

**CAUTION:** An incorrect registry entry may cause serious system problems or prevent the computer from starting. Always backup your registry.

## Step 1: Backing up the Windows registry

Use the following steps to back up the entire Windows registry.

1. Click **Start** and then **Run**.
2. In the **Open** field type: **regedit**
3. In the Registry Editor, select **My Computer**. With My Computer highlighted, click **File**, and then **Export**.
4. Browse to a storage location that is easy to remember.
5. Under Export Range, select **All**.
6. Type in a filename.
7. Click the **Save** button to save the registry.

## Step 2: Editing the registry

Use the Windows Registry Editor utility to make changes to the Windows registry. Editing the registry is very similar to working with files in Windows Explorer. You can browse to a location in the registry and add, rename, change data, or delete keys and values. The following steps show you how to modify a registry item.

1. Click **Start**, and **Run**.
2. In the **Open** field type: **regedit**
3. Click the plus sign ( + ) next to HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE.
4. Click the plus sign ( + ) next to SYSTEM.
5. Click the plus sign ( + ) next to CurrentControlSet.
6. Click the plus sign ( + ) next to Control.
7. Click the plus sign ( + ) next to Session Manager
8. Click the plus sign ( + ) next to Memory Management.
9. Select PrefetchParameters.
10. Double click on EnablePrefetcher key in the right pane.
11. In the "Edit DWORD Value" window, change the value data to 0 and press OK.
12. Close the registry editor.

## Restoring a saved registry

If the system becomes unstable, hardware stops working, or software stops working after you edit the registry, use the following steps to restore the registry from a saved backup.

1. Click **Start**, and then **Run**.
2. In the **Open** field type: **regedit** and press Enter. The Registry Editor appears.
3. With My Computer highlighted, click **File**, and then **Import**.
4. Browse to the registry file that was saved (just like the file that was saved in Step 1).
5. Select the file and click **OK**.
6. Restart the computer.