
Showing Hidden Files and Folders

1. Open Windows File Explorer on a Windows system.
2. Browse to the root of the C: drive and note the entries that are there.
3. If it is available, choose View and check the box for the Hidden Items option so that they are now visible.
4. Note the entries that now appear but did not previously.
5. Open the File Explorer Options applet from the Control Panel and choose the View tab, if needed.
6. Deselect Hide Protected Operating System Files (Recommended).
7. Uncheck Hide File Extensions for Known File Types.
8. Click OK.

You will now be able to see the Windows system files discussed in the following sections. For security reasons, you should set these attributes back to the defaults after you've read this chapter.
