HOW TO UNHIDE HIDDEN FOLDERS IN DOS
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How many times have we come across tutorials on hiding files in DOS? The answer is n number of times & believe me its very easy. So today I will be teaching you how to unhide those hidden files & believe me this is also very easy. You will be actually able to view those files in Windows like any other Windows file. So lets begin.

Step 1: If you know where the hidden file is, then skip this step, but if you only have info like size or last accessed info about the file, do this :

    (a) Go to the find menu (Press F3 / press Winkey+F).
    (b) If you know when the file was created/modified/last accessed go to the date tab else,
    (c) If you know the approximate size of the file go to the advanced tab.
    (d) In Win2k you can access the above features through the search options tab.

Step 2: Now that you have found the file start the DOS prompt & go to the particular directory where the hidden file is.

Step 3: Now enter the 'dir' command. We see a list of the files & folders. We can also see the hidden file with some special (Elite) symbol (character).

Step 4: Now if you know the keys for the special symbol, simply enter the current name (with the special symbol) & rename the file through the 'ren'(rename) command & you are done.

Step 5: In case you don't know the keys for the special symbol, after giving the 'dir' command do this :

    (a)   Go to the edit menu by right clicking on the top window bar of the DOS prompt window. Now click on mark. Now select the name of the hidden file (in Win2k you can directly select text).

    (b)   Now hit 'enter' (hot key for copying text). Now give the 'ren' command, paste the copied name, enter a new name & you are through (ain't this simple).

A few tips:

  By following this procedure you wont find the type of file. But it is quite obvious that what kind of files a person may hide. Either it is some pornographic media file (like DAT, MPEG etc), a dirty image file (like BMP, JPG etc) or in some cases a text file (like TXT, DOC etc). So keep your options open.

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