

Backup and Restore Registry in Windows

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Network Administration - The Registry is an important database containing information about Windows hardware and software or in other words it stores all information of the computer. But this is an open database that allows users to change data.

But changing the Registry is always hidden from the dangers that users cannot fully estimate. So before making changes to the Registry, professional computer administrators always perform Backup Registry. This method is quite simple but not everyone knows. This article will guide you how to Backup and Restore Registry of some Windows operating systems, including Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7.

Backup Registry

With Windows Vista and Windows 7

1. Go to the **Start** menu, then enter the *systempropertiesprotection* in the **Start Search** box and press **Enter**.

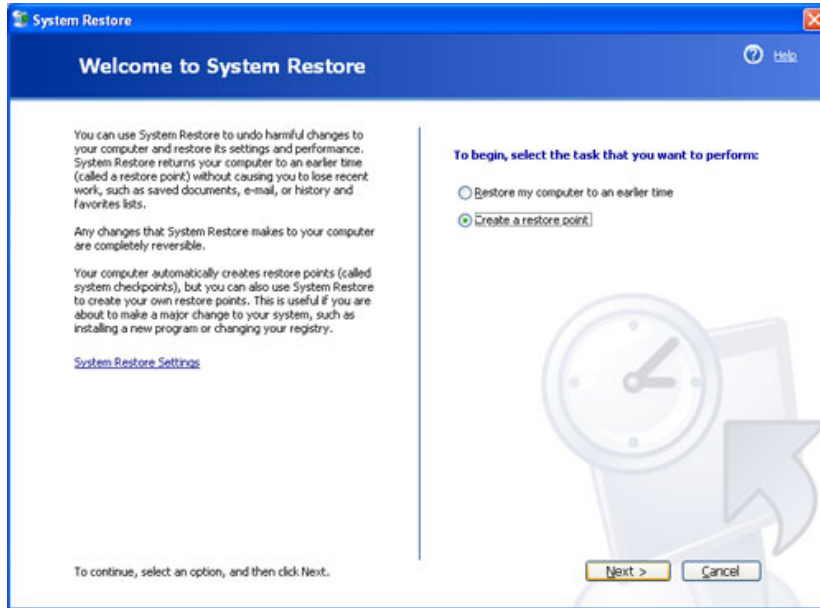
If you receive a message to enter an administrator password or confirm that you enter the password or click Allow.

1. Then wait for Windows to search for available drives and the most recent **restore** point. In the **System Properties** dialog box, select the **System Protection** tab and click the **Create** button.
1. Enter a name for the new Restore point and then click **Create**. Suppose that the name for this restore point is *Registry Backup*.
1. After the new Restore point has been successfully created, press the **OK** button twice.

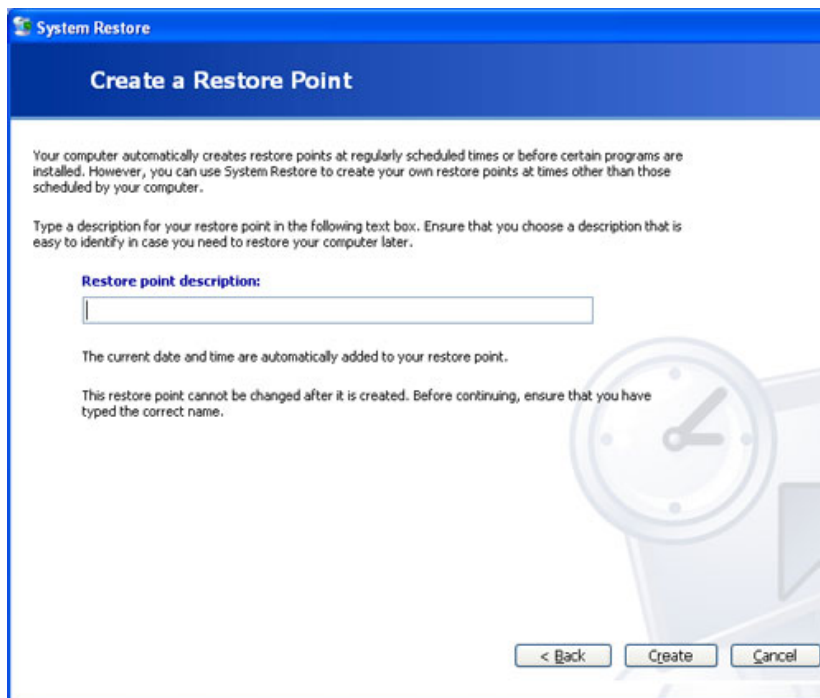
Note: If the **System Restore** feature is disabled, click to select the local disk, then click Apply then click Create.

With Windows XP

1. Go to the **Start** menu and enter *% SystemRoot% system32restorerstrui.exe* in the **Run** box. Click **OK**.
1. On the **Welcome to System Restore** page, click the **Create a restore point** button, then click the **Next** button.



1. Next enter the name for the restore point on the **Create a Restore Point** page, and then click the **Create** button.



1. Done when creating the restore point, click the **Close** button.

Note: If System Restore is currently turned off, the system will display a message asking if you want to turn on System Restore. When you see this message, click on **Yes**. Then on the System Properties dialog box, uncheck the **Turn off System Restore** check box and click **OK**. When you have System Restore turned on, do the above.

Use System Restore to restore Registry changes

With Windows Vista and Windows 7

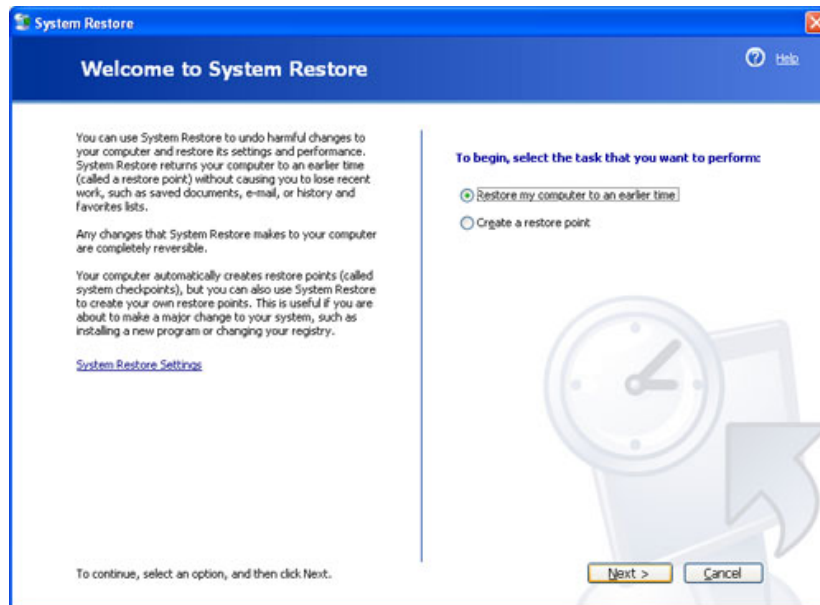
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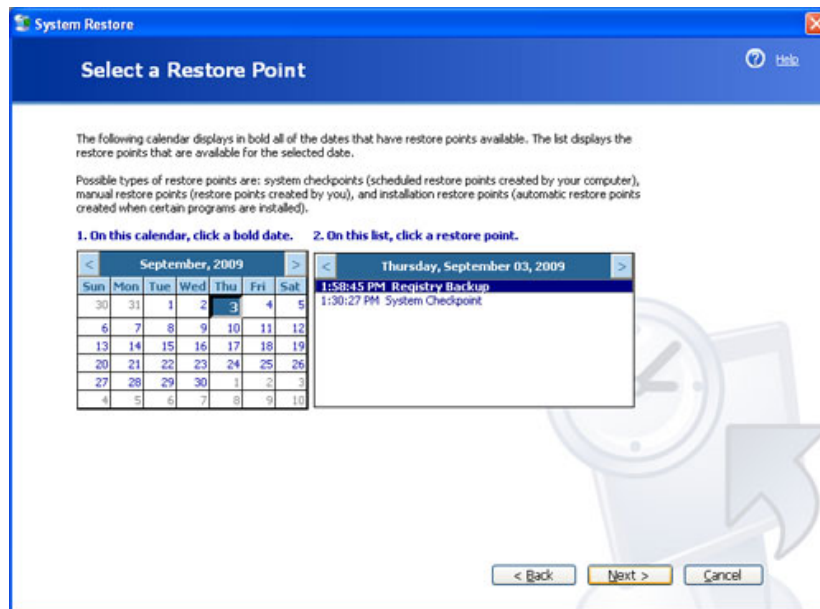
1. Select the **System Protection** tab in the **System Restore** dialog box, then click on **System Restore** .
1. When the **System Restore** dialog box appears, select **Choose a different restore point** and then click **Next** .
1. Select the restore point you want to use and click **Next** .
1. Reconfirm the access point and then click **Finish** so that System Restore restores the selected Windows 7 or Windows Vista configuration and restarts the system.
1. Then log back on the system. When the **System Restore confirmation** page appears, click **OK** .

With Windows XP

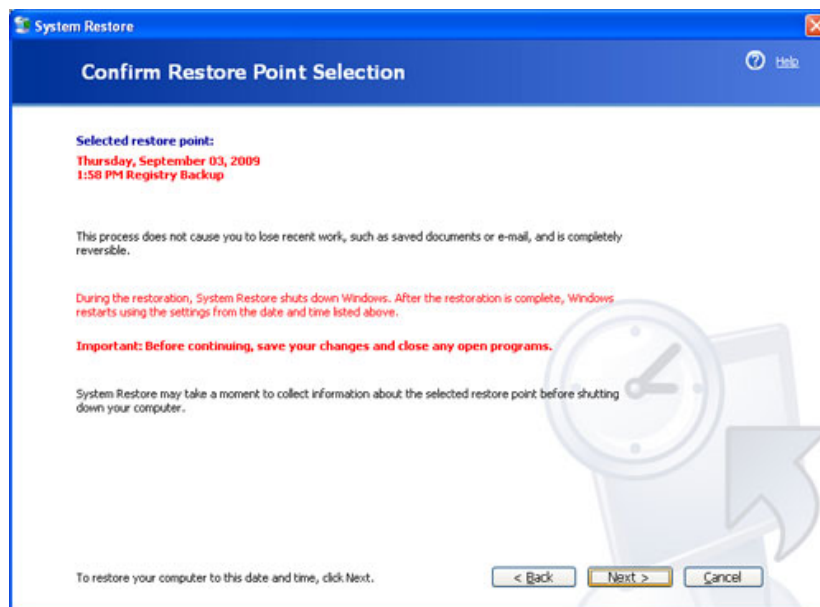
1. **Go to the Start menu** and enter **% SystemRoot% System32RestoreRstrui.exe** in the **Run** box and then click **OK** .
1. On the **Welcome to System Restore** page , click **Restore my computer to an earlier time** (restore the system to a previous time), then click **Next** .



1. On the **Select a Restore Point** page , click on the system checkpoint. In the **On this list select the restore point area** (select the restore point in the list), click the **Registry Backup** item, and then click **Next** .



1. If System Restore displays a notification of configuration changes that it will cause, click **OK** .
1. On the **Confirm Restore Point Selection** confirmation page, click **Next** . System Restore will restore the previous configuration of Windows XP and restart the system.



1. Please log back into the system. When you see the **System Restore confirmation** page, click **OK** .

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