

Re: System Files Randomly Appearing

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Thanks Wesley. I followed your instructions and the "problem" is now sorted.

"Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@comcast.net> wrote in message news:%23Ikkhm5xEHA.2156@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

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

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> *These are normally Hidden files. [[Hidden files and folders will appear*

> *dimmed to indicate they are not typical items.]]*

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> *Try this...*

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> *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*

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> *Now you won't see those files.*

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> *Hope this helps. Let us know.*

> *Wes*

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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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