

# Backing Up the Windows Registry

*Before you change any Registry values or apply security fixes to your device, you should make a backup of your system's registry. To do so, follow the appropriate steps below.*

## Windows 7 (set a Manual System Restore Point)

- 1) Click **Start > Control Panel > System**
- 2) Click on the link **System Protection** and click **Create**
- 3) Enter a name for your restore point and click **OK**
- 4) Once the restore point had been created, click **Close > OK**

## Vista Home Premium or Basic (set a Manual System Restore Point)

- 1) Click **Start**
- 2) Type: **Sys** and then wait for the search results to appear
- 3) Under Programs, click **System Restore**
- 4) If the User Account Control dialogue appears, click **Continue**
- 5) Click open **System Protection**
- 6) Under Available Disks, tick one or more drives. *Remember that System Restore will not make any difference to disks that only contain documents and standard file types. The important disk to tick is the one that Windows and your program files are installed on.*
- 7) Click **Create**
- 8) Type an appropriate and memorable name for your restore point
- 9) Click **Create**
- 10) When the process is complete, click **OK**
- 11) To close any open dialogues, keep clicking **Cancel**.

## Windows XP (set a Manual System Restore Point)

- 1) Click **Start > All Programs > Accessories > System Tools > System Restore**
- 2) Select **Create a Restore Point** and click **Next**
- 3) Type a **"memorable name"** for your restore point
- 4) Click **Create**
- 5) Click **Close**

## Windows 2000 (use the Backup Wizard)

- 1) Click **Start > All Programs > Accessories > System Tools > Backup > Welcome > Backup Wizard**
- 2) Click **Next**
- 3) Select **Only back up the System State data** and click **Next**
- 4) Click **Browse**
- 5) If the Insert Disk warning message is displayed, click **Cancel**
- 6) From the **Look in** drop-down box, choose **Desktop**
- 7) In the **File name** field, type a suitable file name
- 8) Click **Open > Next > Finish**
- 9) When you see the message The backup is complete, click **Close**
- 10) Close the Backup Utility window

## Windows Me/98SE (use the Windows Registry Checker - SCANREGW.EXE)

- 1) Click **Start > Run**
- 2) Type: **scanregw**
- 3) Click **OK**
- 4) Click **Yes > OK**