

Windows Updates Win 7

The default updates setting at 3 a.m. each morning, collects the version numbers of your Operating System, Web Browser and other installed software. Also, info about the hardware devices that are connected. It then contacts Microsoft update site, compiles a list of updates available for your system, downloads important and recommended updates for Windows and Windows programs and installs them.

Updates are classified as:

Important updates - These increase security or reliability of the operating system and Microsoft software products.

Recommended updates - These address non-critical problems and enhance your computing experience.

Optional updates - These do NOT address Microsoft software problems.

You may change the default update option. Click Start...All Programs and select Windows Updates. In the left pane select Change Settings to one of the options below.

Download and install updates automatically

Download updates and notify you when they are ready to be installed

Check for updates and notify you when an update is available

Check for updates ONLY when you manually initiate the process

The Security Icon in the Windows Update box changes colors to declare the status of your updates

Green bar and shield indicates that your computer is up to date or that only optional updates are available.

A red or yellow bar and shield indicates that important or recommended updates are available.

If the default has been changed to allow YOU to select which updates will be installed, a list of available updates will appear in the Windows Update box.

1. Click on the update to obtain a description of that update.
2. Click in the box to select an update to be downloaded and installed. Important updates are automatically checked. You may clear the check to avoid installation of that update.
3. When all selections have been made, click OK to begin the installation of the selected updates.

Note: You may select ALL the listed updates to be installed by placing a check in the NAME box at the top of the list.

Note2: Some updates require that you agree to licensing terms and conditions before installing the update. Some require that the computer be restarted before installation completes.

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