



Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

System Restore

One of the best features in Windows XP would be the System Restore function.

So, what is System Restore? Basically it's a back-up of your computer. For example, say your computer was working just fine a few days ago, but alas today it doesn't work at all...could it have been that download you installed? What can you do to fix this...well you use System Restore. Basically System Restore takes a daily snapshot of your computer and stores it on a section of your hard drive. If your computer should suddenly not work one day all you have to do is go to System Restore and pick a day or a restore point for your computer (basically a day where your computer was working) and then the computer will reboot and be like new again or at least like a day ago when it was working. So, here's what you do.

Step 1:

Go to [Start] --->[Programs]---->[Accessories]--->[System Tools] and click --->[System Restore]
It should be the last item in System Tools menu.

Once you do this it will open up a program that looks like this:

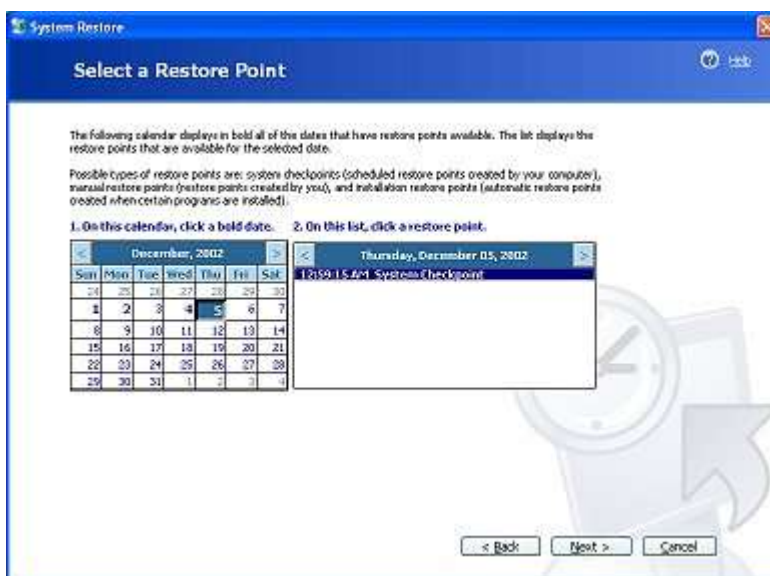


There will be two options on this first page:

1. Restore my computer to an earlier time
2. Create a restore point

If you want to restore your computer make sure you have that filled in and click next. The second option is good if you want to manually create a restore point before doing something dramatic to your system. So, there are two important options here, but, let's continue with restoring your computer back to a previous day.

Click Next...after doing so you'll get a window that looks like this:



You have a calendar that has a listing of all the restore points, **Bold numbers** that you can choose from.

Basically pick a day or two before, this will get you back to a working computer without having the hassle of installing lots of software again. Then you click Next...it will ask you if you want to restore and then the software will restore your computer..Your computer reboots to what your computer looked like a few days ago. There you have it, System Restored.

Remember any software that was loaded after the chosen date will be lost.