

Complete List of Advanced Settings & Checkboxes

Files and Folders

Always show icons, never thumbnails: Forces generic file-type icons. Speeds up browsing in massive folders.

Always show menus:

Forces the classic file menu bar (File, Edit, View) to stay visible

Display file icon on thumbnails:

Places a small file-type logo in the corner of thumbnail previews.

Display file size information in folder tips:

Shows file size in a small pop-up box when hovering your mouse cursor over a folder

Display the full path in the title bar:

Shows the entire exact directory path (e.g., C:\Users\Name\Documents) at the top of the window instead of just the folder name

Hide extensions for known file types:

Hides suffixes like .docx, .exe, or .pdf from the visible filename

Hide empty drives:

Hides connected drives (like card readers or empty USB slots) if they do not contain media.

Hide protected operating system files (Recommended):

Safeguards critical system infrastructure files from accidental deletion or alteration

Launch folder windows in a separate process:

Opens each new folder window as its own independent system process, meaning if one folder crashes, your whole desktop doesn't freeze.

Show encrypted or compressed NTFS files in color:

Displays filenames in green (encrypted) or blue (compressed) for quick identification

Show pop-up description for folder and desktop items:

Enables informational text balloons when hovering over objects.

Show preview handlers in preview pane:

Enables the interactive file content viewer on the right side of the window. Use check boxes to select items:

Places clickable selection boxes next to every file name for easier mouse or touchscreen navigation.

Navigation Pane

Expand to open folder:

Automatically expands the left-hand folder tree to map exactly where you click in the main window.

Show all folders:

Forces the left sidebar to display all hidden system system hierarchies, including the recycling bin and control panel.

Show libraries:

Reveals the classic legacy Windows Libraries section in the left-hand rail.

Show Network.

Toggles the visibility of local network devices in the left sidebar tree.

Show This PC:

Keeps the main system drives visible on the left navigation