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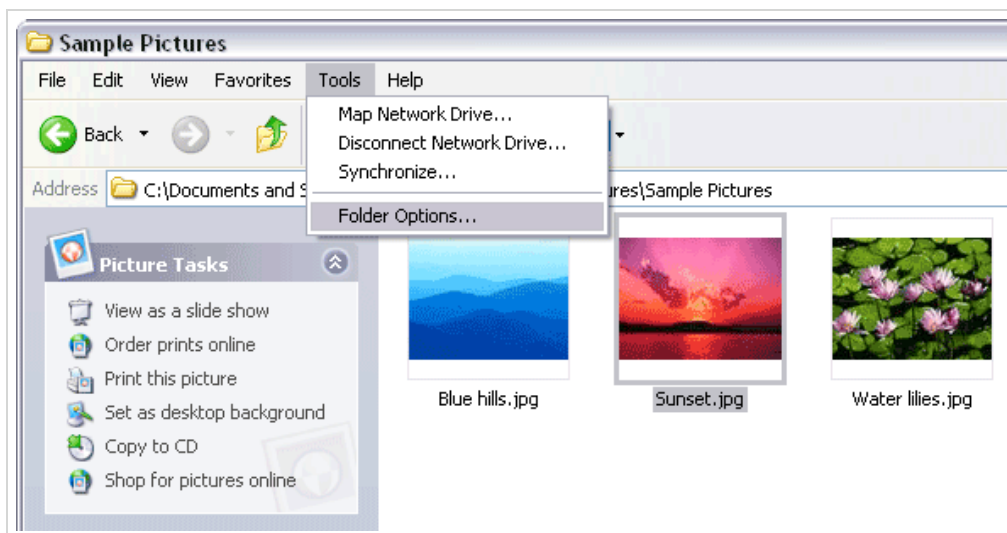
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How do I show file extensions in Windows?

By default, file extensions for known file types are hidden in Windows XP. However, you can change this setting so that file extensions are shown for files in a certain folder or for all files on your hard disk.

To show file extensions, first open any folder on your hard drive, such as "My Computer" or "My Documents." Then select "Folder Options..." from the Tools menu as shown below.



When the Folder Options window opens, click the View tab. This will show the file and folder view settings.

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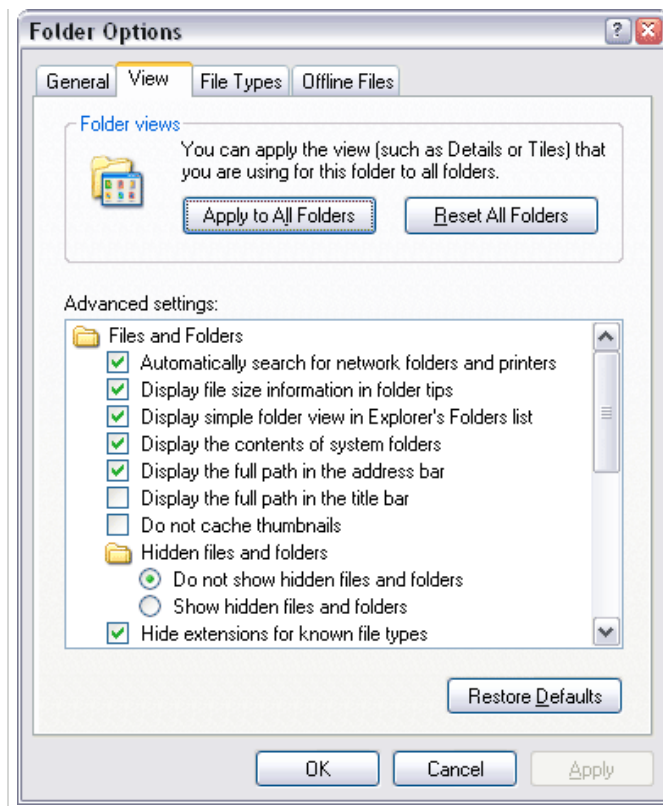
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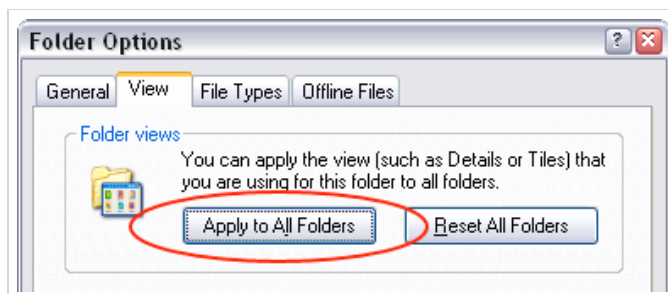
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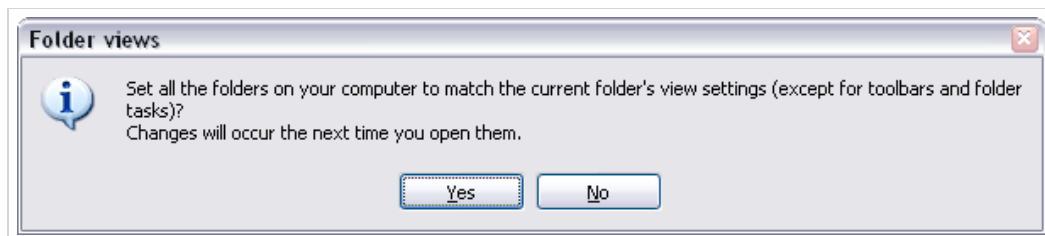


One of the options under Advanced settings is "Hide extensions for known file types." If this option is checked, uncheck the checkbox and click Apply or OK. This will show all file extensions for files within the current folder.

If you want to show file extensions for all files, you can apply the setting to all folders on your hard drive. First, make sure the "Hide extensions for known file types" option is not checked. Then click the button near the top of the window that says "Apply to All Folders."



Since this change effects all files and folders on your computer, you are prompted to verify that you want to make this change.



Notice that this will change all view settings of other folders to match the current folder, not just the "Hide extensions" setting. If you are sure you want to make the change, click Yes and you will be able to see the file extensions for all the files on your hard drive. If you want to revert back to your system's default view settings, simply click the "Reset All Folders" button in the Folder View Options.



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