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Showing All Files, Folders, And File Extensions In Windows 2000/XP 77.9KB

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1. Introduction

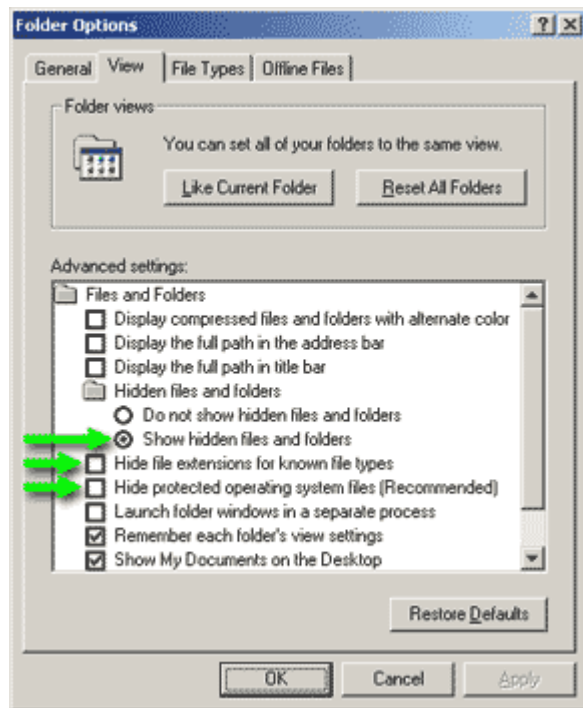
By default, Windows 2000 Professional and Windows XP (Windows 2000/XP) hide particular files, folders, and file extensions from appearing in My Computer and Windows Explorer. This is to prevent the user from accessing and deleting, moving, or editing files and folders of particular types often associated with the proper functioning of applications and the Windows 2000/XP operating system. Some advanced configuration and troubleshooting procedures, however, require access to the hidden files, folders, and file extensions.

Note: By default, Windows 95, Windows 98, and Windows ME (Windows 9x/ME) also hide particular files, folders, and file extensions from appearing in My Computer and Windows Explorer. Perform similar to access the hidden files, folders, and file extensions in Windows 9x/ME.

2. Showing All Files, Folders, And File Extensions

2.1. Showing All Files, Folders, And File Extensions: Windows 2000

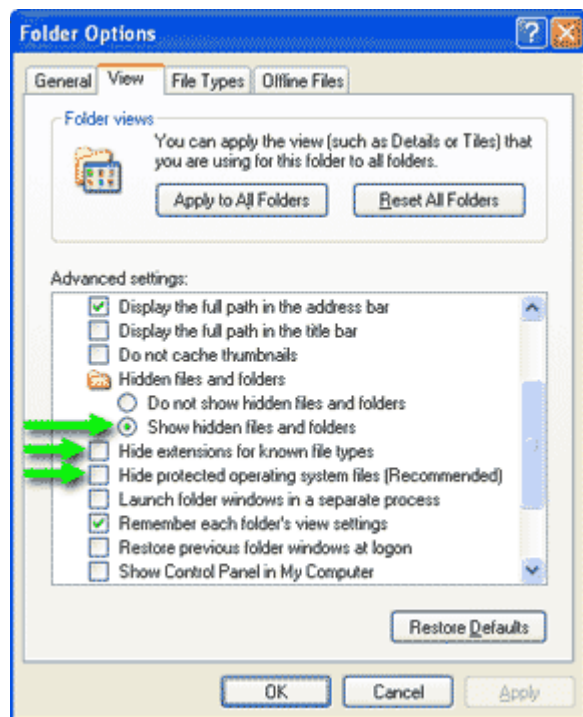
1. Open My Computer or Windows Explorer and click **Tools | Folder Options | View**.
2. In Advanced settings:
 1. Select **Show hidden files and folders**.
 2. Uncheck **Hide file extensions for known file types**.
 3. Uncheck **Hide protected operating system files (Recommended)**. The Are you sure you want to display these files dialog appears. Click **Yes**.



3. Click **OK**.

2.2. Showing All Files, Folders, And File Extensions: Windows XP

1. Open My Computer or Windows Explorer and click **Tools | Folder Options | View**.
2. In Advanced settings:
 1. Select **Show hidden files and folders**.
 2. Uncheck **Hide extensions for known file types**.
 3. Uncheck **Hide protected operating system files (Recommended)**. The Are you sure you want to display these files dialog appears. Click **Yes**.



3. Click **OK**.

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