

## How to Disable the System Restore Configuration User Interface

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**IMPORTANT:** This article contains information about modifying the registry. Before you modify the registry, make sure to back it up and make sure that you understand how to restore the registry if a problem occurs. For information about how to back up, restore, and edit the registry, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

[256986](http://support.microsoft.com/kb/256986/EN-US/) (<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/256986/EN-US/>) Description of the Microsoft Windows Registry

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### SUMMARY

This article describes how to locally disable the System Restore Configuration user interface to prevent users from modifying System Restore settings, or from turning this feature on or off for the system and non-system drives. This is the only way to disable configuration changes and leave the filter and the service on. It may be particularly useful for computers with multiple users or for multiple-partition computers.

**Note** You must be an administrator or owner, or have administrative privileges to perform these tasks.

### MORE INFORMATION

Use one of the following three methods to perform this task:

#### Method 1: Use Group Policy Editor

1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **gpedit.msc**, and then click **OK**.
2. Expand **Computer Configuration**, expand **Administrative Templates**, expand **System**, and then click **System Restore**.
3. Double-click **Turn off System Restore**, and then on the **Setting** tab, select **Enable**.
4. Double-click **Turn off Configuration**, and then on the **Setting** tab, select **Enable**.

For more information about what these settings do, click the **Explain** tab on the **Properties** dialog box.

5. Click **Apply**, and then click **OK**.

If users try to access System Restore Configuration, the **System Properties** dialog box is present, but the **System Restore** tab is not present.

#### Method 2: Create a Customized Microsoft Management Console

1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **mmc**, and then click **OK**.
2. In Microsoft Management Console (MMC), on the **Console** menu, click **Add/Remove Snap-in**.
3. On the **Standalone** tab, click **Add**, click **Group Policy** under **Available Standalone Snap-ins**, and then click **Add**.
4. Accept the default of Local Computer in the **Group Policy Object** box, and then click **Finish**.
5. Close the **Add Standalone Snap-in** dialog box, and then click **OK** on the **Add/Remove Snap-in** dialog box.
6. Under **Console Root**, expand **Local Computer Policy**, expand **Computer Configuration**, expand **Administrative Templates**, expand **System**, and then click **System Restore**.
7. Double-click **Turn off System Restore**, and then on the **Setting** tab, select **Enable**.
8. Double-click **Turn off Configuration**, and then on the **Setting** tab, select **Enable**.
9. Click **Apply**, and then click **OK**.
10. On the **Console** menu, click **Save as**, type the name of the new console, and accept the Administrative Tools folder as the default location in which to save this file.

To access the new console, click **Start**, click **More Programs**, and then click **Administrative Tools**.

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#### Method 3: Use Registry Editor to Disable System Restore

**WARNING:** If you use Registry Editor incorrectly, you may cause serious problems that may require you to reinstall your operating system. Microsoft cannot guarantee that you can solve problems that result from using Registry Editor incorrectly. Use Registry Editor at your own risk.

1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **regedit**, and then click **OK**.
2. In Registry Editor, locate the following registry key:  

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HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows NT
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3. Under **Windows NT**, create a new key:
  - a. On the **Edit** menu, click **New**, and then click **Key**.
  - b. For the name of the new key, type **SystemRestore**.

4. Create a new DWORD value:
  - a. On the **Edit** menu, click **New**, and then click **DWORD Value**.
  - b. Double-click the new key to open the **Edit DWORD Value** dialog box.
  - c. Under **Value name**, type **DisableConfig**, under **Value data**, type **1**, and then click **OK**.

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#### APPLIES TO

• ~~Microsoft Windows XP Professional Edition~~

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