



Windows Photo Viewer - Restore in Windows 10

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Information

Usually you could use **Windows Photo Viewer** to view your image files in a variety of ways. You can also print, order prints, attach pictures to an e-mail message, burn, or open photos in another app on your PC.

Windows 10 uses the **Photos** app as the default app to open image files with instead now. By default, Windows Photo Viewer is no longer listed in Open with, and only has .tiff files associated with it in Default Programs.

This tutorial will show you how to restore **Windows Photo Viewer** to be able to select to open image files in **Default apps**, **Default Programs**, and **Open with** for only your account or all users in **Windows 10**.

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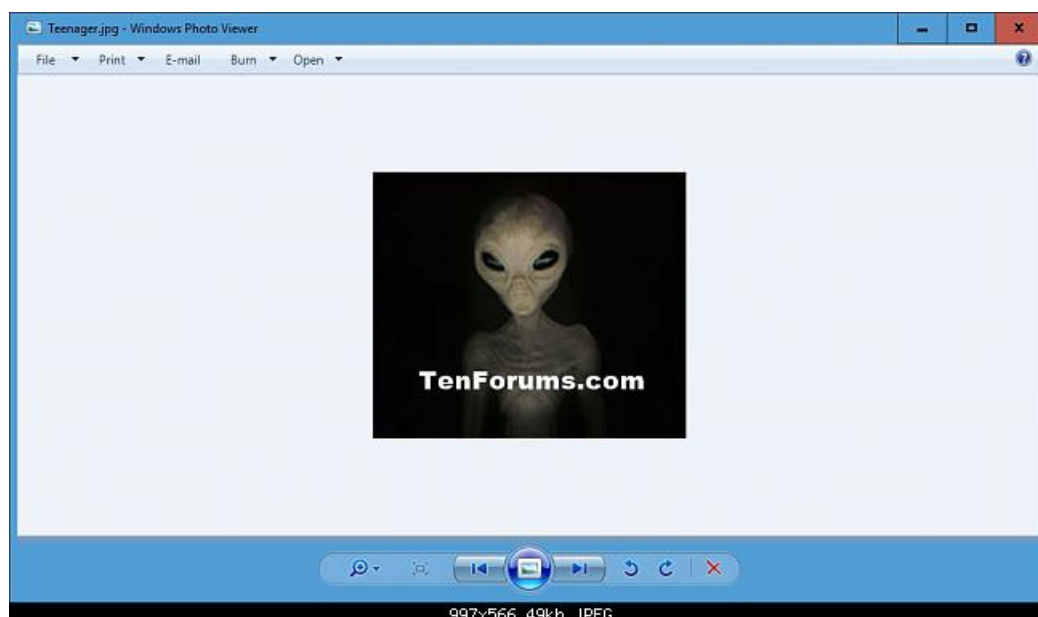
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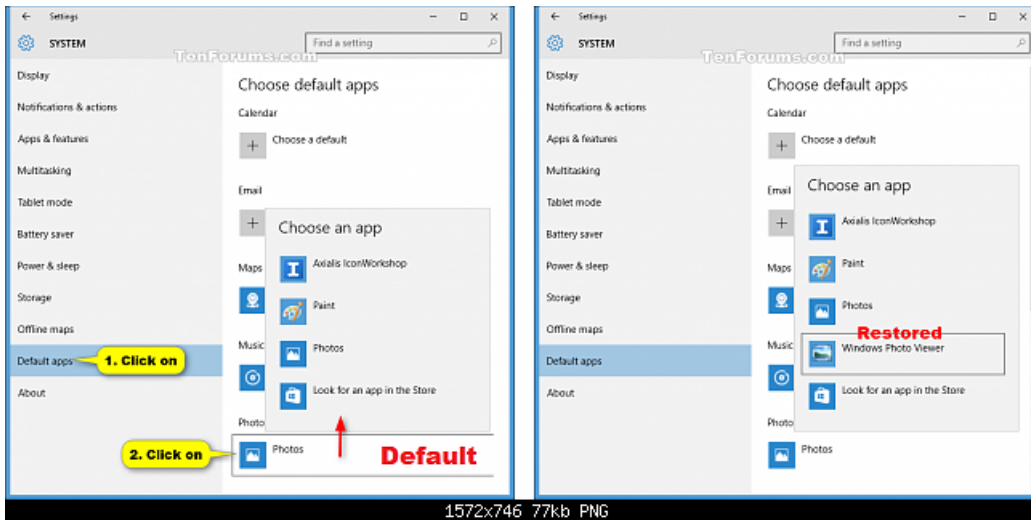


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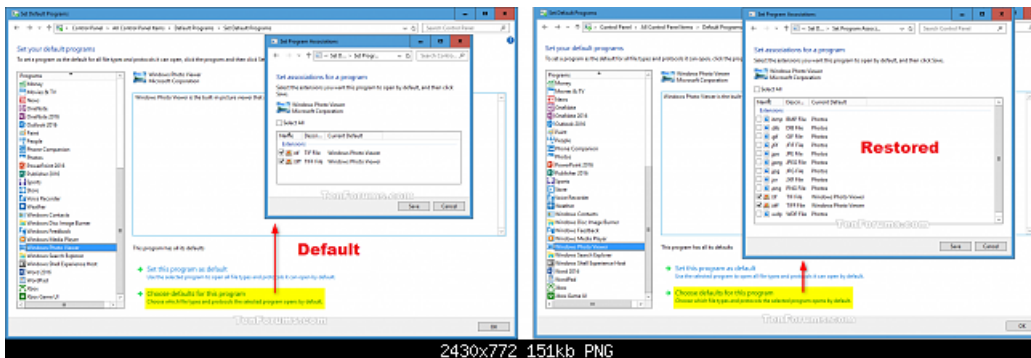
- **Option One:** To Only Restore Windows Photo Viewer for Current Account
- **Option Two:** To Restore Windows Photo Viewer for All Accounts

EXAMPLE: Default and Restored Windows Photo Viewer

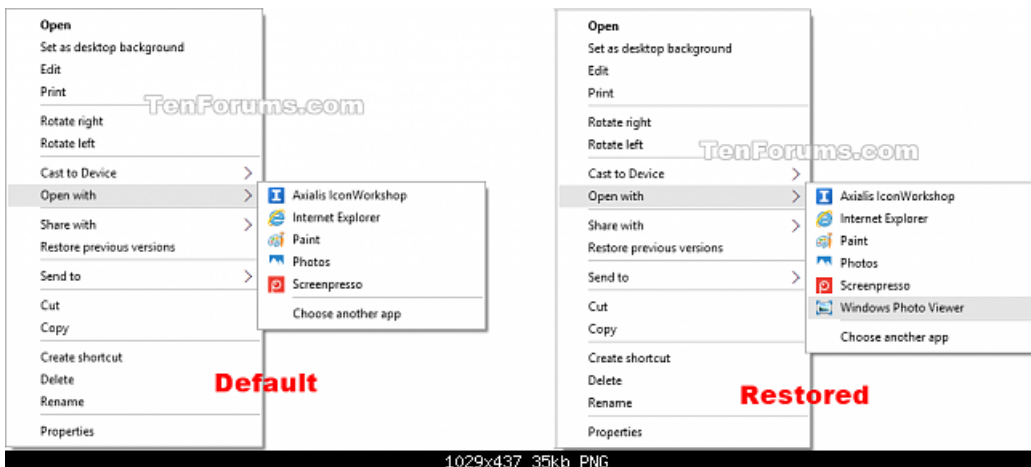




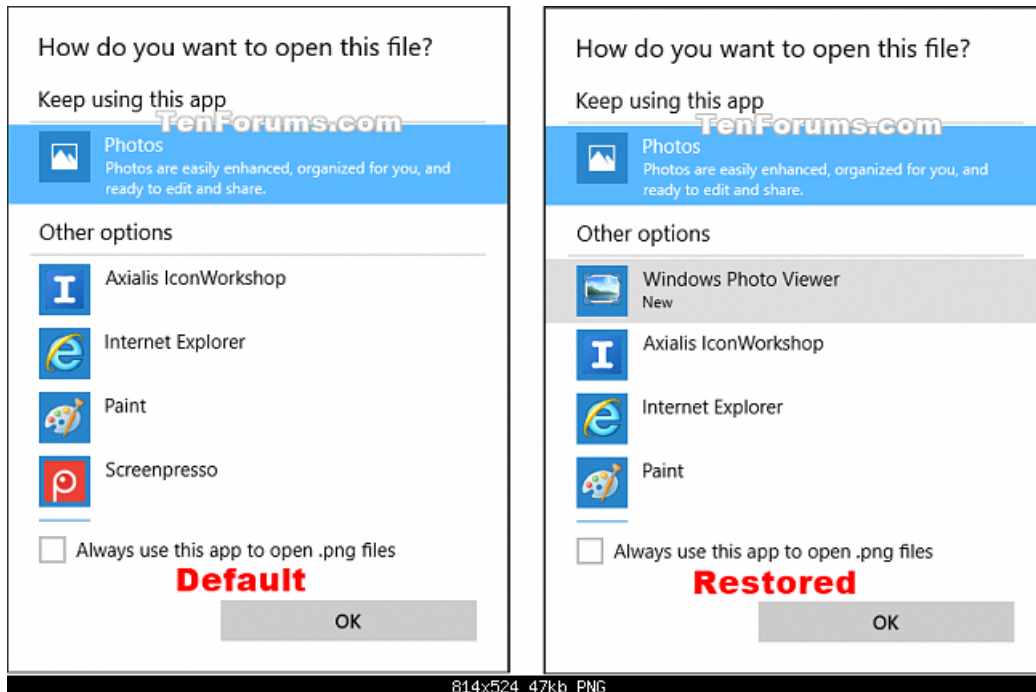
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OPTION ONE

To Only Restore Windows Photo Viewer for Current Account

Note

This option will only affect the account that you are currently signed in to.

1. Do [step 2](#) (restore) or [step 3](#) (undo) below for what you would like to do.

2. To Restore Windows Photo Viewer for Only Your Account

A) Click/tap on the Download button below to download the file below, and go to [step 4](#) below.

Restore_Windows_Photo_Viewer_CURRENT_USER.reg



3. To "Undo" Restore Windows Photo Viewer for Only Your Account

NOTE: This is the default setting.

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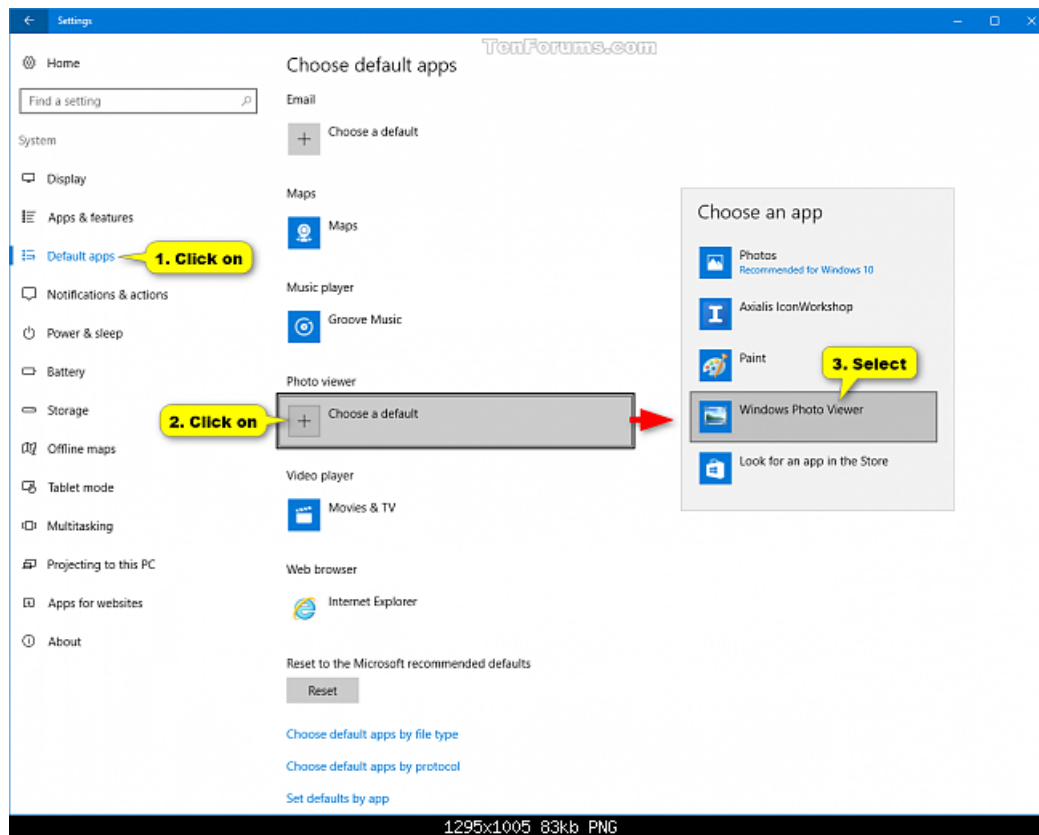
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4. Save the .reg file to your desktop.

5. Double click/tap on the downloaded .reg file to merge it.

6. If prompted, click on **Run**, **Yes (UAC)**, **Yes**, and **OK** to approve the merge.
7. You can now delete the downloaded .reg file if you like.
8. If you selected to **undo restore** Windows Photo Viewer, then **select a different app (ex: Photos)** as the default app under **Photo viewer** in Settings. (see screenshot below step 9)
9. If you selected to **restore** Windows Photo Viewer, then **select "Windows Photo Viewer"** as the default app under **Photo viewer** in Settings. (see screenshot below)



OPTION TWO

To Restore Windows Photo Viewer for All Accounts

Note

You must be signed in as an **administrator** to be able to restore Windows Photo Viewer using this option.

This option will override **Option One** above.

1. Do **step 2**, **step 3**, or **step 4** below for what you would like to do.

2. To Restore Windows Photo Viewer for All Users

A) Click/tap on the Download button below to download the file below, and go to **step 5** below.

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3. To Restore Windows Photo Viewer for All Users with Sort Order Fix

Note

This option does the same as [step 2](#) above, but allows you to view files in the same order that you arranged them in.

This option does cause **Windows Photo Viewer** to be listed twice in Open with -> Choose an app.

A) Click/tap on the Download button below to download the file below, and go to [step 5](#) below.

Restore_Windows_Photo_Viewer_ALL_USERS_with_Sort_order_fix.reg



4. To "Undo" Restore Windows Photo Viewer for All Users

NOTE: *This is the default setting.*

A) Click/tap on the Download button below to download the file below, and go to [step 5](#) below.

Undo_Restore_Windows_Photo_Viewer_ALL_USERS.reg



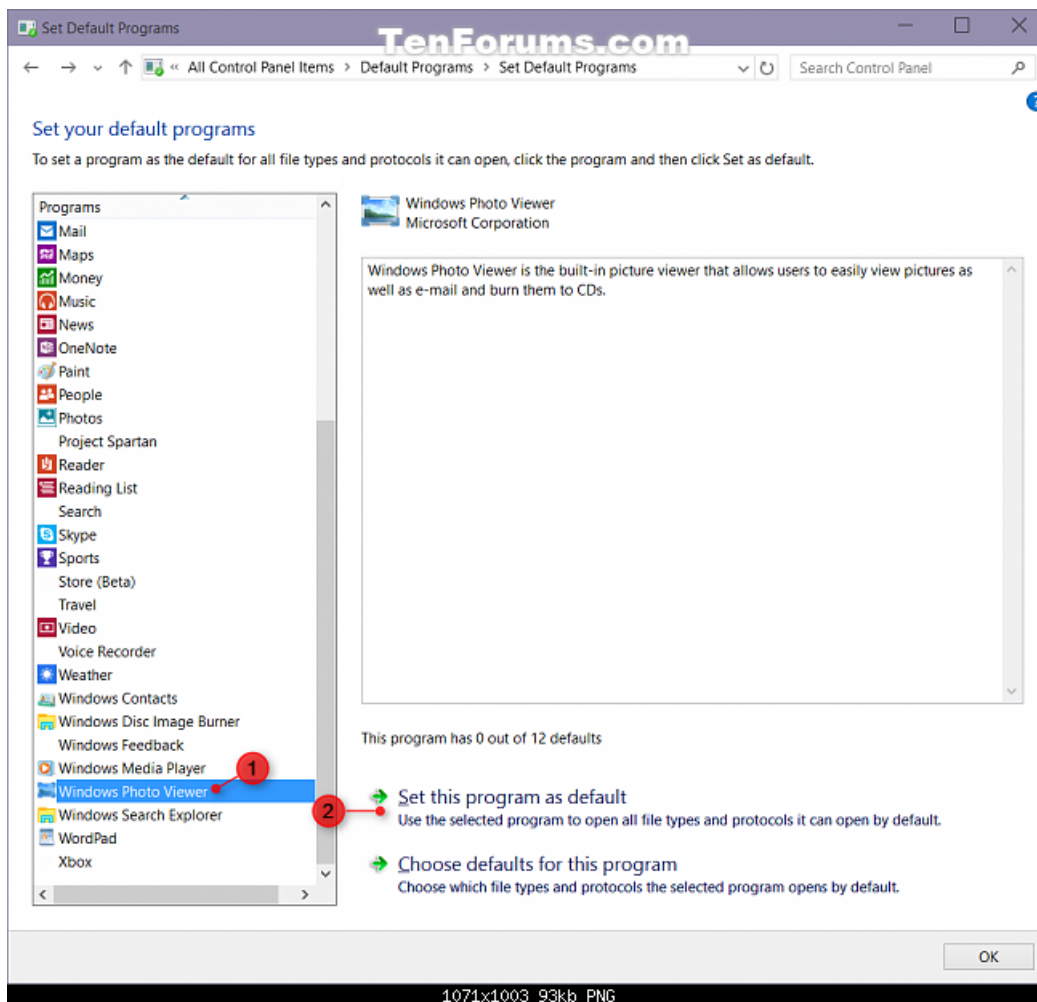
5. Save the .reg file to your desktop.

6. Double click/tap on the downloaded .reg file to merge it.

7. If prompted, click on **Run, Yes (UAC), Yes**, and **OK** to approve the merge.

8. You can now delete the downloaded .reg file if you like.

9. If you restored **Windows Photo Viewer**, then [set this program as default](#) for your account. Other users on the PC will also need to do this step if they want Windows Photo Viewer set as the default program in their account.



That's it,
Shawn

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#1

Thank you for this tutorial Brink as always.

I am super angry at Microsoft right now. I'm starting to give up hope on 10

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#2

You're most welcome J. 😊

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Thanks for this Brink!

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Brink said:

Hello Joanne,

I'm glad the tutorials have been able to help. 😊

I don't have a Windows 10 version for Reliability History yet.

Be sure to send feedback to Microsoft about wanted features. The more they get, the better chance it may have of being added.

Feedback - Send to Microsoft in Windows 10

Thank you, Brink!

I am really (really) looking forward to your new tutorial on how to reset Windows 10 Reliability History - and eventually on how to clean the Event Viewer, even though I had success on that one.

Thank you 😊

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Thank you brink you're a life saver.

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