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View hidden files and folders in Windows operating systems

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Solution

For procedures where you are required to make hidden files or folders visible, use the instructions below for your operating system:

Windows 10

1. Open the folder where the hidden files or folders you want to view are saved.

2. Click **View** → **Details** and then select the check box next to **Hidden items**.

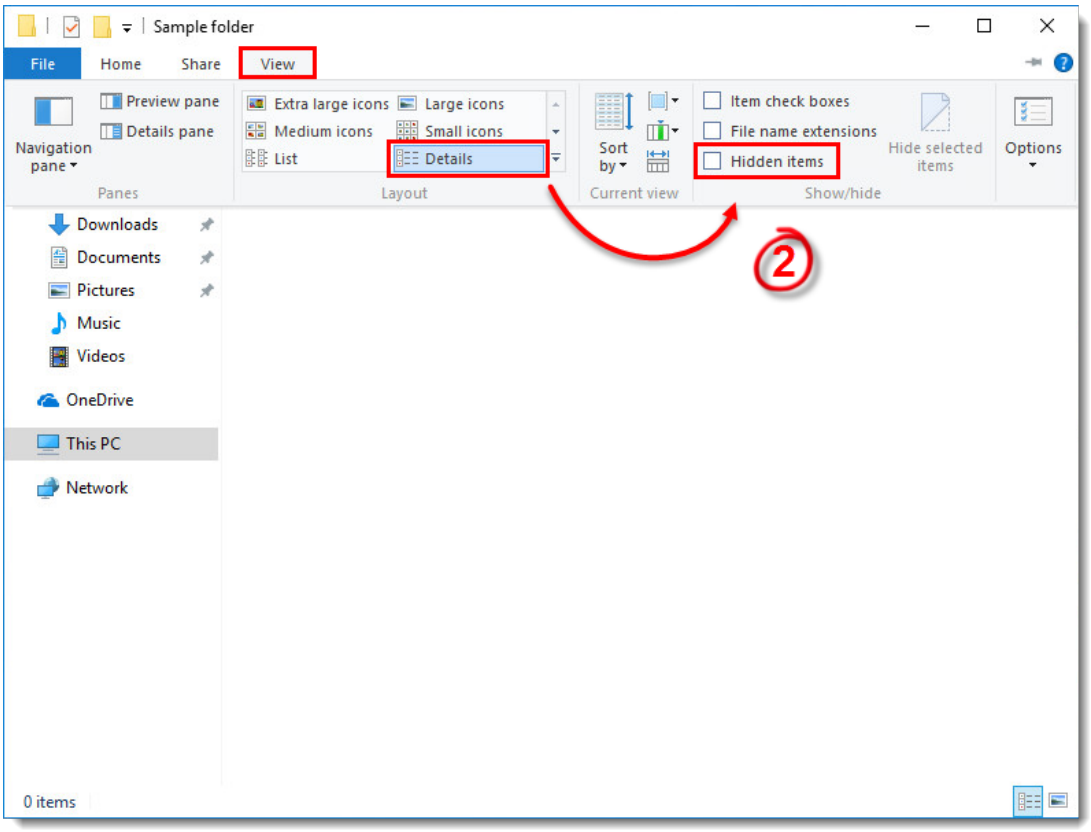


Figure 1-1

Windows 8.x

1. Press the Windows Key, type **Control Panel** into the search bar and then click **Control Panel**.

2. Click **Folder Options → View** and then select **Show hidden files, folders and drives**. Click **OK**.

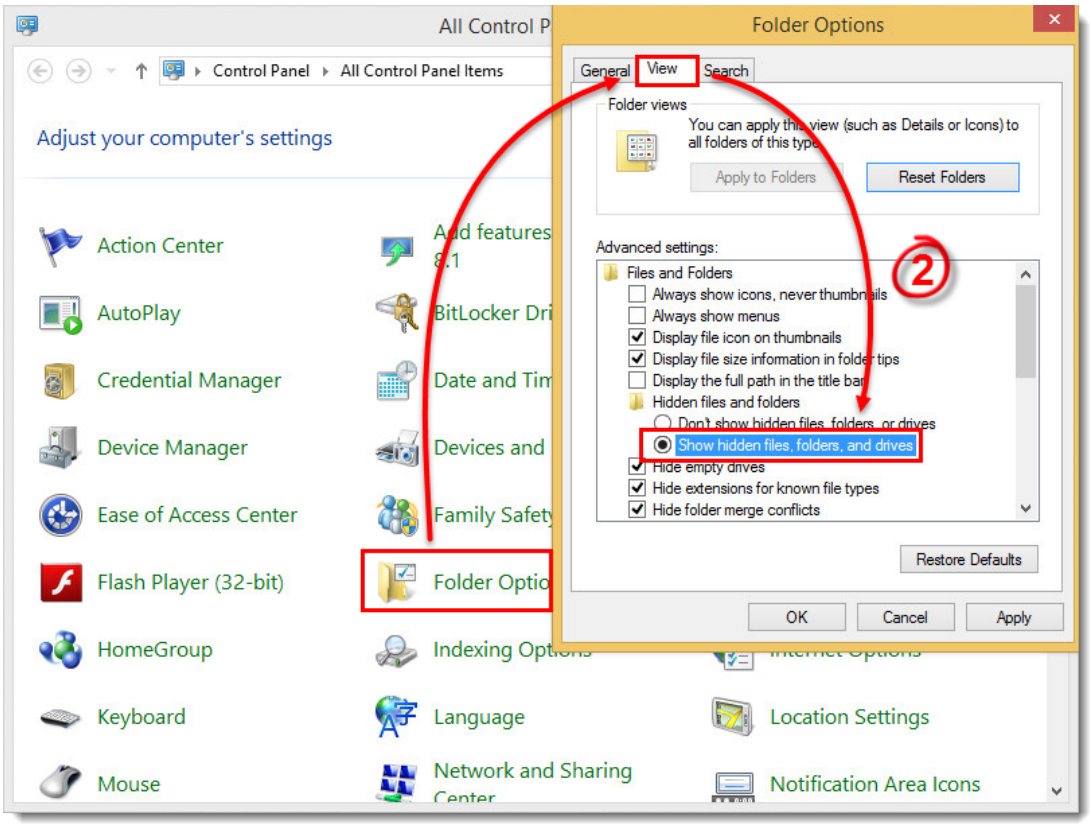
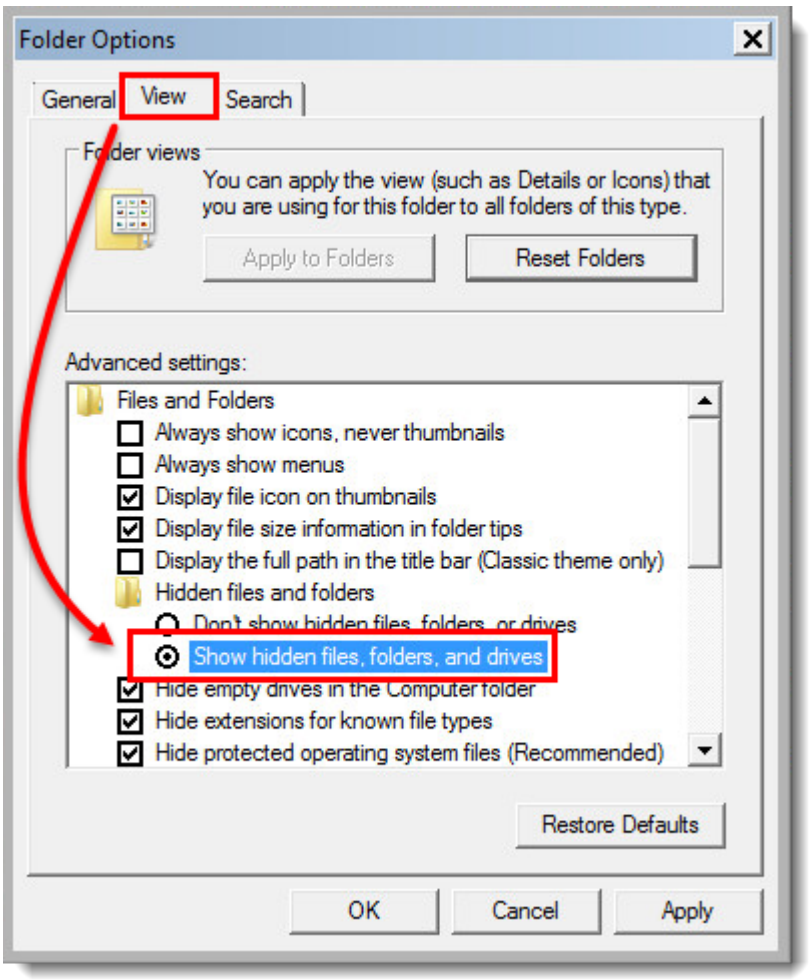


Figure 2-1

Windows 7/ Vista

1. Click **Start → Control Panel → Appearance and Personalization → Folder Options**.
2. Click **Show hidden files and folders**. Select **Show hidden files, folders, and drives** and then click **OK**.


Folder Options
General
View
Search
Folder views
You can apply the view (such as Details or Icons) that you are using for this folder to all folders of this type.
Apply to Folders
Reset Folders
Advanced settings:
Files and Folders
Always show icons, never thumbnails
Always show menus
Display file icon on thumbnails
Display file size information in folder tips
Display the full path in the title bar (Classic theme only)
Hidden files and folders
Don't show hidden files, folders, or drives
Show hidden files, folders, and drives
Hide empty drives in the Computer folder
Hide extensions for known file types
Hide protected operating system files (Recommended)
Restore Defaults
OK
Cancel
Apply