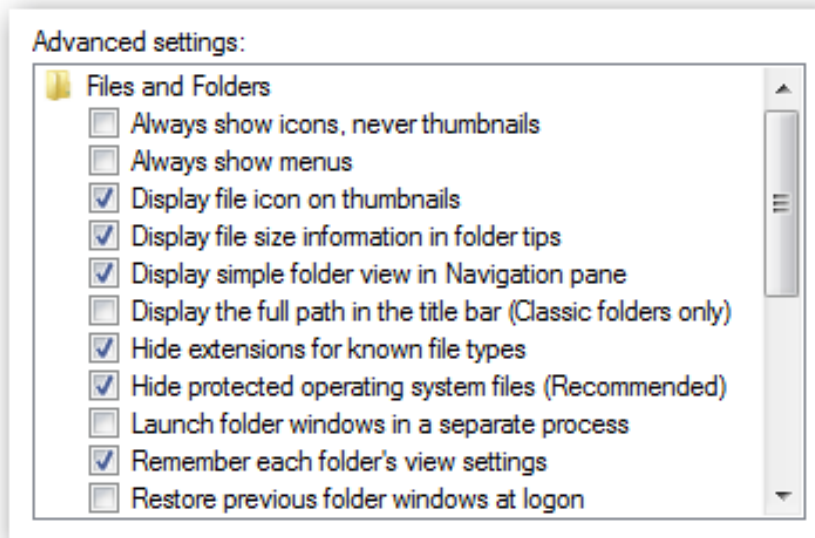
In the File Explorer Options window, select **Show hidden files, folders and drives** and leave the **Hide extensions for known file types** option => **Apply** => **OK** .



Now you can view the file extension on your Windows 10 computer.

## 2. On Windows 7 and Windows Vista

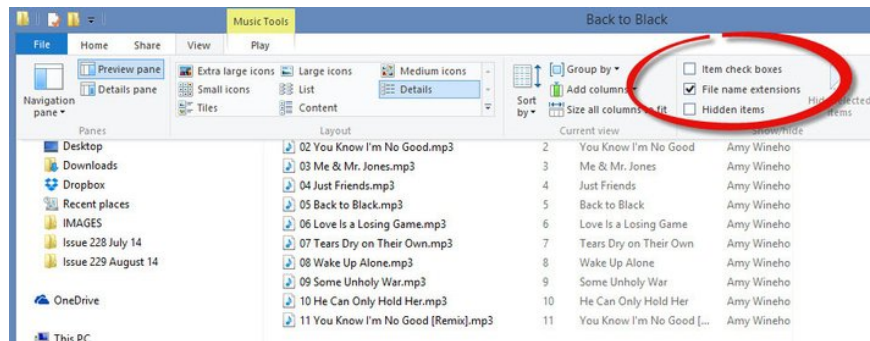
1. Open Windows Explorer, then click **Organize** in the top left corner, select the **Folder and Search option**.
2. On the next window click on the **View** tab , then scroll down to find and uncheck the **Hide file extensions option for known file types**.



### 3. On Windows 8

Open File explorer, then click the **View** tab.

Next, select the **File name extensions** option to display the file extension or leave the option to hide the file extension.



### Refer to some of the following articles:

1. 4 Ways to Reset Windows to its original state
2. 2 steps to open virtual keyboard in Windows XP / 7/8 / 8.1
3. 4 ways to make Windows 10 boot faster

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