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Freebooter - September 22, 2014, 4:00 pm

Create a Custom Refresh Point

Hello HF members mostly, you'll use the "Refresh your PC" option it's a new feature in Windows 8 and Windows 8.1 operating system. By default, desktop apps are removed when you refresh a Windows 8 and Windows 8.1 OS based computer, unless you create a custom image.

After you create a custom system image, that image is used as the refresh image.

This means any existing image or OEM factory restore image is not used when you refresh your computer.

You can, create a custom refresh point that takes a snapshot of your system, and then uses that snapshot to refresh your PC.

Part of that snapshot includes your Desktop apps, so when you refresh your system after creating one of these custom refresh points, your Desktop apps will be not be removed.

The space that is required to create a custom image depends on the number of apps that are installed on the computer and may exceed 5.0 GB.

In addition, the custom image creation process may take a long time, during which you should not restart the computer.

A percentage indicator lets you monitor the progress of the process.

To create a custom refresh point, first create a new directory where you want to store it.

After that, run an elevated Command Prompt.

To do it, type Cmd.exe into Start Screen or Search charm and right-click the Cmd.exe and select "Run as administrator".

Then type following commands into Command Prompt:

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Recimg /Createimage <directory>
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Where <directory> is the name of the directory you've just created.

For example, if you created "C:\Refreshimage" directory, run the following command:

```
Recimg /Createimage C:\Refreshimage
```

When you Refresh computer the custom refresh point you created will be use instead of the one created during Windows 8, 8.1 OS initial installation to perform a Refresh.

Please post any question that you may have i will do my best to answer the question.

Thank you

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webdev77 - September 23, 2014, 6:44 pm

You should also add that you can create a system image and back up the system image to an external drive.

Tranquility - September 24, 2014, 4:31 am

(Sep 23, 2014 06:44 PM)webdev77 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You should also add that you can create a system image and back up the system image to an external drive.

Good idea, that way you could keep both the OEMs image and have your custom image safe on an external hard drive.

Freebooter - September 24, 2014, 10:22 am

(Sep 23, 2014 06:44 PM)webdev77 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You should also add that you can create a system image and back up the system image to an external drive. This tutorial is not about creating system image but i will soon create a new tutorial about how to create a system image backup.