

## Improve Windows XP System Performance

Use Right-Click and Double-Click when noted below. Click is "Left-Click"

- *Always keep **current backups** of important data to an external hard drive, tape or CD to prevent data loss such as digital photos, documents, etc.*
- *Add more System Memory if possible.*

### 1. Clear your Internet History:

Microsoft Internet Explorer:

Click Tools.

Click Internet Options.

Click Clear History.

Click OK.

### 2. Remove old "Restore Points":

Make sure your system is stable first!

*There will be a brief period when you won't have a restore point.*

Click Start.

Click Control Panel.

Double-Click System.

Click System Restore tab

Click to add a checkmark in "Turn off System Restore on all Drives" box.

Click Apply.

When you are warned that all existing Restore Points will be deleted Click Yes to continue.

**Now turn the Restore Points back on by repeating above steps by un-checking box.**

*(Note: You can pin a shortcut to your Start Menu for easy Restore Point access)*

To create the shortcut Click "Start".

Click "All Programs".

Click "Accessories".

Click "System Tools".

Right-Click "System Restore".

Click "Pin to Start menu".

### 3. Clean your System:

On the Desktop: Double-Click the "My Computer" icon.

Right-Click "Local Disk (C:)".

Click "Properties".

Click "Disk Cleanup" and wait for report to show.

Check all boxes unless you prefer to uncheck "Compress old files".

Click "OK"

Answer "Yes" to: "Are you sure you want to perform these actions?"

When complete Click "OK"

*Repeat for other hard drives, if any.*

### 4. Defragment Hard Drives:

On the Desktop: Double-Click the "My Computer" icon.

Right-Click "Local Disk (C:)".

Click "Properties".

Click the "Tools Tab".

Click the "Defragment Now.." button.

Exit when finished.

*Repeat for other hard drives, if any.*

Note: It is always a good idea to defragment hard drives before installing new large programs.

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