

# Knowledge Base Article

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## Abstract

By default, Windows XP Professional uses a recommended setting that enables the use of simple file sharing which hides the **Security** tab in the folder Properties window, leaving only the General, Sharing, Web Sharing & Customize tab displayed. This article gives instructions on how to disable this option in order to make the Security tab visible again.

## Overview

To unhide the Security tab in folder Properties, follow the steps outlined below.

1. Launch **Windows Explore** or My Computer.
2. Click on **Tools > Folder Options**. [Figure 1]

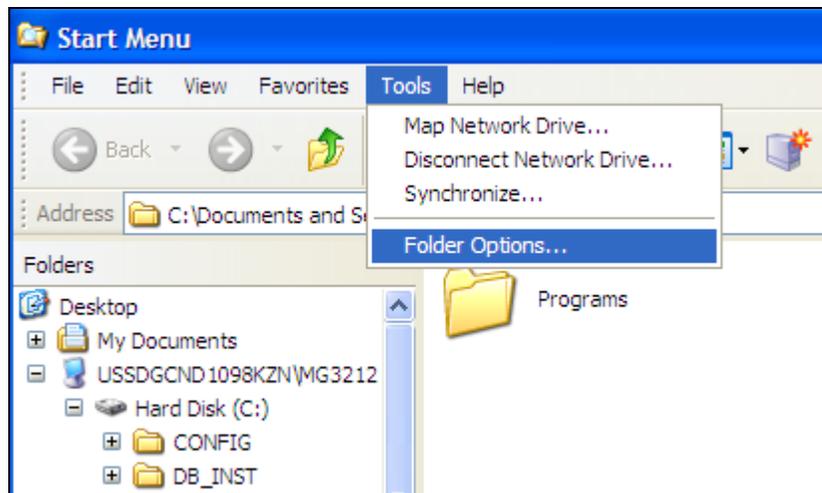
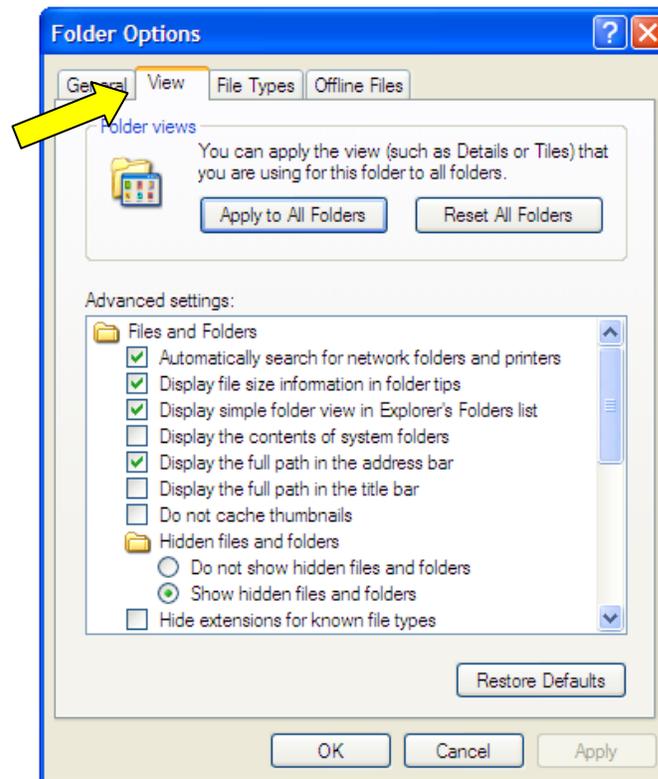


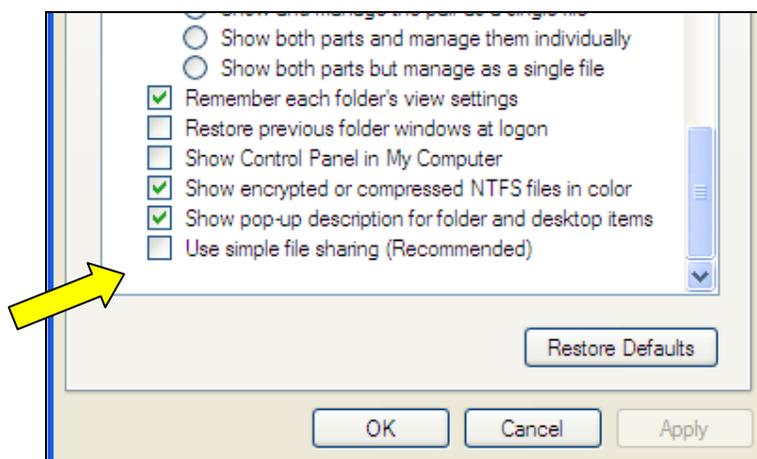
Figure 1. Tools > Folder Options

3. Select the **View** tab. [Figure 2]



**Figure 2.** View tab

4. In the **Advanced Settings** section at the bottom of the list, uncheck the *Use simple file sharing (Recommended)* option [Figure 3], then press the [OK] button.

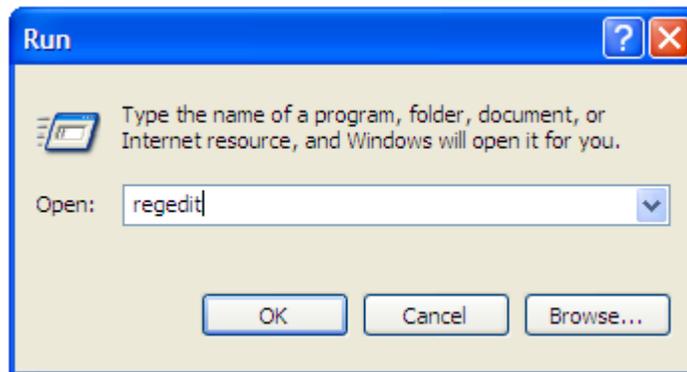


**Figure 3.** Uncheck *Use simple file sharing* option

- The Security tab is only available to the Administrator or to users with administrative rights.
- Security can only be set in an NTFS partition.

If there are problems displaying the Security tab on files or folders,

1. Click on **Start > Run**, then type **regedit**. [Figure 4]



**Figure 4.** Opening registry editor

2. Locate the following registry key [Figure 5] and set the value to '0', or else delete it.



**Figure 5.** Changing value of registry key

**HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER**  
**Key: Software\Microsoft\windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer**  
**Name: Nosecuritytab**  
**Type: REG\_DWORD**  
**Value: 1**

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