

Re: Removing 'Hidden' status?

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"Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Terry,

greyed checkmark against Hidden, in Properties.
And how do I uncheck it?

Have you tried. Usually if there is a gray checkmark, it means that three states can be toggled; no check mark, black check mark and gray check mark.

If multiple files are selected, a black check mark means that all the files are hidden. A filled box or a gray check mark means that some files are hidden and some are not. An empty box means no files have the attribute.

Thanks, but it's inaccessible. Greyed out and doesn't respond to clicking.

In fact **all** album art in My Music and its many subfolders is the same. Hundreds of files with names like 'AlbumArt_{317AB331-FAE8-4F2B-8575-0E315184FAB1}_Large.jpg'

I'll study the rest later, but really my question is simply: how does a file get this 'Hidden' status and how do I remove it please?

Tip from TweakUI:

[[If you create a file called Folder.jpg, that image will be used as the thumbnail for the folder. What's more, that image will also be used as the album art in Windows Media Player for all media files in that folder.]]

[[Manually create a folder picture

To manually customize the folder picture that the Thumbnails view uses, put a Graphics Interchange Format (.gif) image file in the folder with a file

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name of Folder.gif. You can use any graphic editing program to create the .gif image. To use the Microsoft Paint program that is included with Windows XP, follow these steps:

1. Click Start, point to All Programs (or Programs), point to Accessories, and then click Paint.
2. To open an existing image, follow these steps:
 - a. On the File menu, click Open.
 - b. Locate the folder that contains the image that you want to use. Paint can open images files with a .bmp, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .jpe, .jfif, .tif, .tiff, .png, or .ico file name extension.
 - c. Select the image that you want to use, and then click Open.
3. Use the tools in Paint to modify the image (if you want to modify it).
4. Save the image after you modify the image. To do so, on the File menu, click Save as.
5. In the Save as type box, select GIF (*.GIF).
6. For the file name, type:

Folder.gif

7. Locate the folder that you want to customize, and then click Save.

When you view the folder in Thumbnails view in Windows Explorer, the folder now has the custom image that you created, unless you use the Customize tab of the folder's Properties dialog box to select a folder picture. The folder picture that is specified on the Customize tab overrides the manual Folder.gif customization.]]

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