

System Image Creation Guide for Windows 10

Prerequisites: Before beginning you will need to attach an external storage device like a USB drive with free space equal to the amount of space in use on your system drive (C:). If an existing backup will be overwritten you may proceed with less in many cases. You may also backup to DVD or network attached storage but these methods will be more time consuming.

Follow these steps in Windows 10 to create a system image backup.

1. Click the Start Menu and type in **backup** (should be enough) **and restore**. (Illustration 1)
2. Click **Backup and Restore (Windows 7)**. (Illustration 1)
3. Click **Create a system image** in the list on the left. (Illustration 2)

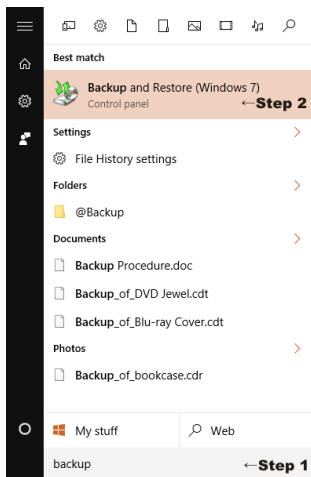


Illustration 1: Start Menu

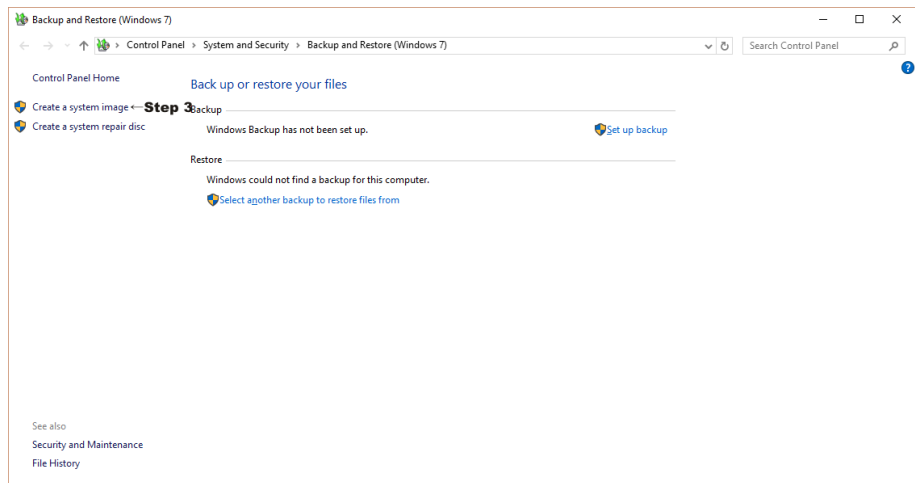


Illustration 2: Backup and Restore (Windows 7)

4. (Optional)The *Create a system image* settings window appears and a scan for backup devices might take place. (Illustration 3)
5. The **On a hard disk** option should be selected and your connected USB external drive should be listed (it may have a different drive letter than the one shown). (Illustration 4)
6. Click **Next**. (Illustration 4)

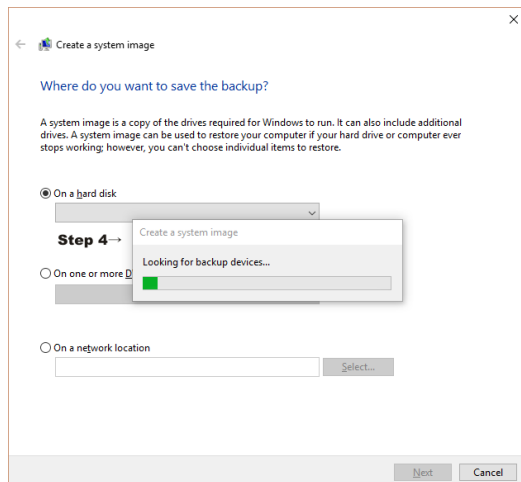


Illustration 3: Create a system image (scanning)

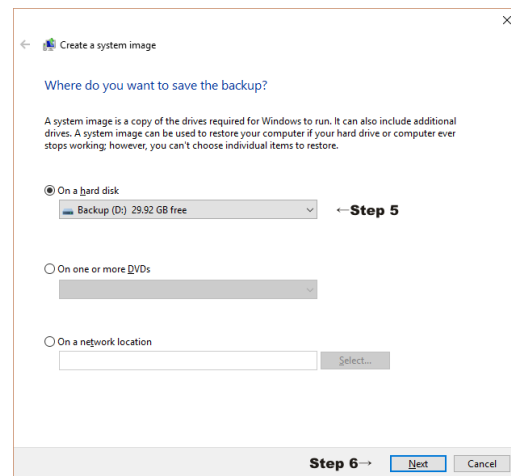


Illustration 4: Create a system image (location)

7. The *Create a system image* confirmation window appears. Check the information is correct and then click **Start backup**. (Illustration 5)
8. The *Create a system image* backup status window appears and shows the progress of the backup. (Illustration 6)

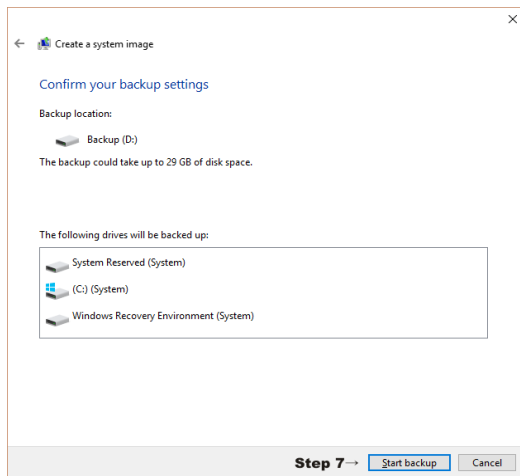


Illustration 5: Create a system image (confirmation)

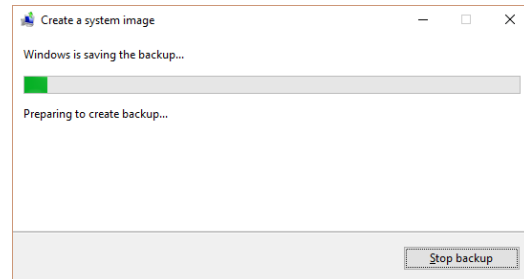


Illustration 6: Create a system image (backup status)

9. The backup is complete. If you don't have a system repair disk, it's recommended to create one at this time. To finish without creating a system repair disk, click **No** then **Close**. (Illustration 7)

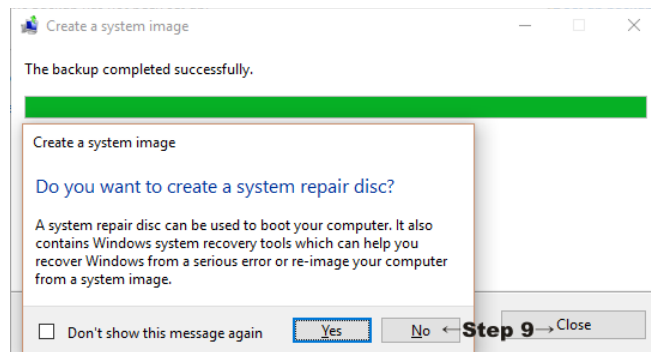


Illustration 7: Create a system image (completed)

Safely disconnect your external storage device. Store your backup in a safe place until you update it or need to use it.