

How to show hidden files and folders on Windows 10/8/7

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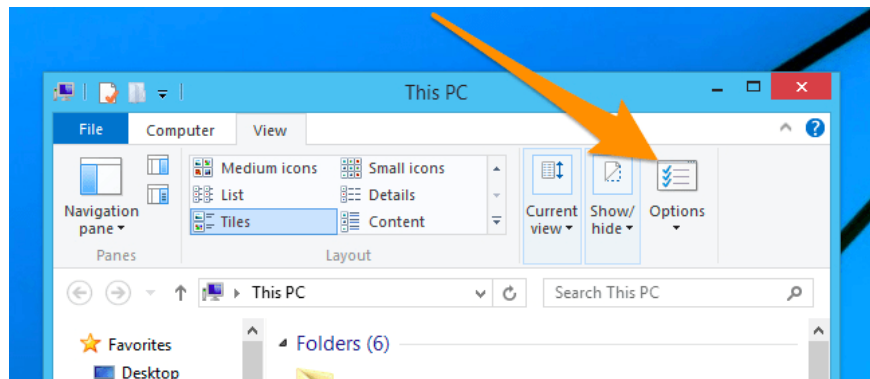
There are many reasons why files and folders on the Windows operating system might be hidden. It could be due to system defaults to prevent accidental deletion or modification, or it could be due to a virus. To display files and folders on Windows, you only need to follow a few basic steps. Refer to the guide below from Network Administration.

1. Show hidden files and folders on Windows 10/8

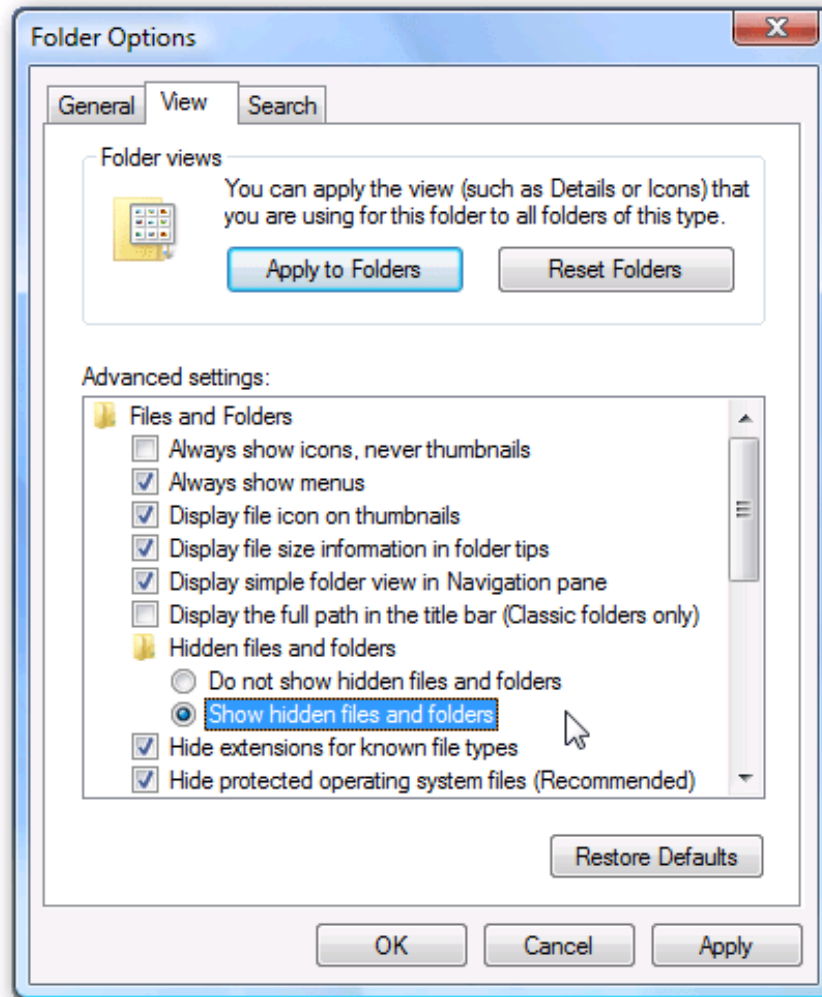
Open the folder window to its maximum size, and in the **View** tab , select **Hidden Items** .

Picture 1 of How to show hidden files and folders on Windows 10/8/7

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



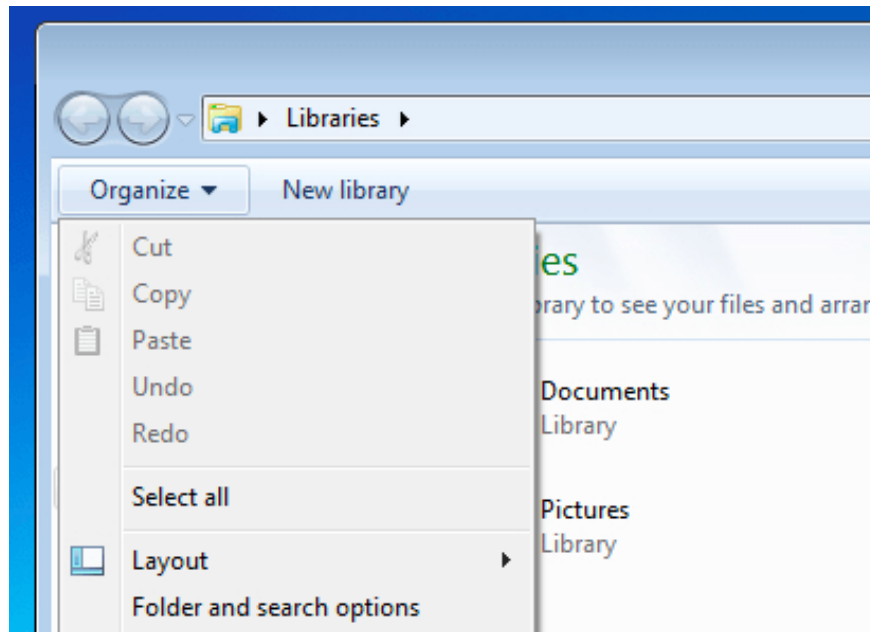
On the screen that appears, the Folder Options dialog box will appear. Click on the **View** tab , then select the **Show hidden files and folders** option .



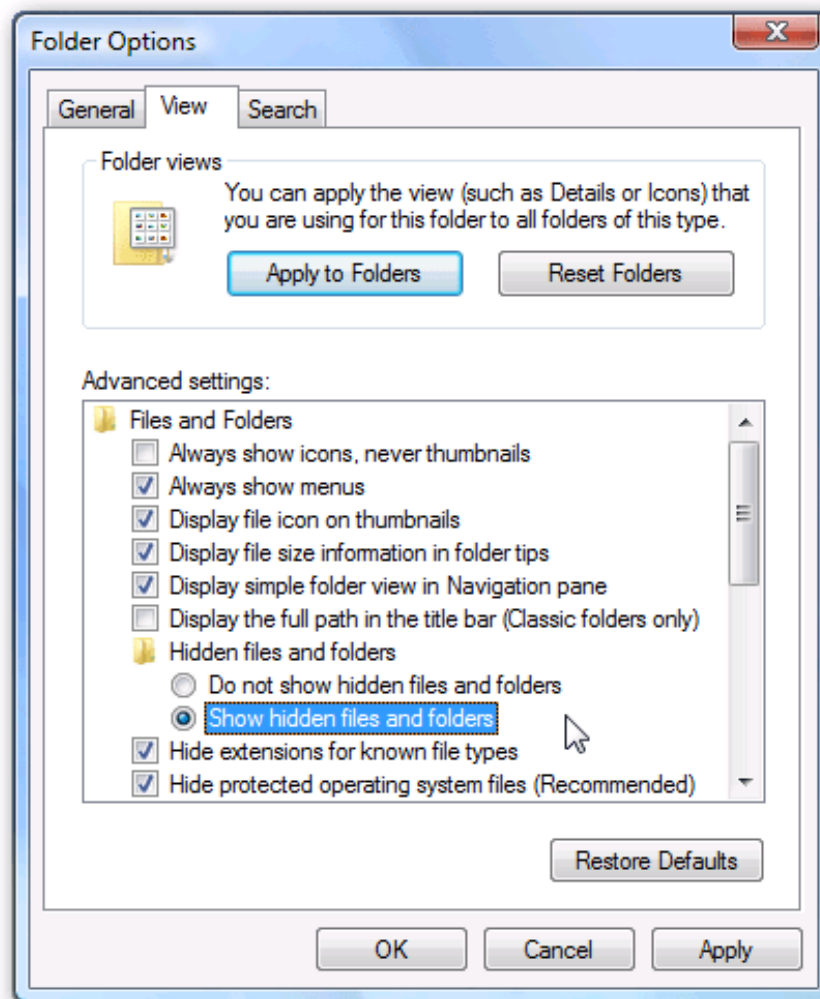
If you want to show Windows system files, you can uncheck the box next to " **Hide protected operating system files**" .

2. View hidden files in Windows 7/Windows Vista

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



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



If you want to show folders on Windows, you can uncheck the box next to "**Hide protected operating system files**".

After you've finished, click **OK** to save the changes.

3. Video tutorial on viewing hidden files on Windows 10

The above is the quickest way to view hidden files on Windows without installing any additional hidden file viewing software. Hopefully, this article is helpful to you.

Please refer to the following articles for more information:

1. 4 Ways to Reset Windows to its Original State
2. 2 steps to open the virtual keyboard in Windows XP/7/8/8.1
3. 4 ways to make Windows 10 start up faster

Good luck!

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