

How to back up and restore the registry in Windows

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Windows 7, Windows 8.1, Windows 10

Windows 10, 8.1, or 8

Back up the registry manually, or create a system restore point.

Back up the registry manually

1. From the **Start** menu, type **regedit.exe** in the search box, and then press Enter. If you are prompted for an administrator password or for confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.
2. In Registry Editor, locate and click the registry key or subkey that you want to back up.
3. Click **File > Export**.
4. In the **Export Registry File** dialog box, select the location to which you want to save the backup copy, and then type a name for the backup file in the **File name** field.
5. Click **Save**.

Create a restore point

1. From the **Start** menu, type **create a restore point**.
2. Select **Create a restore point** from the search results.
3. Choose **Create**, and then follow the steps to create a restore point.

After you've backed up the information, restore it based on the method you used.

Restore a manual back up

1. From the **Start** menu, type **regedit.exe**, and then press Enter. If you are prompted for an administrator password or for confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.
2. In Registry Editor, click **File > Import**.
3. In the **Import Registry File** dialog box, select the location to which you saved the backup copy, select the backup file, and then click **Open**.

Restore from a restore point

1. From **Start**, type **create a restore point**.
2. Select **Create a restore point** from the search results.
3. Choose **System Restore**.

Windows 7

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2. In Registry Editor, locate and click the registry key or subkey that you want to back up.
3. Click **File > Export**.
4. In the Export Registry File dialog box, select the location to which you want to save the backup copy, and then type a name for the backup file in the **File name** field.
5. Click **Save**.

Create a restore point

1. Right-click the **Start** button, then select **Control Panel > System and Maintenance > System**.
2. In the left pane, select **System protection**.
3. Select the **System Protection** tab, and then select **Create**.
4. In the **System Protection** dialog box, type a description, and then select **Create**.

Restore the information based on which backup method you used.

Restore from a restore point

1. Right-click the **Start** button, then select **Control Panel > System and Maintenance > Backup and Restore**.
2. Select either **Restore my files** or **Restore all users' files**.
3. In the **Import Registry File** box, select the location in which you saved the backup copy, select the backup file, and then click **Open**.