

Re: System Files Randomly Appearing

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In addition to what Sharon posted, you need to adjust a couple of settings.

These are normally Hidden files. [[Hidden files and folders will appear dimmed to indicate they are not typical items.]]

Try this...

Start | Run | Type: control folders | OK |
View tab | Make sure this is UNChecked:
Display the contents of system folders |
Check: Do not show hidden files and folders |
Apply button | OK button

Now you won't see those files.

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Hope this helps.  Let us know.
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In news:cmuc2h$9s2$1@hercules.btinternet.com,
MikeW <MikeW@spammenot.con> hunted and pecked:
> XP Home with SP2
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> I have recently noticed system files randomly appearing in various
> applications on my computer. The icons appear to be semi greyed out
> but when I sent one to the recycle bin it changed to full colour.
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> When I attempt to delete any of these files I get the warning popup
> that if I delete this file my computer or programs on my computer may
> not work. Below are some examples of the files.
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> Location                Name of file                size
> Attributes
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> In a photo folder       ##picat                      75 bytes
> Hidden
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> In a photo folder           Thumbs.db           94.5KB
> Archive
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> In My Pictures              Thumbs.db           242KB
> Archive
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> In a photo folder           _PICAT              73bytes
> Hidden/Archive
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> In My Documents             Desktop.ini          76bytes
> Hidden (greyed out)
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> As a Newbie I would be most grateful if one of you guys could answer
> the following;
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> 1. Why are these files appearing?
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> 2. How are they appearing?
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> 3. Is it safe to delete them?
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