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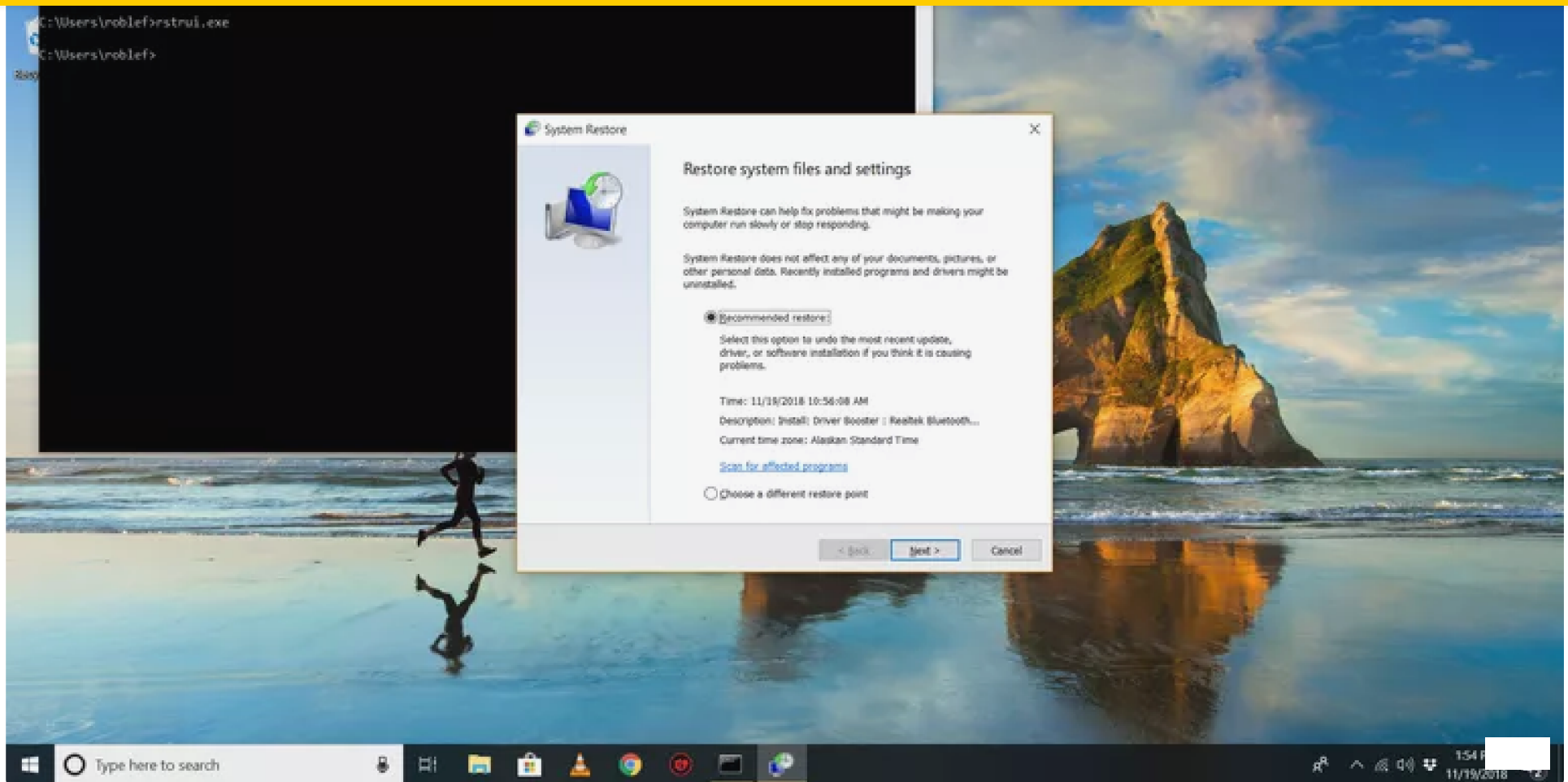
How to Start System Restore From the Command Prompt

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[System Restore](#) is a great utility to help “roll back” [Windows](#) to an earlier state, undoing any system changes that may have caused an issue.



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Sometimes, however, a problem is so bad that your computer won't start normally, meaning you can't [run System Restore from inside Windows](#). Since System Restore is a such a great tool to use to fix problems just like this, it seems you're in a bit of a catch-22.

Fortunately, even if all you can do is [start in Safe Mode](#) and access [Command Prompt](#), you can start the System Restore utility by executing a simple [command](#). Even if you're just looking for a quick way to start System Restore from the Run dialog box, this knowledge might come in handy.

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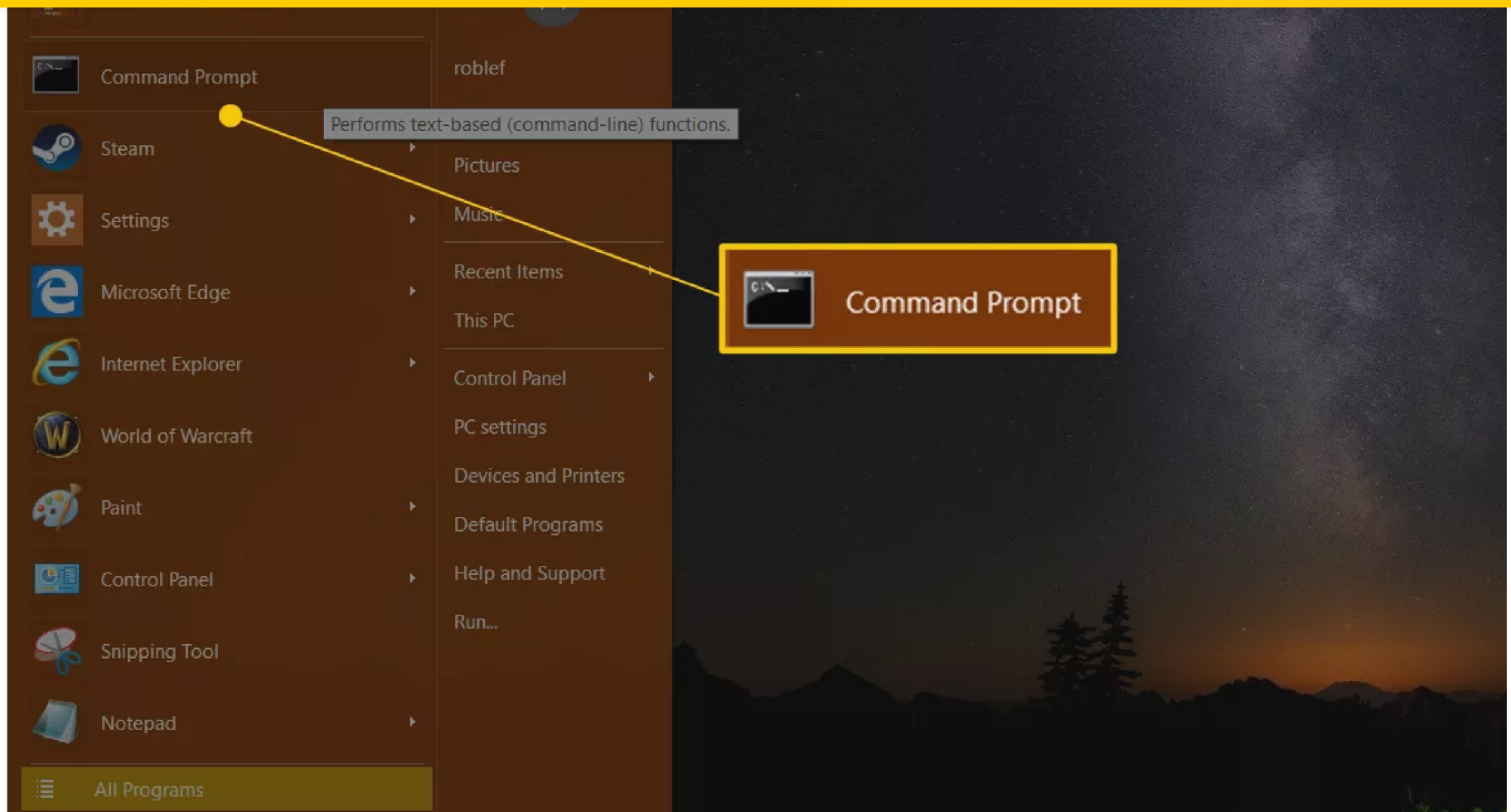


It'll take you less than a minute to execute the System Restore command, and, in total, probably less than 30 minutes for the whole process to complete.

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The System Restore command is the same in all [versions of Windows](#), so these easy instructions apply equally to [Windows 10](#), [Windows 8](#), [Windows 7](#), [Windows Vista](#), and [Windows XP](#):

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Note: As you read above, you're more than welcome to use another [command line](#) tool, like the Run box, to execute the System Restore command. In Windows 10 and Windows 8, open **Run**



02 Type the following command in the text box or Command Prompt window:

`rstrui.exe`

...and then press **Enter** or choose the **OK** button, depending on where you executed the System Restore command from.

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C:\Users\roblef>rstrui.exe
C:\Users\roblef>
>rstrui.exe
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- 03 The System Restore wizard will open immediately. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the System Restore.



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walkthrough. The first parts of those steps, where we explain how to open System Restore, won't apply to you since it's already running, but the rest should be identical.



installation and is located in this folder:

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If you find another [file](#) on your computer that's called *rstrui.exe*, it's more than likely a [malicious program](#) that's trying to trick you into thinking it's the System Restore utility provided by Windows. Such a scenario may take place if the computer has a [virus](#).

Do not use any program that's pretending to be System Restore. Even if it looks like the real thing, it's probably going to demand that you pay to restore your files or prompt you with an offer to purchase something else in order to even open the program.

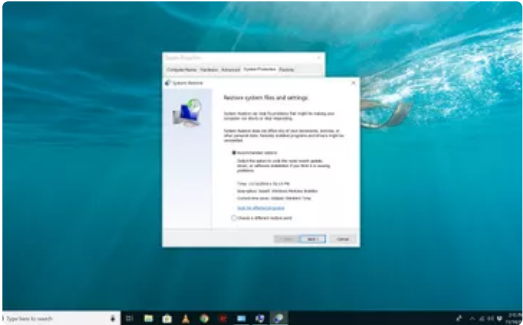
If you're digging around folders on your computer to find the System Restore program (which you shouldn't have to do), and end up seeing more than one *rstrui.exe* file, always use the one in the *System32* location mentioned above.

Also take note of the filename. Fake System Restore programs might use slight misspellings to make you think they're the real thing. One example would be replacing the letter *i* with a lowercase *L*, like *rstrul.exe*, or *rstri.exe*.

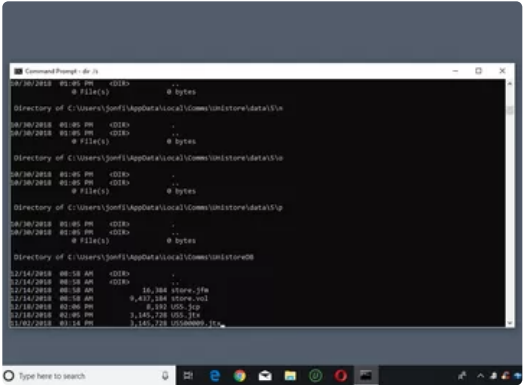
If you find a file called *rstrui.exe* masquerading as the System Restore utility, it'd also be updated. Also, see [these free on-demand virus scanners](#) if you're

because you can just [open it normally](#) and quickly through the *rstrui.exe* command, [Control Panel](#), or Start menu, depending on your version of Windows.

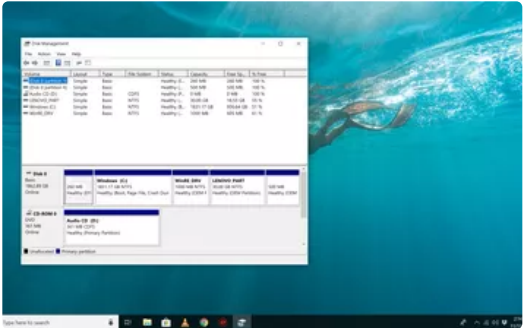




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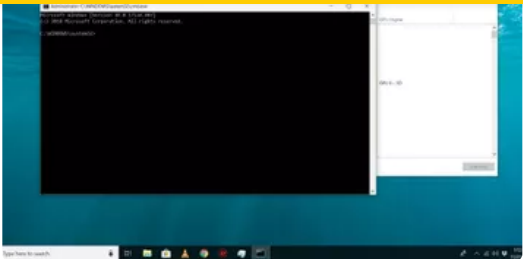


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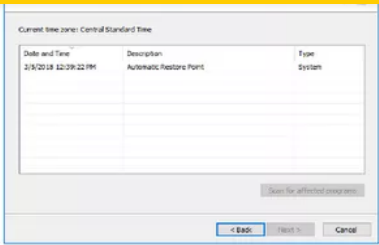


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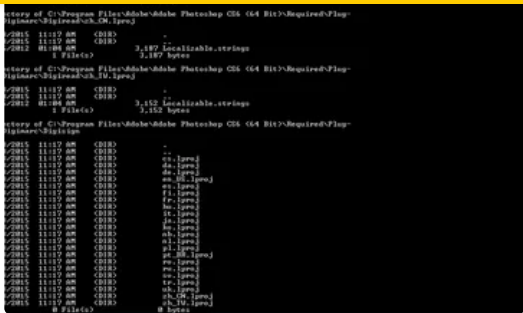
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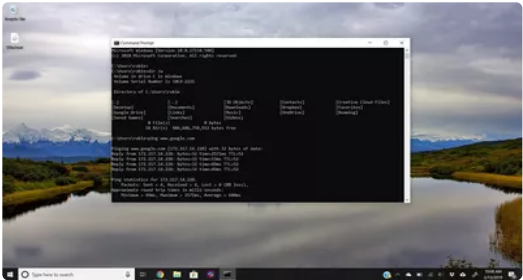
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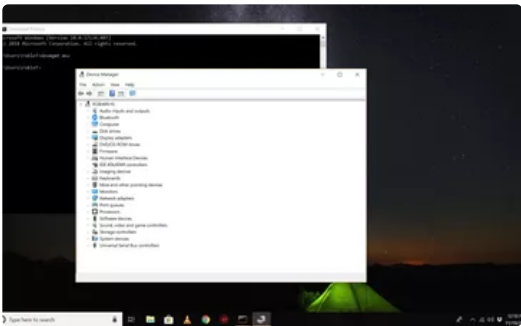
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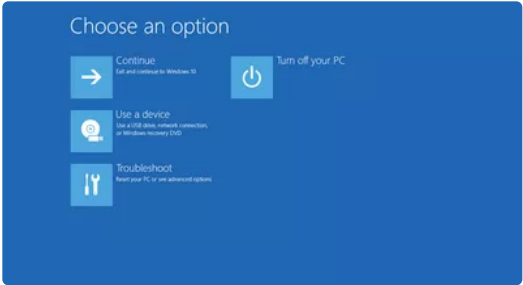


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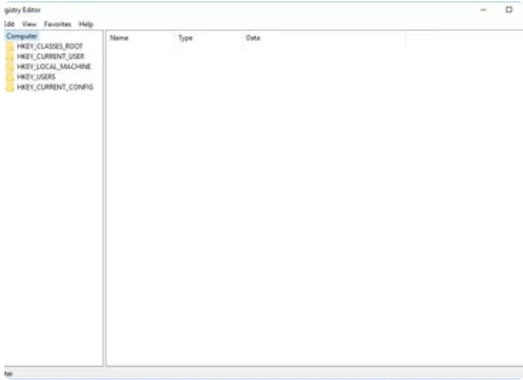
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07/18/2017 04:38 PM <DIR> easeml_th_cloud
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07/05/2017 12:38 PM <DIR> safes05
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