

# How to Show Hidden Files

By default, Microsoft Windows hide some important system files and folders from you to prevent you from accidentally deleting them. However, there are many reasons why you might want to view these directories.

The hidden **AppData/Roaming** folder holds tons of app-settings files you might want to modify.

Here's how to view hidden files.

1. Navigate to the control panel. Type “control” in the search box and then click Control Panel at the top of the column.
2. Select Large or Small icons from the View by menu if one of them is not already selected.
3. Select **File Explorer Options**
4. Open the View tab.
5. Select Show hidden files, folders and drives.
6. Uncheck Hide protected operating system files.
7. Click Yes when prompted to confirm.
8. Click OK.