

# How To Enable ‘Show Hidden Files And Folders Option’ When Disabled By a Virus

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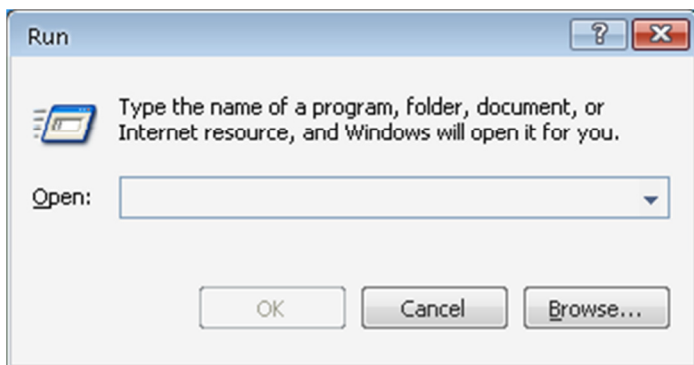
A few days back my “Show hidden files and folders” option was not working at all even if I selected the option **Show hidden files and folders** from the folder option window, the changes would just disappear upon closing the dialog. It was probably some virus attack after which the Windows registry was not being updated properly. So here is what I did to restore it back.

Possibly the system is infected by a virus named “**amvo.exe**”. So let’s remove this first to be on a safer side.

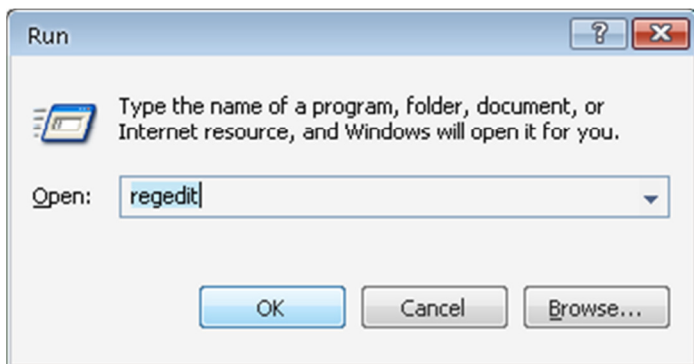
## Steps to remove **amvo.exe**:

1. We need to delete following files
  - **amvo.exe**
  - **amvo0.dll**
  - **amvo1.dll**
2. Open command prompt by typing **cmd** in the Run box. Then type
  - **cd windows\system32**
  - **attrib -s -h -r amvo\*.\***
  - **del amvo\*.\***

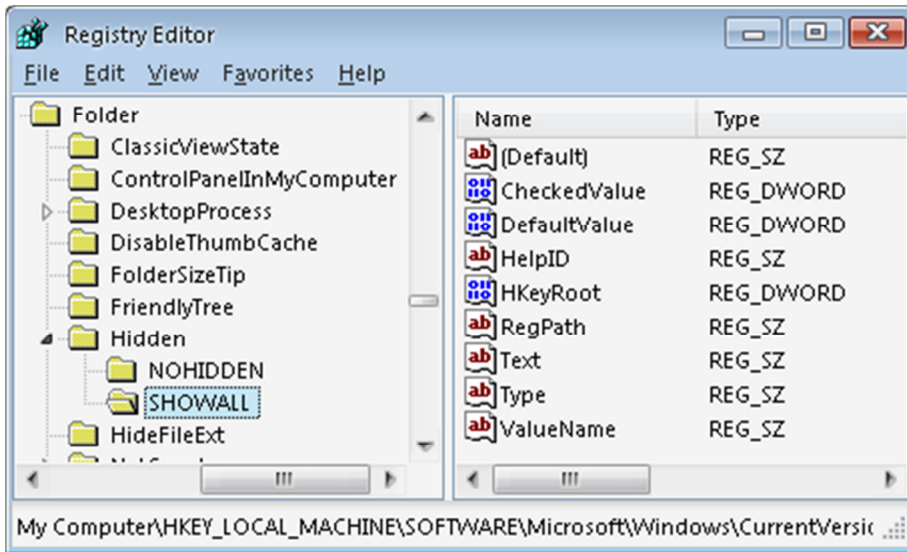
Click **Start > Run...** (or press **Windows key + R**)



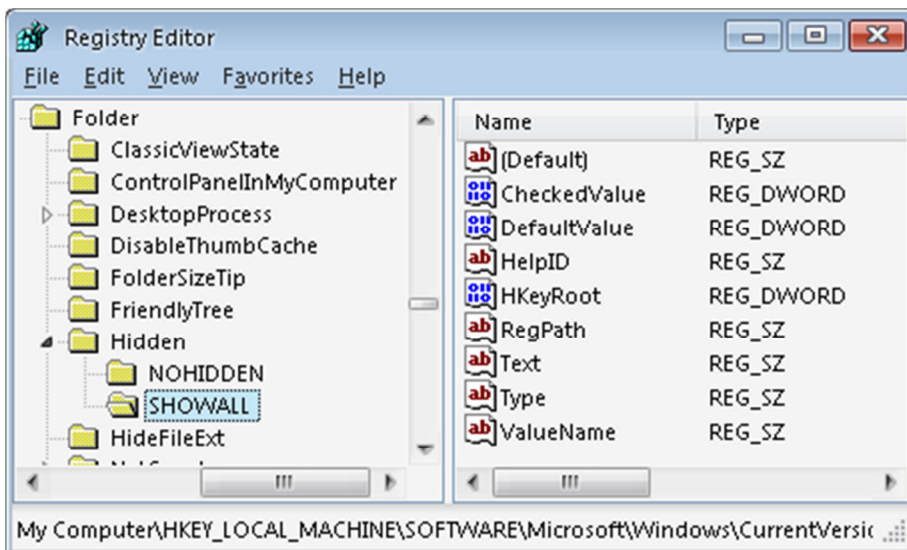
Type **regedit** and click **Ok**.



Find the key: **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced\Folder\Hidden\SHOWALL**



3. On the right side see the entry named “**CheckedValue**”, if the value is set to ‘0’ change it to ‘1’.
4. The “**DefaultValue**” under the “CheckedValue” should be set to ‘2’.
5. Click Refresh under the view tab and if the entries the same that we set just now that means the problem is solved.



Now open **My Computer**, on the toolbar go to **Tools > Folder Option** and click on the **View** tab.

The **Show hidden files & folders** check box should now work normally.

