

# Re: Hidden Folders

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Bob S wrote:

> Thanks Alex. I have two more questions.

You are replying to an \*extremely\* old message. I'm sorry to tell you that Alex died on March 9 of this year.

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Ken Blake – Microsoft MVP Windows: Shell/User  
Please reply to the newsgroup

> 1. By "users in general" do you mean "System"? I have 3 options to  
> choose from: "Administrators", "Bob" (note I am an administrator),  
> and "System". 2. If I do that and am logged on in my name and have  
> stepped away  
> from my desk, can someone comes along immediately after I leave and  
> get into this folder without a password?  
> 3. Is there a way to password protect a folder or file?  
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> Thanks for the additional help.  
> Bob  
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>  
> "Alex Nichol" <alexn.mvpdts@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
> <news:lhing092knv6reovd9g2j13t6hgjlrko9@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
>> Bob S wrote:  
>>  
>>> I use XP Pro. Using Windows Explorer, I can right click on a dir,  
>>> chose properties and then make a folder hidden. Yet, if I have  
>>> selected (under folder options) to view hidden files and  
>>> directories, I expect that the folder I just hid would be visible. Am I  
>>> correct? The question I am really  
>>> after is:  
>>>  
>>> Is it possible to hide a directory and/or a file from others and

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>>> yet be able  
>>> to access it myself?  
>>  
>> If you have an NTFS file system, the approach is to restrict access  
>> to others. Make sure in Folder Options – View that 'Use Simple File  
>> Sharing' is \*not\* checked, then you can right click a folder and take  
>> Properties – Security, and for Users in General check all the Deny  
>> column, especially List folder content. Make sure that your personal  
>> account when selected provides you with Full control  
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>> --  
>> Alex Nichol MS MVP (Windows Technologies)  
>> Bournemouth, U.K. Alexn@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (remove the D8 bit)

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