

Windows hidden files are visible on Mac side

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Symptoms

Windows <u>hidden files</u> are shown on macOS via Shared Profile, but even when I <u>isolate Windows virtual machine</u> <u>from the Mac</u> (or turn off Parallels Desktop <u>Sharing Tools</u>), hidden files are still visible on macOS.

Cause

Hidden files are a vital part of Windows file system, when Windows is isolated from the Mac such files are kept on Mac along with other files created by a user from within Windows (e.g. **docx** and **pptx** Microsoft Office documents).

Resolution

To remove Windows hidden files from Mac, open Finder and search your Mac for files by filename, e.g. \$RECYCLE.BIN, then remove the files:

