

CREATE SYSTEM RESTORE POINT SHORTCUT



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Creating a System Restore Point in Vista is more difficult than doing it in Windows XP. It is much better if you create a shortcut on your desktop. Here's how to do that.

1. Create a shortcut on the desktop (Figure 1):

- ❶ RIGHT-click on the desktop — away from any of the shortcuts.
- ❷ Left-click on “New.”
- ❸ Left-click on “Shortcut.”

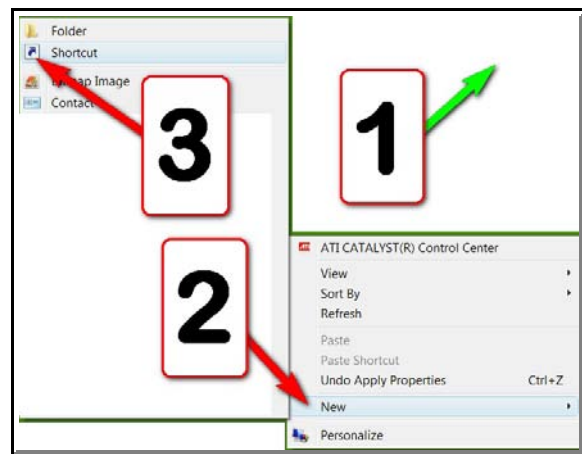


Figure 1

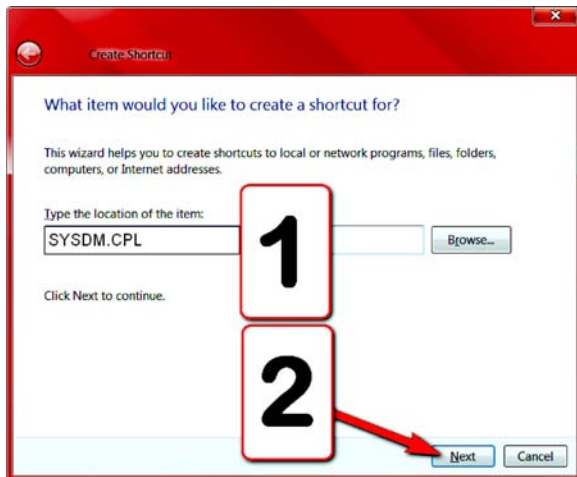


Figure 2

2. Type command line:

- ❶ Enter “*SYSDM.CPL*” without quote marks (Figure 2). The command is not case-specific, so it can be uppercase, lowercase or any combination.

NOTE: If an error appears, type “*C:\Windows\System32\SYSDM.CPL*” (without the quote marks).

- ❷ Left-click on “Next” button.

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2. Type a name for the shortcut
(**Figure 3**):

- ① Type the name.
- ② Left-click on “Finish” button.



Figure 3



Figure 4

4. The shortcut icon appears (**Figure 4**). In this example, my desktop background (“wallpaper”) is green.

TO USE SHORTCUT

5. You need to create a Restore Point:

DAILY

Before you turn off your PC for the day, so that if there are any problems the next day, you can quickly revert back to a fully-working system.

BEFORE MAJOR CHANGES

Before you install any programs to protect your system if something goes wrong.

6. When you wish to create a System Restore Point, double left-click on your new shortcut icon, and left-click on the “System Protection” tab (Figure 5).

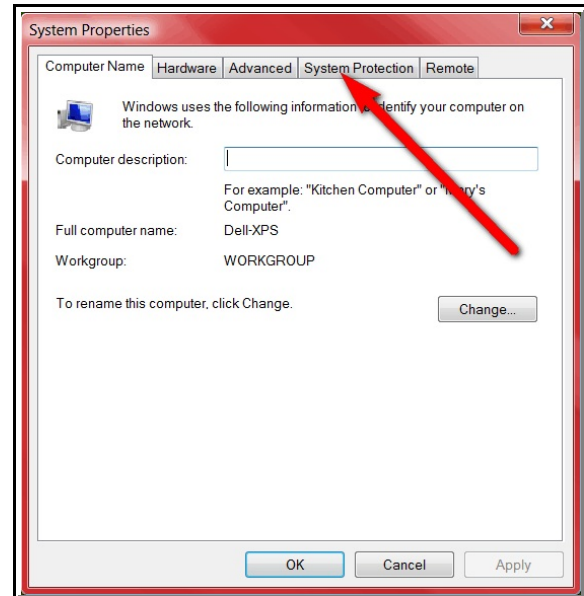


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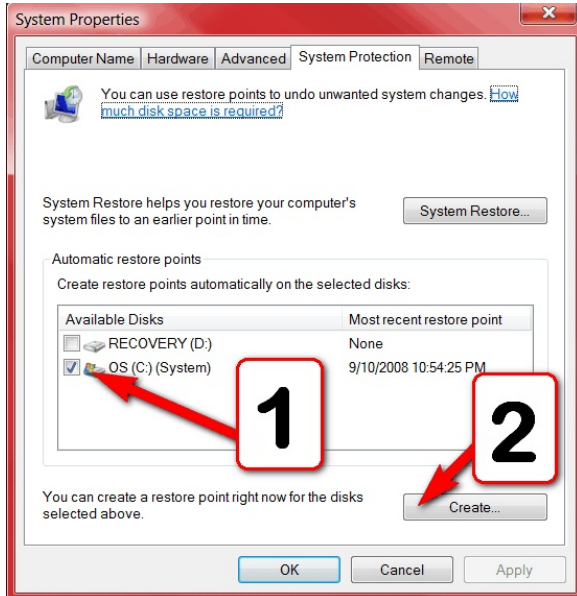


Figure 6

7. Wait for the “Available Disks” window to fill (Figure 6):

① Select the C drive.

NOTE: If your D drive is a Recovery drive, you do not need to back it up since once you backup your C drive you’ll be restoring from it.

The “Recovery” disk has the CD or DVD required to restore your C drive to its original factory settings.

② Left-click on the “Create” button.

8. Name the Restore Point (**Figure 7**):

❶ If you're creating the Restore point before a major change, as in this example, name it for the event. I name my daily restore points "DARRY D" without the quotes. I use capital letters so that my restore points stand out from the restore points created by the system.

❷ Left-click on the "Create" button.

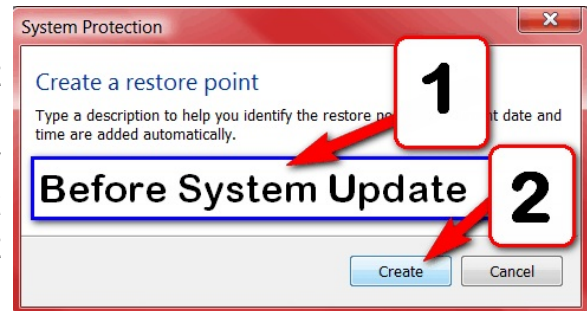


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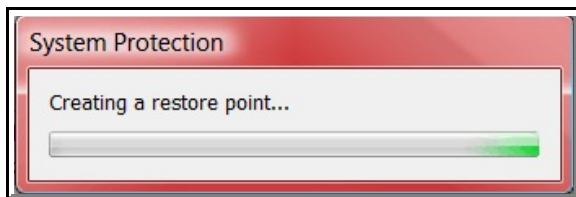


Figure 8

9. A progress window appears (**Figure 8**).

10. When it's completed, you will be notified (**Figure 9**). Left-click on the "OK" button or touch the Enter key on the keyboard.

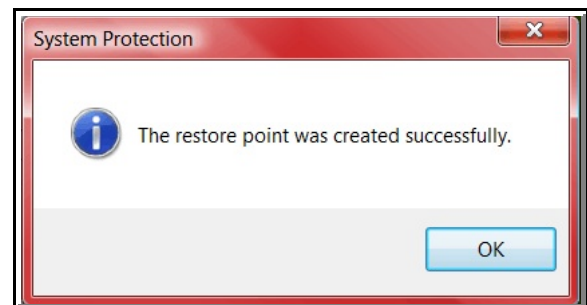


Figure 9