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# FCR Tech Tips

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### Turn Back Time With System Restore

Many of you may not know what to do when your computer unexpectedly starts acting odd or you may have just loaded a new program that has wreaked havoc on your system and it doesn't want to uninstall. Maybe you loaded a new driver or messed around with a configuration setting that you unintentionally saved. No need to worry, all versions of Microsoft Windows come with System Restore.



System Restore is a feature within Microsoft Windows that takes snapshots of your computer system and saves them as "restore points". The point of System Restore is to restore your system to a workable state without you having to reinstall the operating system and lose your data files and photos in the process. Restore points are created before new device drivers, automatic updates, unsigned drivers, and some applications are installed.

Before using System Restore, first try to simply reboot your computer to resolve the issue that you are having. You may be surprised how many computer glitches can be resolved by rebooting the computer before resolving to System Restore.

How to use System Restore with Windows XP:  
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/306084>

How to use System Restore with Windows Vista:  
<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-vista/System-Restore-frequently-asked-questions>

### Portable Solar Charger

Here is a great Christmas gift for the outdoors person in your life. It is called the Solio. Solio is an eco-friendly portable solar charger that works with most small gadgets such as cell phones, iPods, and other mp3 players. It is a great gift for people that frequent the outdoors where there is no electricity as well as for people that simply don't prefer to pay for electricity.

The Solio retails for \$49.95-\$169.95. It can be charged by solar power or plugging it into a wall socket. With a 100% charge (which takes about 8 hours of sunlight) the Solio can recharge a typical cell phone at least 2 times. It will also charge your device at the same rate as your conventional charger would! Solio can store energy on its internal battery for up to one year, providing a great emergency backup.

There are 3 Solio Chargers to choose from, varying in battery capacity and design: the Solio Classic, Solio Hybrid 1000, and the Solio Magnesium.

<http://www.solio.com/charger/index.htm>



## Thanksgiving Fun Facts

Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas 10 million years ago.

The Plymouth Pilgrims dined with the Wampanoag Indians for the First Thanksgiving.

Puritans of Mayflower used to drink Beer.

91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

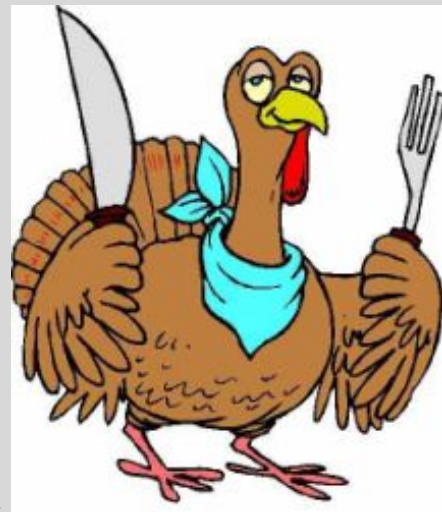
The first Thanksgiving celebration can be traced back to the Plymouth Pilgrims in the fall of 1621.

Thomas Jefferson thought the concept of Thanksgiving was "the most ridiculous idea I've ever heard."

The celebration in 1621 lasted for three days and included games and food.

The Wampanoag chief Massasoit and ninety of his tribesmen were also invited to the first thanksgiving feast. Governor William Bradford invited them for helping the Pilgrims surviving and teaching them the skills of cultivating the land.

The president to proclaim the first 'National Day of Thanksgiving' in 1789 was George Washington.



Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, campaigned to make Thanksgiving a National Holiday in 1827 and succeeded.

The average age of the Mayflower passenger was 32. The oldest Mayflower passenger was 64.

Abraham Lincoln announced Thanksgiving to be national holiday in his proclamation on October 3, 1863.

Americans feast on 535 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving. Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be our national bird.

Turkeys can drown if they look up when it's raining!

Congress did not declare Thanksgiving a national holiday until 1941.

The average person consumes 4,500 calories on Thanksgiving Day. (Now that's a lot of turkey!)

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