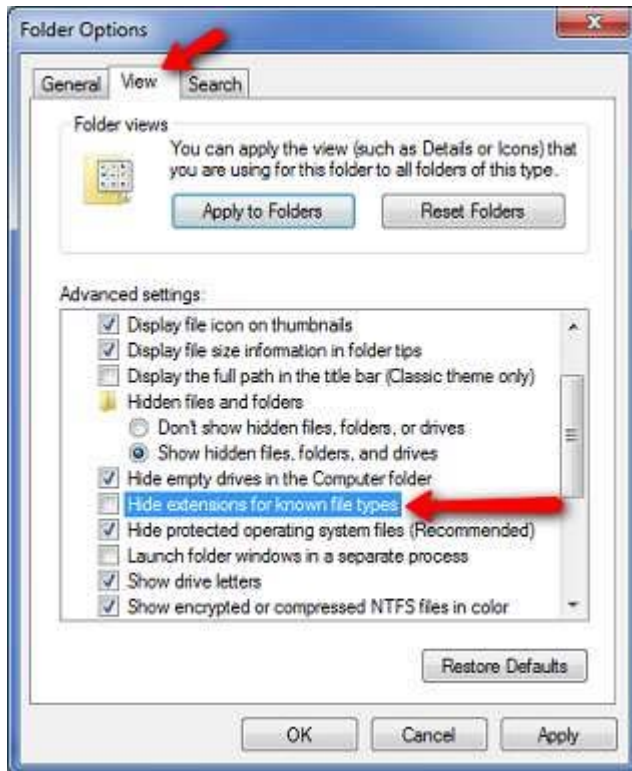


## How to Show File Extension in Windows 7

Windows 7 and previous versions of Windows hide file extensions by default, which is a big security risk and Microsoft should have fixed this in Windows 7. A common technique virus authors use is disguising an .exe file as .jpg, .doc, or .txt when it's actually an executable file (.exe) making you run and install a malicious program. For example a bad guy can name a virus "pictures-of-britney.jpg.exe", if your file extension was hidden you would not realise the file was an .exe because you would only see "pictures-of-britney.jpg" and once you realised what you did it's too late.

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1. Open Windows Explorer, you can do this by opening up any folder or you can just click **Start > User Name**.
2. Click "**Organize**", scroll down and click "**Folder and search options**".
3. Click the "View" tab. Scroll down until you see "**Hide extensions for known file types**", un-check this line here by clicking on the check box.
4. Click "**OK**" and now your file extensions will now longer be hidden.