

TUTORIAL: HOW TO CREATE A "RESTORE POINT"

Using Windows XP Home Edition

If you use Windows XP and plan to install Microsoft Corp.'s free Windows XP Service Pack (SP2), it would be wise to create a "restore point" on your computer BEFORE you download SP2. Similar to backing up your system, creating a restore point lets you roll back your computer to where it was prior to the download of SP2. (Just in case something goes wrong during the SP download or software applications don't work properly afterwards, it's better to be safe than sorry.) It's easy. Here's how to do it:

STEP 1. Click your cursor arrow on the "Start" menu.

STEP 2. Go to "All Programs" on the pop-up list.

STEP 3. Go to "Accessories" on the submenu.

STEP 4. Go to the "System Tools" submenu.

STEP 5. Select "System Restore" from the submenu by clicking on it.

STEP 6. The "Welcome to System Restore" window will open. Click your cursor arrow on "Create a Restore Point." Then click on the "Next >" button.

STEP 7. When the "Create a Restore Point" dialog box opens, give your restore point a name by typing it in the "Restore point description" field. Click on the "Create" button.

STEP 8. The "Restore Point Created" window will open giving you the name of the restore point along with the date and time it was created.

STEP 9. Click on the "Close" button.



USING A PREVIOUSLY CREATED "RESTORE POINT"

If you need to restore your system to its pre-SP2 download state, follow these steps:

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STEP 5. Select "System Restore" from the submenu by clicking on it.

STEP 6. The "Welcome to System Restore" window will open. Click your cursor arrow on "Restore my computer to an earlier time." Then click on the "Next >" button.

STEP 7. When the "Select a Restore Point" window opens, select the pre-SP2 download date within the calendar frame you chose as your restore point. Then, on the list, click on the name you called your restore point. Click "Next >."

STEP 8. Read the warnings on the "Confirm Restore Point Selection" window and, if you are satisfied that you selected the correct restore point, click the "Next >" button.

STEP 9. The system will log you off, shutdown, and then do "system restore." When it is completed, Windows will restart.