

Create a Restore Point

Sometimes, the installation of a program or a driver can cause an unexpected change to your computer or cause Windows to behave unpredictably. Usually, uninstalling the program or driver corrects the problem. If uninstalling doesn't fix the problem, you can try restoring your computer's system to an earlier date when everything worked correctly.

System Restore is a feature in Windows that lets you restore your computer's system files to an earlier point in time. It's a way to undo system changes to your computer without affecting your personal files, such as e-mail, documents, or photos.

The following instructions allow you to create a restore point manually. This is a good thing to do before installing new programs you have downloaded from the Web.

1. Open the System window by clicking the Start button > Right-click Computer > Properties
2. In the top left pane, click System protection
3. Click the System Protection tab, and then click Create
4. In the System Protection dialog box, type a description (date and time are automatic), and then click Create

In a few minutes your restore point is created. Hopefully you do not have to use it, but it is there just in case.