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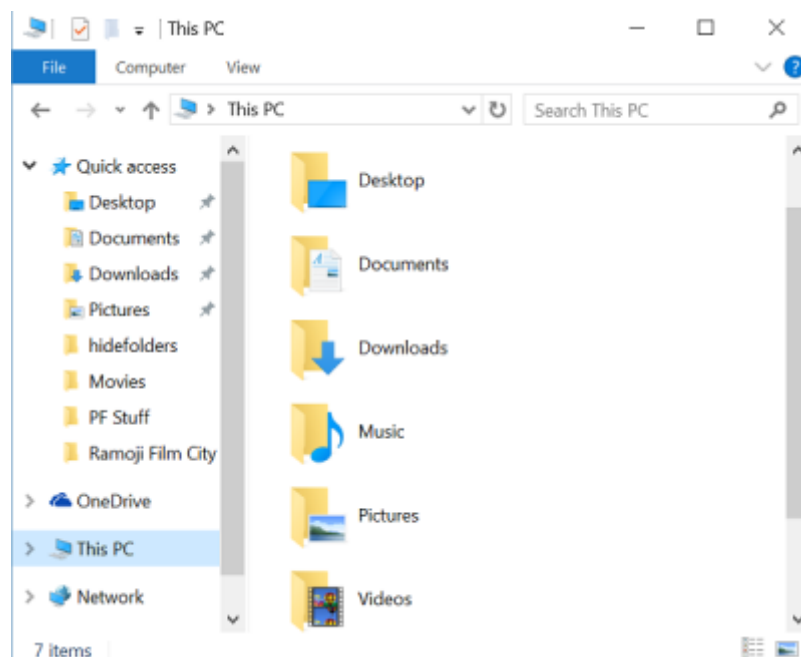
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How to remove the Folders from This PC in Windows 10

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Microsoft renamed *My Computer* to *Computer* and then to **This PC** in Windows 8.1. It followed the same in **Windows 10**. Along with this name change, Microsoft introduced the display of 6 folders namely Documents, Pictures, Videos, Downloads, Music, and Desktop in This PC in both Windows 8.1 and Windows 10.

Those who did not want to display these folders found a way to hide these folders from This PC in Windows 8.1 (https://www.thewindowsclub.com/add-remove-folders-this-pc-windows-8-1). This procedure will not work in Windows 10, as things are a bit different.

Remove the Folders from This PC in Windows 10

Even though you know how to show or hide folders from This PC in Windows 8.1, the same way is not possible in Windows 10 as Microsoft has changed Registry Keys a bit in Windows 10. But, do not worry. In this tutorial, I will let you know how to remove the six personal folders from This PC in Windows 10.

In Windows 10 Microsoft is maintaining a string **ThisPCPolicy** with a value of **Show** or **Hide** based on which folder is shown or hidden in **This PC.** If you set the **ThisPCPolicy** value to **show,** then that particular folder is shown in This PC, and if you set that value to **Hide**, then that folder is hidden from "This PC" in Windows 10.

Follow These Steps to show or hide folders from This PC in Windows 10

Press **WIN+R** key and open the RUN Dialog box and type "**regedit"** and hit enter. It opens the **Registry Editor.**

Next, we need to go to the following keys one after the other and need to change the value of **ThisPCPolicy** to **Hide** to hide that particular folder from "This PC" window in Windows 10.

Documents Folder:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{f42e
e2d3-909f-4907-8871-4c22fc0bf756}\PropertyBag
```

Pictures Folder:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{0ddd
015d-b06c-45d5-8c4c-f59713854639}\PropertyBag
```

Videos Folder:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{3528
6a68-3c57-41a1-bbb1-0eae73d76c95}\PropertyBag
```

Downloads Folder:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{7d83
ee9b-2244-4e70-b1f5-5393042af1e4}\PropertyBag
```
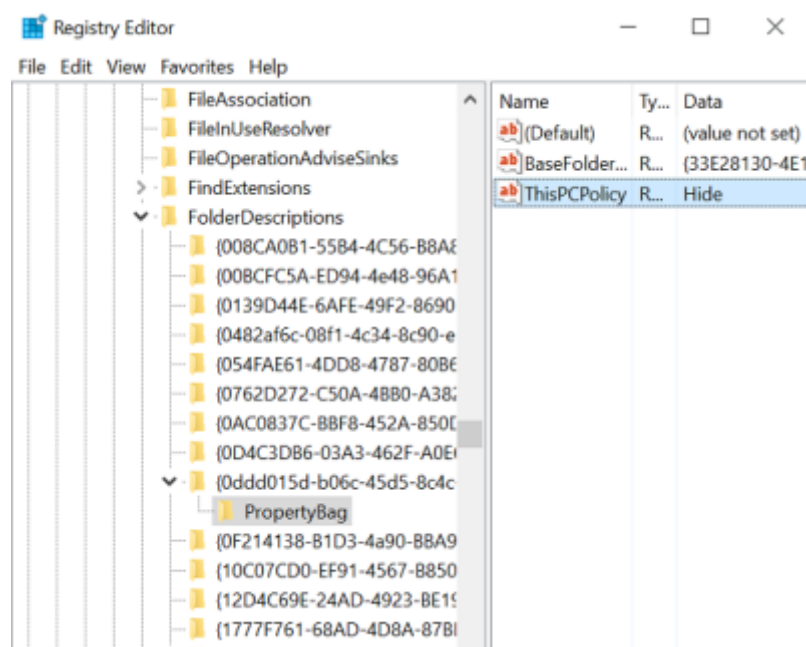
Music Folder:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{a0c6
9a99-21c8-4671-8703-7934162fcf1d}\PropertyBag
```

Desktop Folder:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{B4BF
CC3A-DB2C-424C-B029-7FE99A87C641}\PropertyBag
```
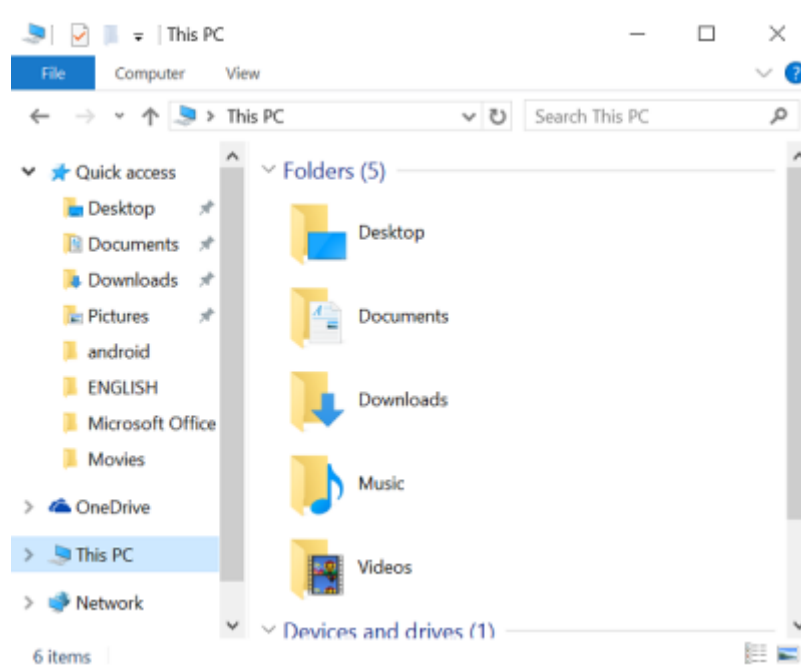
As an example, let me show it for **Pictures Folders** and hide it from "This PC" window.

Open Registry Editor and navigate to the key specified and change the value of **ThisPCPolicy** to **Hide.**

(https://thewindowsclub-thewindowsclubco.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/show-or-hide-folders-from-this-pc-in-windows-10.png)

Now, close the Registry Editor and open the "This PC" folder. You could see that **Pictures** folder from "This PC" window has been removed.

To get back the Pictures folder back, go the respective key and change the value of **ThisPCPolicy** to **Show** and you could see the Pictures folder again.

In this way, you need to change the value of **ThisPCPolicy** to **Hide** for all the six keys to hide them from the This PC window.

PS: You can also remove 3D Objects folder (https://www.thewindowsclub.com/remove-3d-objects-folder-winows-10) from This PC in Windows 10 v1709.

Note: All the keys mentioned above has the *ThisPCPolicy* string except for the key *{B4BFCC3A-DB2C-424C-B029-7FE99A87C641}* which is related to the **Desktop** folder. For this, you need to create the string **ThisPCPolicy** for the desktop key and change its value to **Hide**.
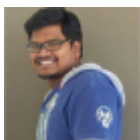
To do this with a click, use our Ultimate Windows Tweaker (https://www.thewindowsclub.com/ultimate-windows-tweaker-4-windows-10). You will see the setting in Customization > This PC > Customize inbuilt folders.

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ReadandShare • 3 years ago

Thank you very much! The Windows Explorer is now a lot less cluttered!

Now, can you also tell us how to "hide" Network and Home Group? Please?

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eMtoN • 3 years ago

THANK YOU! File Explorer was incredibly cluttered to the point that it was nearly impossible to find anything. It is so much better now.

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MrGrim • 3 years ago

they folders keep coming back for me sadly :(using both a reg file and tweaker and both did not do the trick (obviously i undid the reg file before using the tweaker)

and it's really funky. like something only 1 folder comes back. sometimes more. and sometimes they just disappear again XD

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The Pool Man • 2 years ago

I have a problem where somehow my Desktop Folder got reclassified as a Downloads folder. And I can't undo it. Suggestions on the web haven't helped.

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Anand Khanse Admin ➦ The Pool Man • 2 years ago

Right-click on the folder > Properties > Location tab. Ensure that the folder path is correct.

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The Pool Man ➦ Anand Khanse • 2 years ago

Thanks Anand. My path is C:\Users\Me\Desktop

That's correct, right? And if this helps: when I save something to that folder (which reads 'Downloads' but has a desktop icon instead of a down arrow) said item saves to the desktop. So it works properly but lacks the correct name. Therefore I have two Downloads folders but one saves to desktop.

When I play with these folders they think they're the same folder. Meaning if you change one it changes the other.

I just started a download. It appears --

1. In the Download folder with a downward arrow
2. In the Download folder with the desktop icon
3. On the desktop

-- all at once

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Raki • 2 years ago

Wow! Awesome article :D Thanks for helping us to get rid these folders!
Also a good knowledge to know about the Registry too...

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WinRookie • 2 years ago

Please HELP! Two of my folders ("Documents" and "Pictures" are, for some unknown reason, linked to C:\USER\ONE DRIVE (that is the path for location in properties within "This PC". All the other folders ("music", "Downloads", etc.. are OK reflecting the correct path (C:...\USER\MYNAME\Music). Is there a way to change the path (location) for "Documents" and "Pictures" to be the same (instead of the ONE DRIVE which I do not use)? I do use "This PC" but if I can't get this to work I will settle for "quick Access" or Libraries.

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Pankaj Singh • 2 years ago

Thanks !! Cheers

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Wayne Reeves • 2 years ago

Save the following as Switch-ExporerFolders.ps1(or whatever you like with .ps1)
Then Run .\Switch-ExplorerFolders.ps1 Show or .\Switch-ExplorerFolders.ps1 Hide from PowerShell and it shall be done

You may have to set your ExecutionPolicy https://technet.microsoft.c...

```
###### Switch-ExporerFolders.ps1
param(
[ValidateSet('Show', 'Hide')]
[string]
$Switch
)
$list = "{f42ee2d3-909f-4907-8871-4c22fc0bf756}",
"{0ddd015d-b06c-45d5-8c4c-f59713854639}",
"{35286a68-3c57-41a1-bbb1-0eae73d76c95}",
"{7d83ee9b-2244-4e70-b1f5-5393042af1e4}",
"{a0c69a99-21c8-4671-8703-7934162fcf1d}",
"{B4BFCC3A-DB2C-424C-B029-7FE99A87C641}"

foreach ( $item in $list )
{
$path =
"HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\$item\Prop
Get-ItemProperty $Path | Set-ItemProperty -Name ThisPCPolicy -Value $Switch
```

}

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Christian Vicich ➜ Wayne Reeves • 2 years ago

For the insider previews 3D objects folder add "{31C0DD25-9439-4F12-BF41-7FF4EDA38722}" to that list.

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Lan Gradišek ➜ Christian Vicich • a year ago

I want to do that, but I cant expand the path. Help pls.

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AUEagle • 2 years ago

Great article. I wish Microsoft would implement a way to add folders to "This PC" without having to use 3rd party software.

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JEd90 • 2 years ago

awesome, thank you!

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John • a year ago

The Folders will still be visible in some "Browse" dialog boxes, e.g. when you're changing the install path of a program. For each of the 6 folder types, go to

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Exp [FOLDER NAME HERE]\PropertyBag

in addition to the original path linked in the article:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDesc [FOLDER NAME HERE]\PropertyBag

and change Show to Hide in both.

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hp79 ➜ John • a year ago

Thanks!

I wonder how many people feels this is annoying but give up because it's kind of hard to search for. Windows Explorer getting cluttered has always bothered me.

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John ➜ John • a year ago

Yea.. this only appears if you're using 64-bit version of Windows.

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Zyad • a year ago

Help! I've deleted the whole folder by mistake

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDesc THIS ONE >>>>>>{f42ee2d3-909f-4907-8871-4c22fc0bf756}<<<<<<this one=""

\propertybag="" will="" it="" affect="" my="" pc="" and="" what="" should="" i="" do="" to="" fix="" it?="">

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Fatheredpuma81 • a year ago

For those trying to remove Desktop as well you need to create a new string and name it ThisPCPolicy and put Hide in it manually. It seems it's not there by default.

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Mohsin Alee • a year ago

Thankyou!

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Ali A. Dhillon • 4 months ago

I wanted to get folders back so I changes all the values to Show but now all the folders are showing double. And than I again changed all the values to Hide again but all the folders are still showing double and not hiding at all.

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Punk06 • 4 months ago

Thanks dude!
Your tutor is really help me out of mess off, win 10 are too many crap things & I have to eliminate them.
Thanks God I found it in your articles, thanks so much

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