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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** \rightarrow **Details** and then select the check box next to **Hidden items**.

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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 \rightarrow Control Panel \rightarrow Appearance and Personalization \rightarrow Folder Options.
- 2. Click Show hidden files and folders. Select Show hidden files, folders, and drives and then click OK.

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OK Cancel Apply	