

How to Show Hidden Files in Linux

Just starting out in linux and can't see your secret/configuration files in the file manager? Having the same problem while using the terminal emulator? Here's the answer. Open the File Manager.

Method 1 of 2:

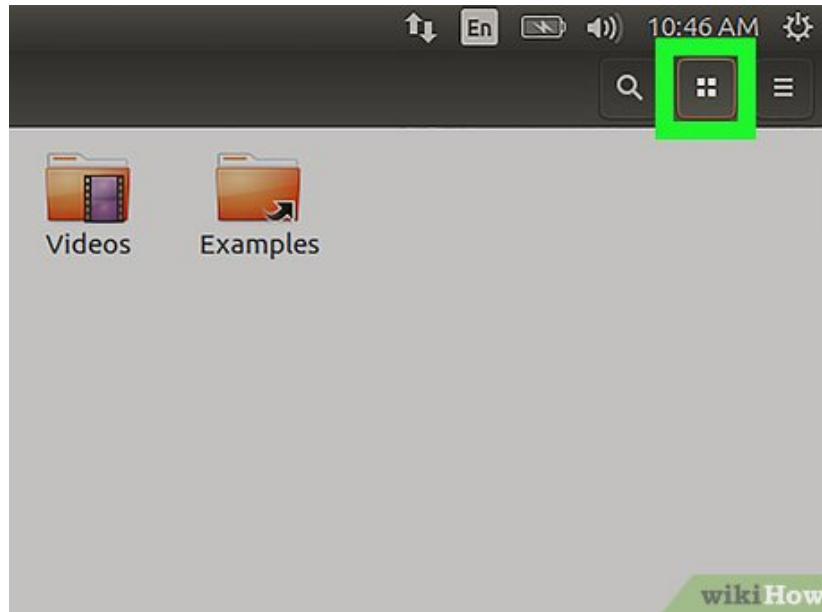
Inside the File Manager



Open the File Manager.

1. Depending on your desktop environment, the steps for doing this vary.

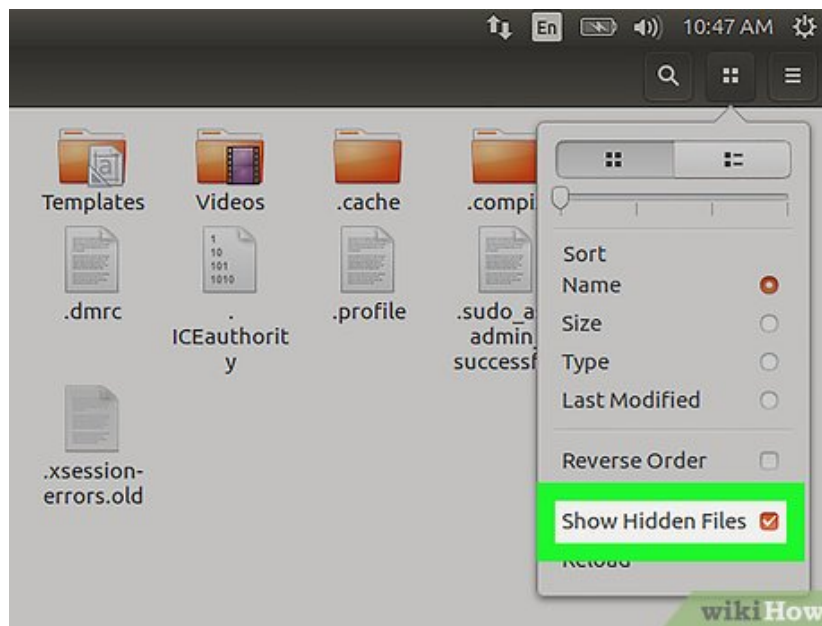
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Click the menu button related to View settings.

1. In most File Managers, this is called View.
2. In others, it might be a button with no name. In such a scenario, click to see all of the buttons available.

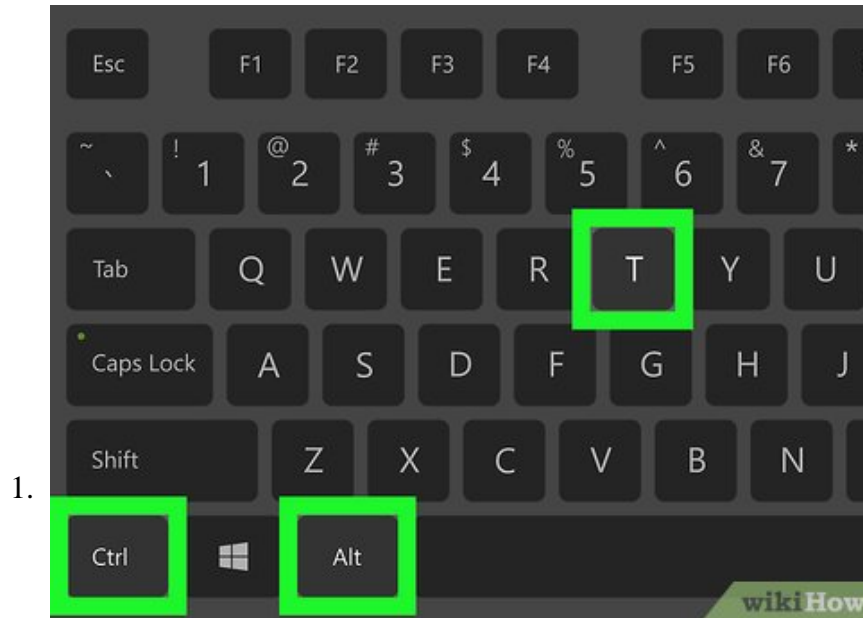
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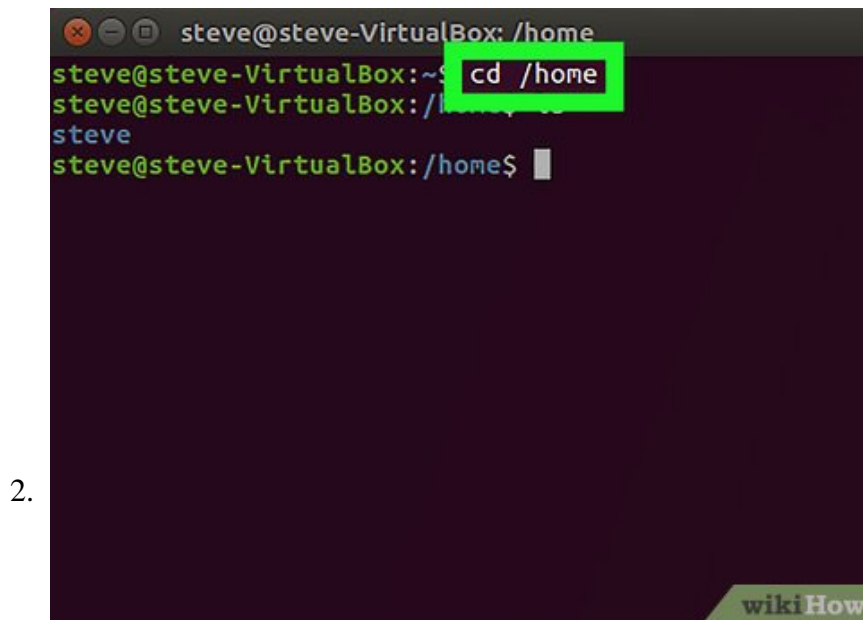
Check the option which says Show Hidden Files from the drop down menu.

Method 2 of 2:

From the terminal emulator



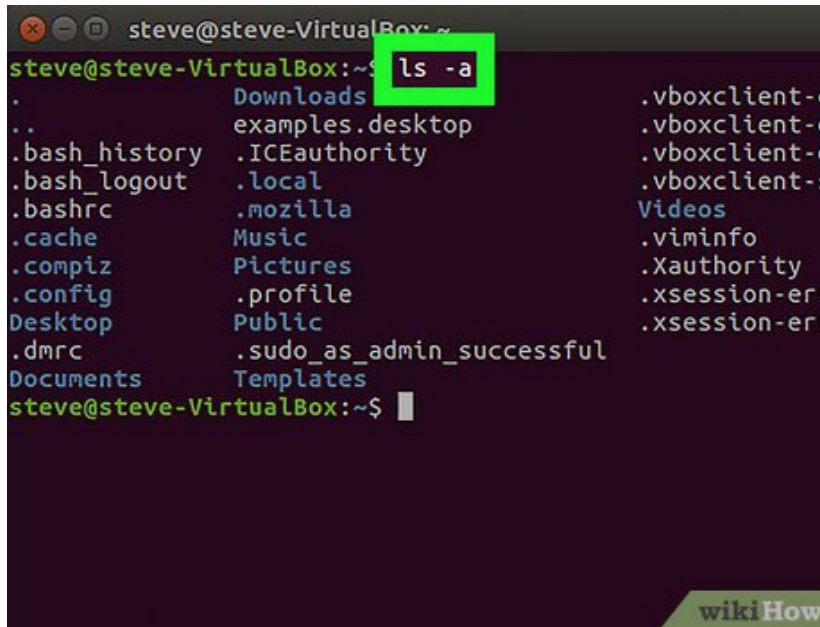
Open the terminal emulator. Either Ctrl+Alt+t or clicking its icon will do.



Navigate to your desired directory using 'cd ' and 'ls'.

1. Use ls to see your directory contents.
2. Use cd [directory_name] to change directories.

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steve@steve-VirtualBox:~$ ls -a
.          Downloads
..         examples.desktop
.bash_history  .ICEauthority
.bash_logout  .local
.bashrc       .mozilla
.cache        Music
.compiz       Pictures
.config       .profile
Desktop       Public
.dmrc         .sudo_as_admin_successful
Documents     Templates
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3.

Type "ls -a" (without quotes) to see all files, hidden and unhidden.

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