Computer Bytes – Restore from Windows Restore Point – February 2018
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Hello Friends & Associates. I hope 2018 is starting out fantastic for you in all your endeavors.

In our last sharing of information we provided steps to create a 'restore point' for your Windows operating system. This time, we will pass on how to actually 'restore' if/as needed. I'll refresh you with the generalities of the 'create a restore point' then go from there.

Once again, the details. The 'create restore point' creates a 'copy' of the system settings so you can restore back to the date of this restoration point. Don't let the word 'restore' mislead you.   It's not like you're restoring data from a BACKUP. With this function, it will NOT affect any of your data. It WILL affect any applications or programs you've loaded since the restore point creation. For example, if you run the restore to January 1, 2018 creation point, and you created a letter/file to your attorney on January 10, 2018, that file will still be in your Documents. If you loaded a program, such as Microsoft Word on January 8, 2018, then ran the January 1 restore, that program would be gone. This is by design as the rollback is attempting to get back to BEFORE the problem happened and it may have been one of the programs you loaded, purposely or inadvertently, creating the problem you're trying to resolve. Additionally, it will roll back installations of drivers, Windows Updates, and sometimes Malware, though don't count on the last item. Other utilities are generally required to dig out those bugs.

Once again as I often share, with all Windows activities, there are numerous ways to achieve the same end results. For example, to copy/paste you can use the menu options in the toolbar for the program you're using OR you can use the keyboard. You still get the same end results. In this review, I will be giving you a process to perform restore – one way to do it. Let's begin!

To the right of Start button in Windows10 OR above the Start button in Windows7,

- Type: "Recovery" (without the quotes). Select Recovery from the top of the list provided.
- Select: Open System Restore.
- Select: Next
- A window is presented with previously created restore points. Note you may only see the most recent creations.
- Select the "show more restore points" to present ALL your previous restore points.

Now at this stage, you're going to want to think about your specific issue. If you have an idea WHEN your issue started, it's helpful. You want to go back to the most CURRENT date/time possible. Doing so will keep your latest installs but ideally, get you back in front of when your problem occurred. Remember performing the restore will NOT affect your data, only applications, drivers, etc. updated since the selected restore point.

- After choosing your desired date, Select "Next".

Read the presented screen as it provides a good overview for what's going to happen. And NOTE: DO NOT INTERRUPT THIS PROCEES or you tempt messing up your system.

- Click "Finish" – your restore begins!

This process may take several minutes to over an hour, and your computer will restart at least once during the process.

Once the job completes, you should see a message on your screen stating System Restore completed successfully with corresponding info. This means you were successful and hopefully have gotten yourself back to where you want to be. IF you get a message that it was 'unsuccessful', more work remains… at that level you may need to call in a professional to isolate/resolve the issue(s).

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