

Instructions on how to use System Restore on Windows

System Restore is a tool available on the Windows operating system, enabling users to restore Windows state at a certain time, created by the user or by a specific computer.

Your computer in the process of use will sometimes have problems such as virus infection, re-run the system due to software problems, . Such cases will require the reinstallation of the operating system. However, we can completely restore the system quickly without having to reinstall the computer, thanks to the System Restore tool available on Windows.

This tool will help users to restore the computer at a time, maybe several days before or a month earlier. This time can be created by the user or the computer will time up. All software we install will not be deleted on the system, since System Restore is only responsible for restoring system files. In the following article, we will show you how to restore the system with System Restore Windows.

Important note: Before performing a system restore from System Restore you must keep in mind that once the recovery process is performed it cannot be interrupted, canceled or stopped. Make sure the computer is powered up, the battery is full for about half an hour. Do not turn off or restart the computer during this process until a successful recovery message is received.

1. How to use System Restore Windows 10, Windows 8 /8.1

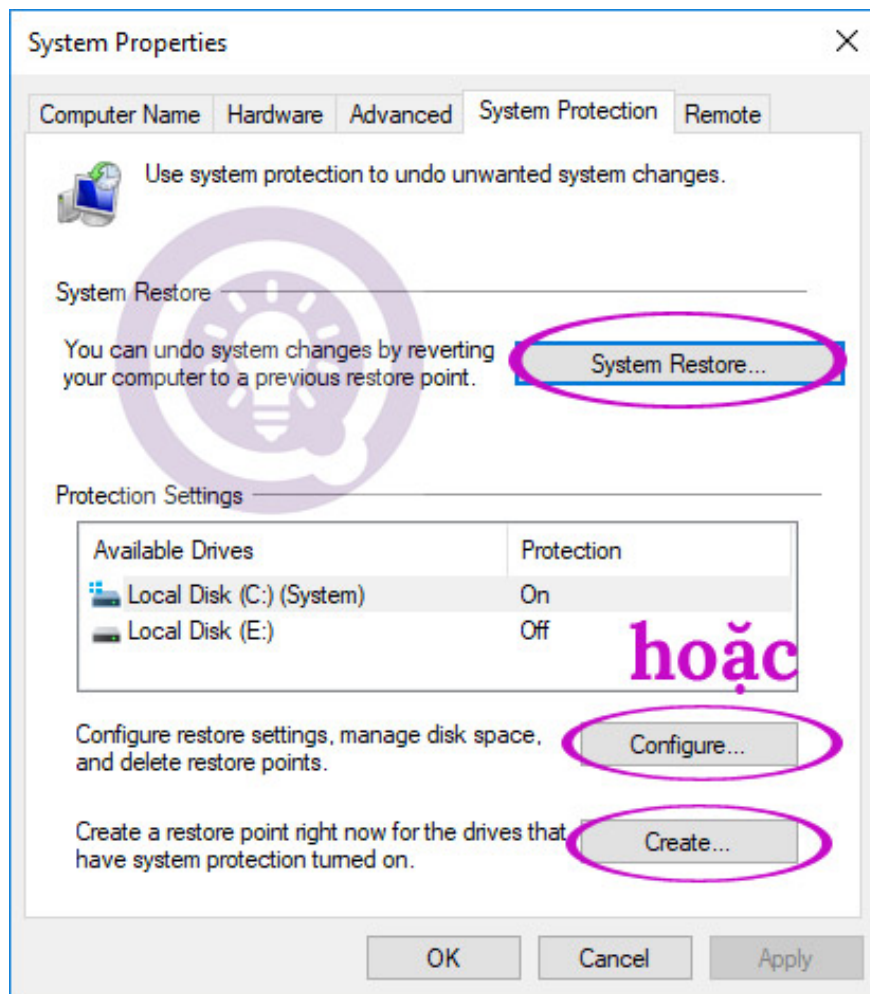
Open **Control Panel** (type Control Panel into Windows 10 search or Charms Bar on Windows 8 / 8.1)

Click **System and Security** in Control Panel. If View by leaving Large icons or Small icons, you should search for **System** and click on it.

Open **System** in **System and Security** .

Look at the left panel and select **System protection** .

In the window that opens, click System Restore. If this button is dimmed, click Configure .> Turn on system protection> OK, then click System Restore. If you have never created a system restore point, click Create to create a new system restore point, select the time to restore and click OK.



If you have created a restore point, select **System Restore** > **Next** , confirm the restore point you want to use on the window that opens and click the **Finish** button > **Yes** to start the restore. Once started, this process cannot be stopped, can not be canceled or changed at all, only how to wait for it to complete.

The computer will restart when the restore is complete, the machine will be returned to the correct state of the time you selected in the previous step. A small System Restore window with the message *Preparing to restore your system* . will appear, then Windows will almost turn off completely.

A screen showing the message: *"Please wait while your Windows files and settings are being restored"* , then other messages such as *System Restore is initializing* . , *System Restore is restoring the registry* . , and *System Restore is removing the temporary files* . roughly takes about 15 minutes.

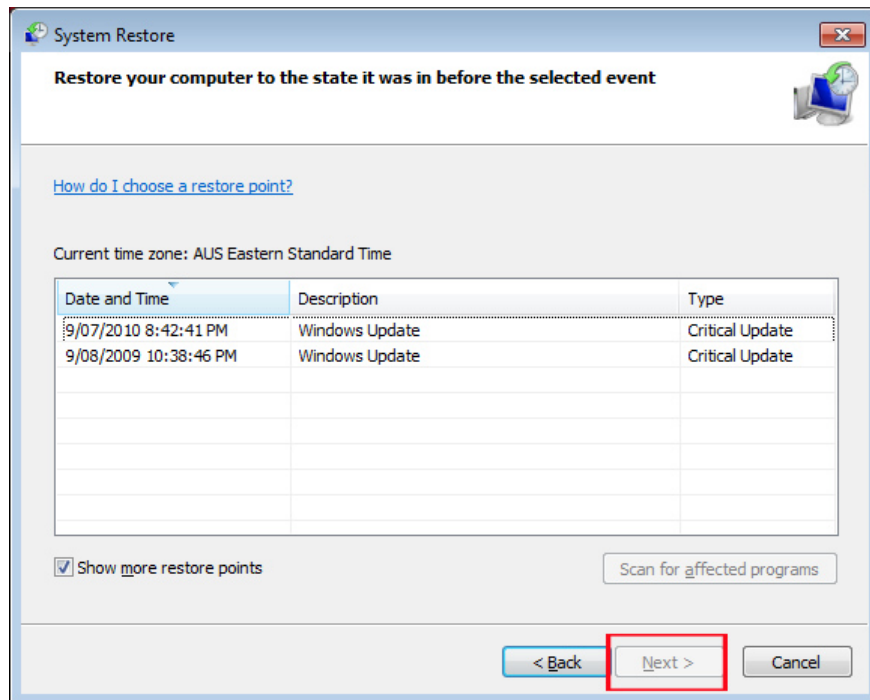
Wait for the computer to restart automatically, log on to Windows as usual. You will get a small window saying *"System Restore completed successfully. The system has been restored to [the time you selected]. Your documents have not been affected."* > click **Close** .

Done, try using the device to see if there's a problem.

2. How to use System Restore on Windows 7

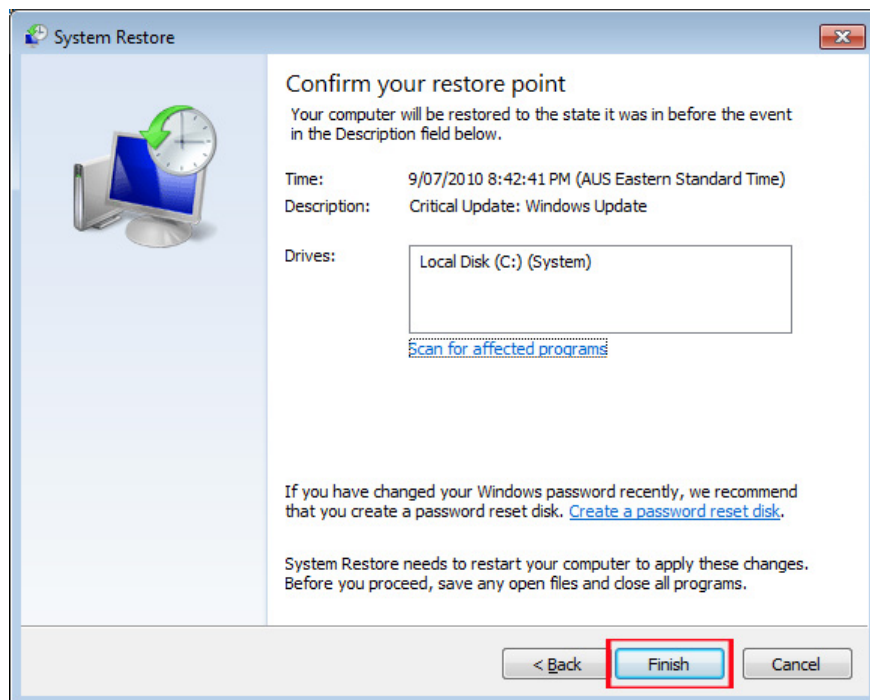
Step 1:

We also follow the **Start** path > **All Programs**> **Accessories**> **System Tools**> **System Restore** . A list of recovery times appears. You select a time in that list and then click **Next** .



Step 2:

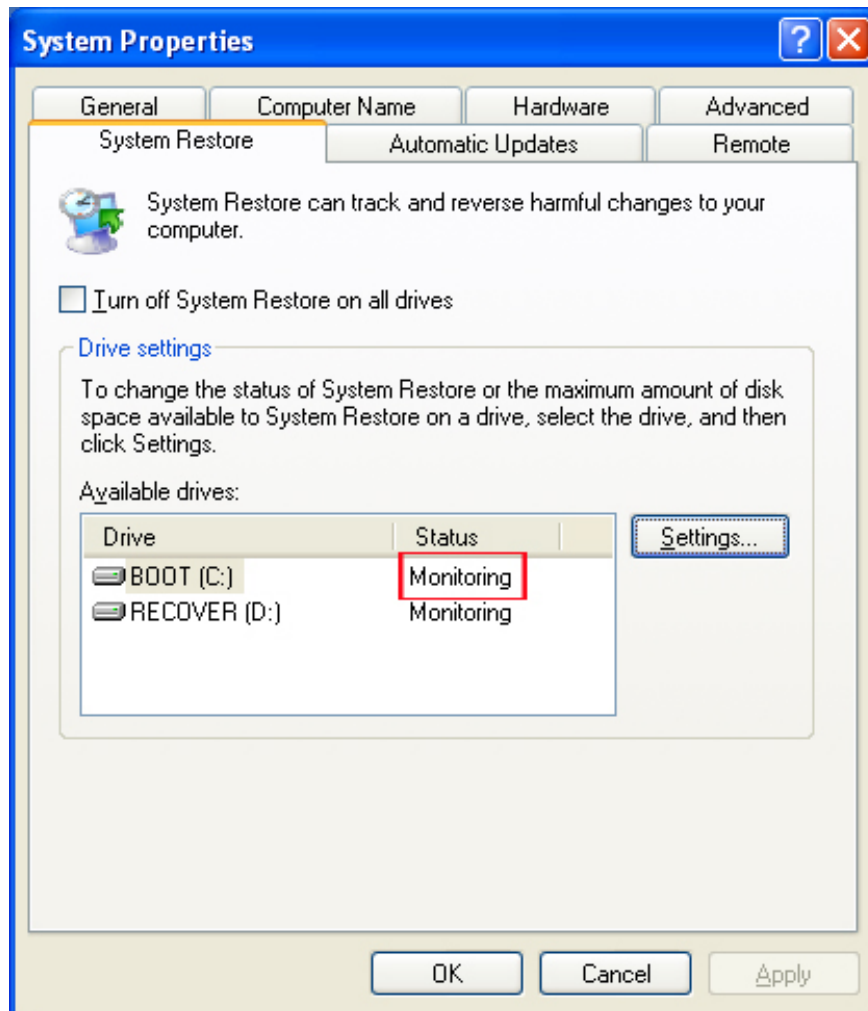
Finally, we just need to click **Finish** to confirm when the operating system is restored.



3. How to use System Restore Windows XP:

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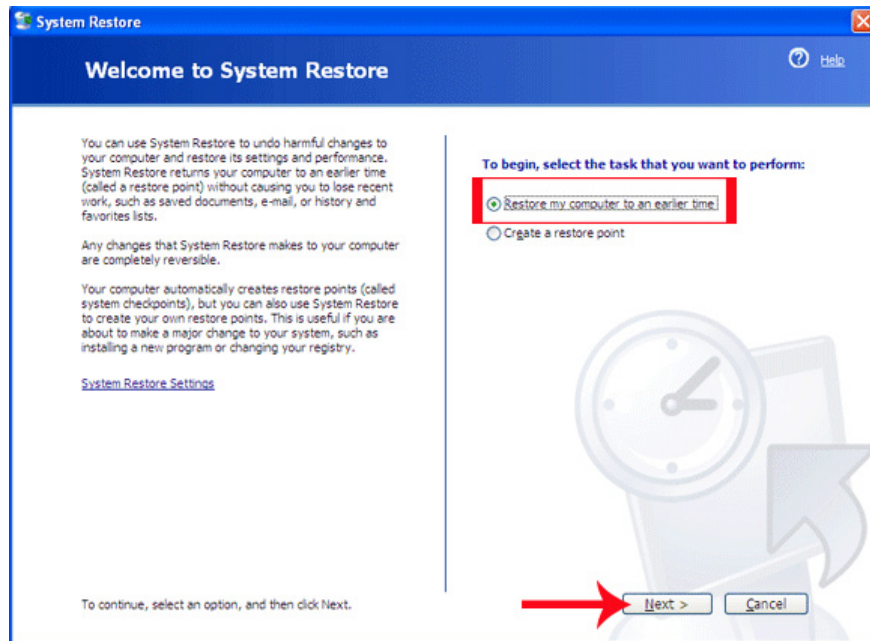
First of all, we need to enable System Restore on Windows XP operating system. At the screen interface, we right-click **My Computer** and select **Properties** . Next in the **System Restore** tab, enable System Restore for the drives, especially the C drive as shown below:



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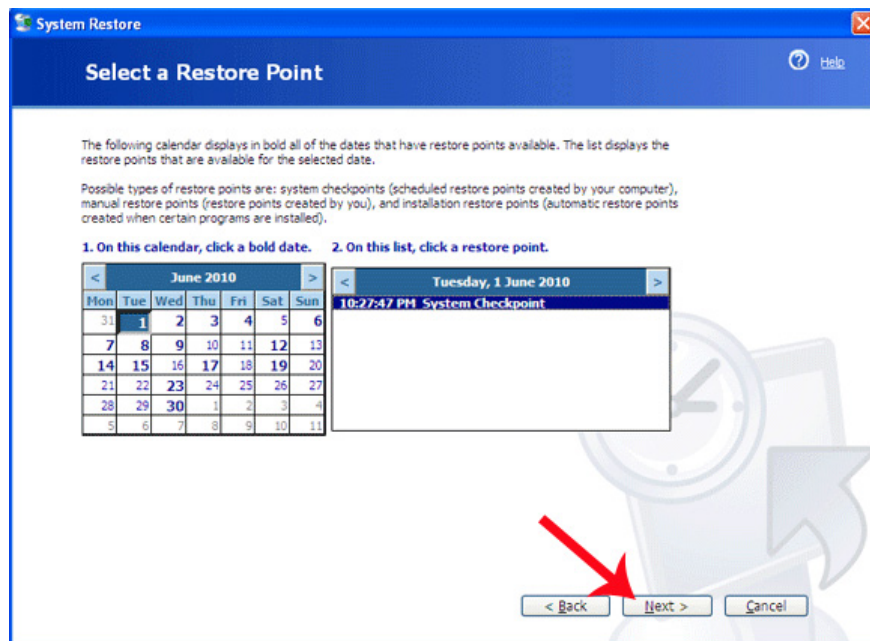
Next, open System Restore by **Start > All Programs > Accessories > System Tools > System Restore** .

We will see there are 2 options. With the first option **Restore my computer to an earlier time** for you to restore at the previous time. The second option **Create a restore point** creates a restore point itself. **Select the first option** and click **Next** .



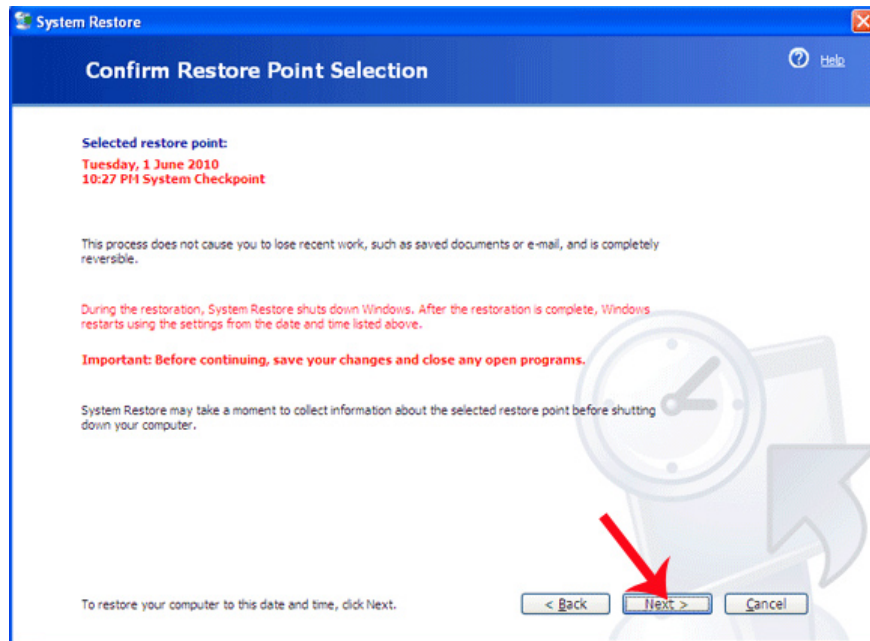
Step 3:

After that, we will see the calendar and the selected times to restore. You **choose a time when the computer works best, there is no problem** and click **Next**.



Step 4:

The computer will appear, click **Next** to proceed to backup the system. The computer will boot again and then back up.

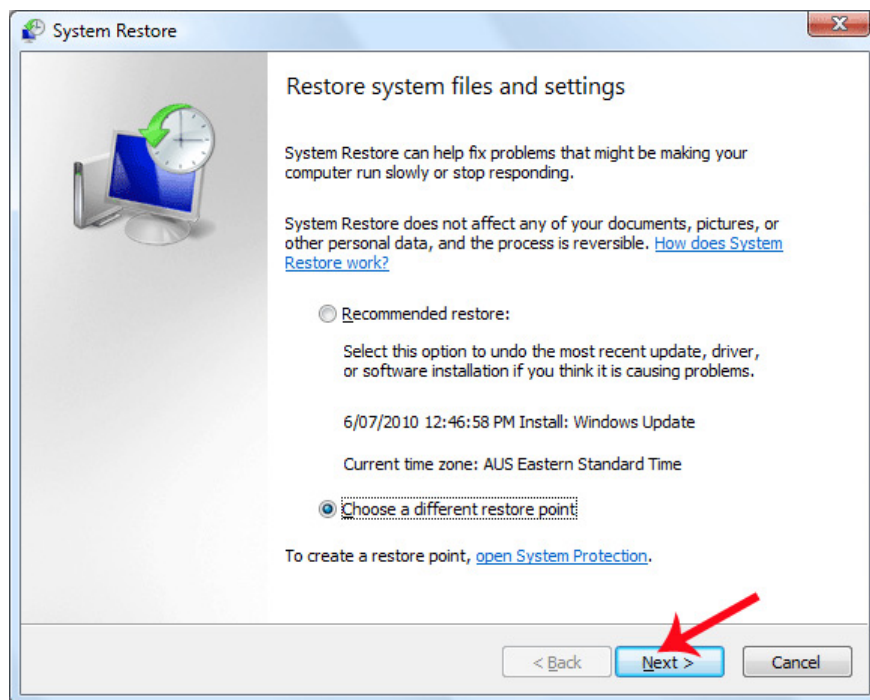


4. Use System Restore on Windows Vista:

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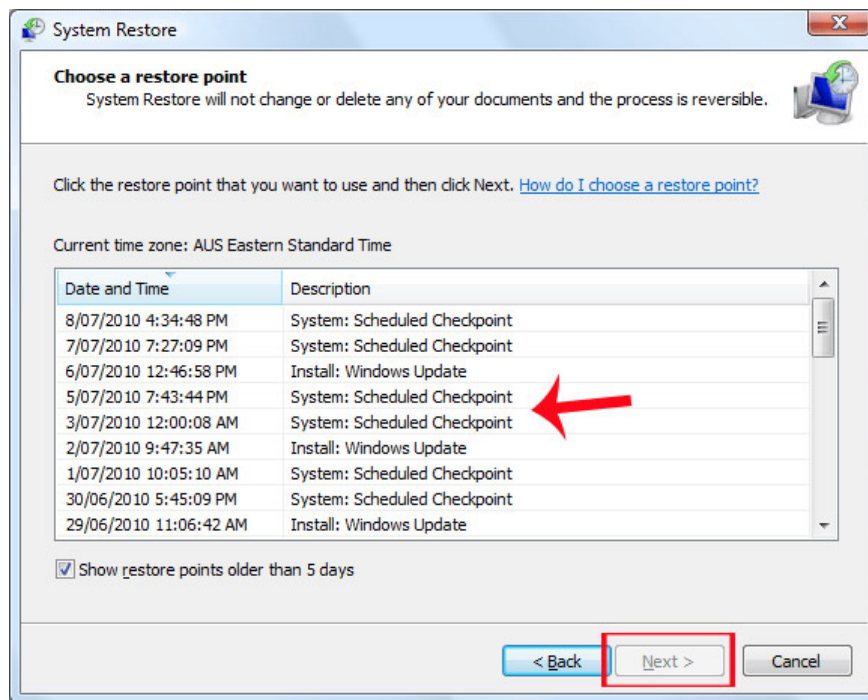
First you need to be sure to enable System Restore. Next, follow the **Start** path > **All Programs**> **Accessories**> **System Tools**> **System Restore** .

Select to **Choose a different restore point** and then click **Next** to proceed to the next step.

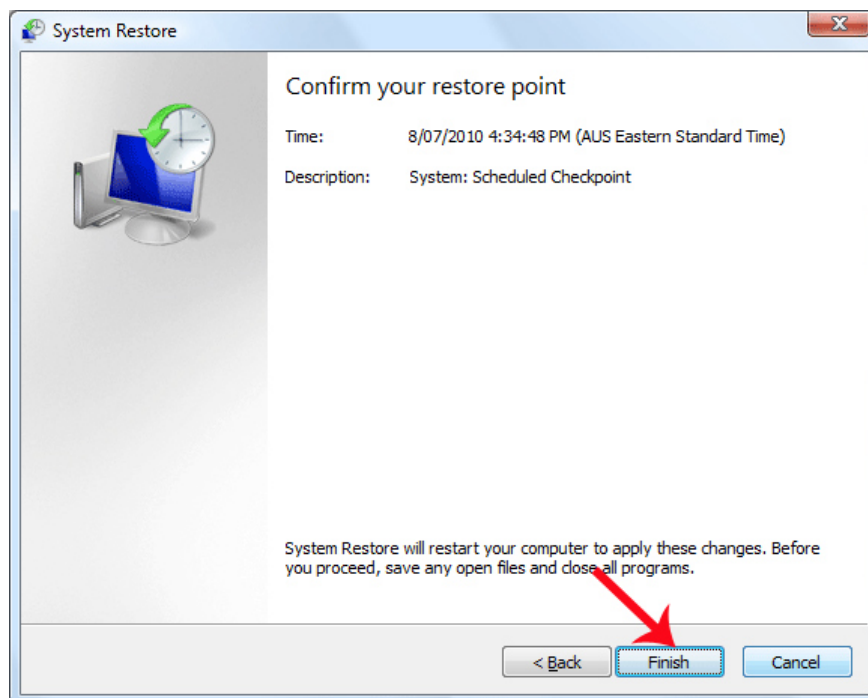


Step 2:

A list of recovery times appears. Select the item in **Show restore points older than 5 days** below to show more recovery time. We select a time and then click **Next** to continue.



Finally we need to confirm the recovery time and then click **Finish**.



System Restore has the same usage on Windows operating systems, so you can rely on how to recover on Windows 7 with Windows 8 or Windows 10. The normal computer will create the time to restore the system yourself. But it is best to create a restore point using System Restore, which can restore the computer to the right time.

Refer to the following articles:

1. 4 steps to troubleshoot audio loss in Windows
1. 4 ways to Reset Windows to its original state
1. Instructions to fix yellow exclamation computer network with only 3 steps

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