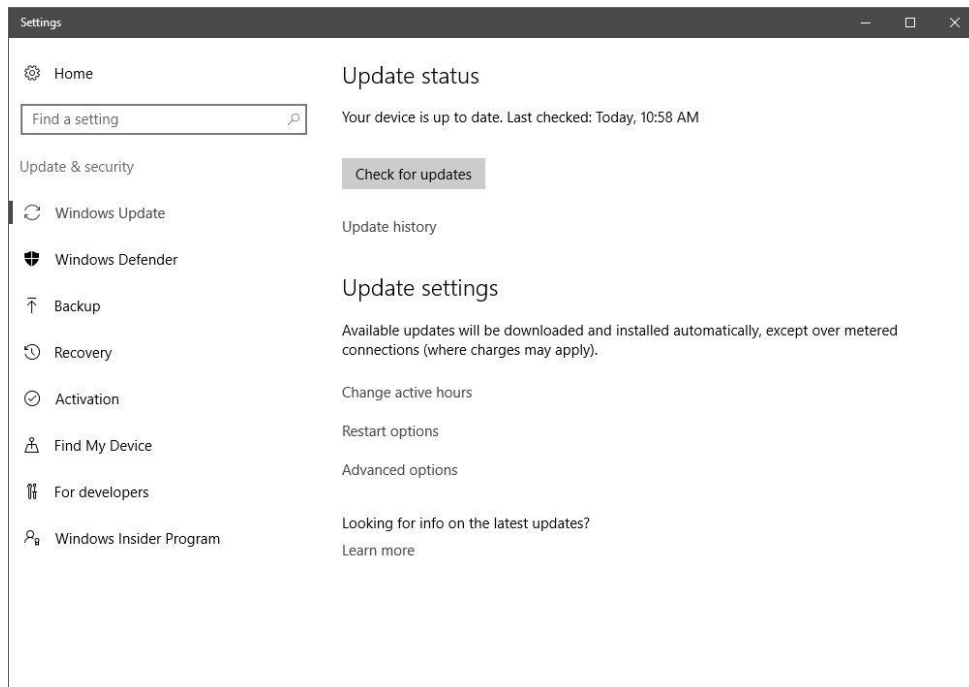


How To Turn Off Windows Update In Windows 10

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Windows 10 is a service, which means automatic updates are turned on by default and your PC always has the latest and best features. With automatic updating, you don't have to search for updates online or worry that critical fixes or device drivers for Windows might be missing from your PC. Windows Update automatically installs important updates as they become available. But some users will not want automatic updates as it might take up system and network resources when they are doing critical work.

In Windows 8.1 and before, Microsoft allowed users to turn off auto updates completely. Unfortunately in Windows 10, Microsoft does not offer any option for general consumers to turn off automatic updates. But there is a workaround to turn off automatic updates in Windows 10. Follow the steps below,

1) Search for services.msc in Cortana/Search box and open it.

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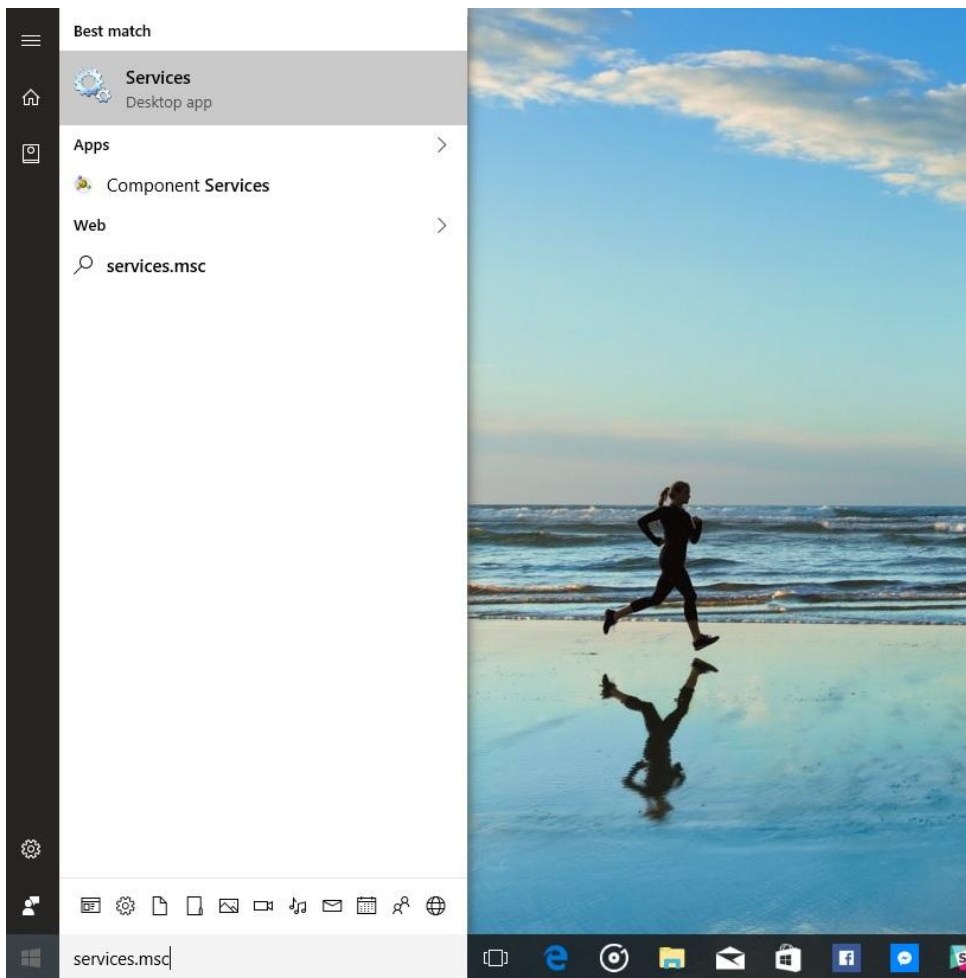
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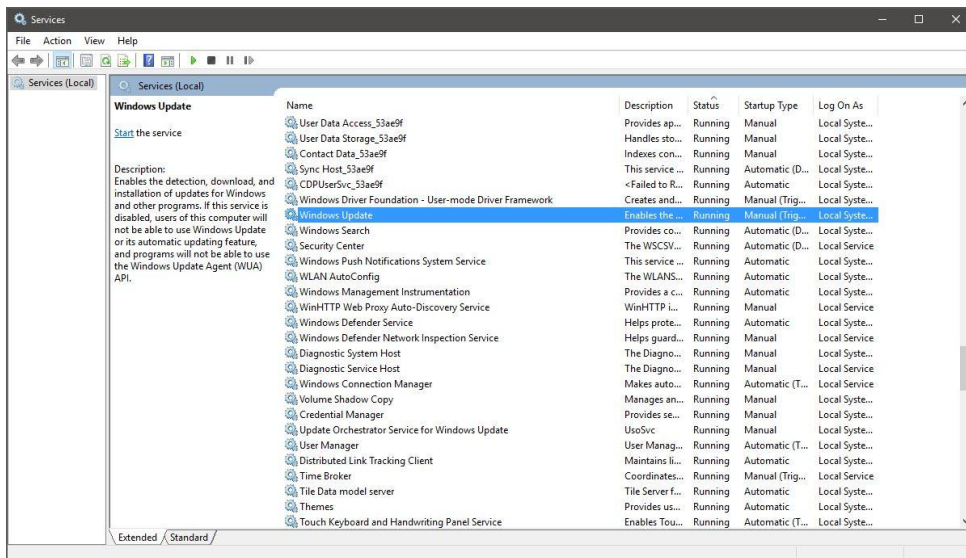
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2) Find Windows Update in the services list.



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3) Double click Windows Update services. In the Windows Update Properties Window, select 'Disabled' in the Startup type list box.



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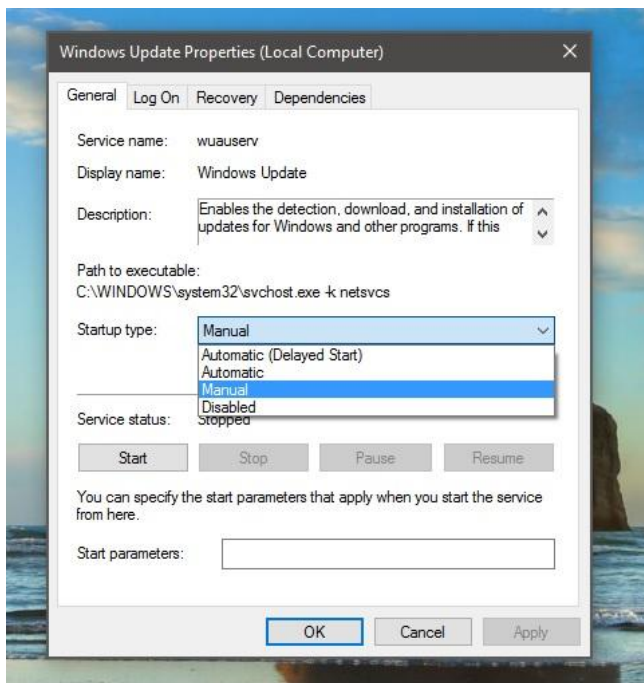
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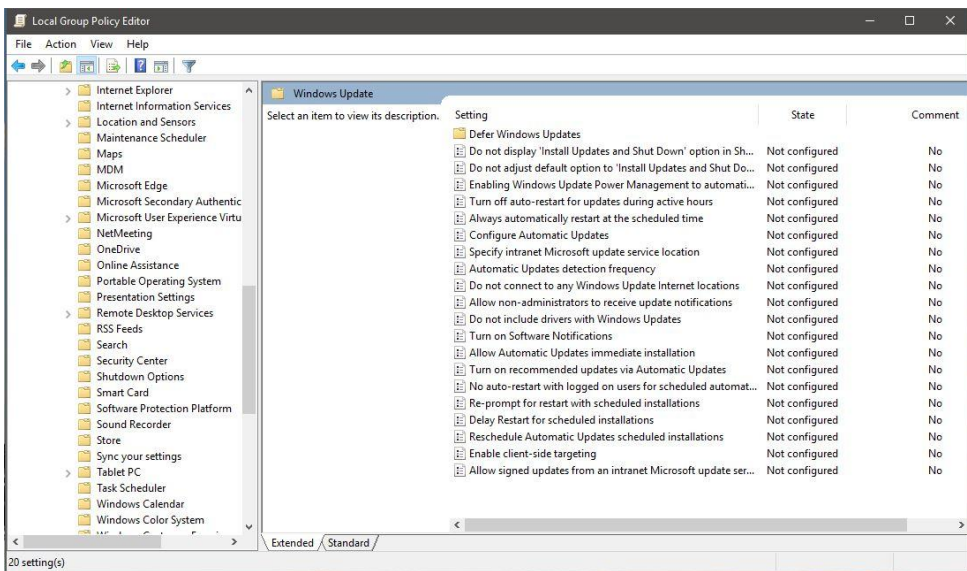
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4) Click Apply and Ok.

From now on Windows 10 Update process itself will not start in your PC which means you will never get new updates from Microsoft. We recommend using this workaround only when you really want to disable Windows 10 automatic updates. If you want to revert back your changes, follow the same steps again, instead of 'Disabled', select 'Automatic' in the Windows Update Properties window and apply it.

If your PC is connected to a network where updates are managed by Group Policy, you might not be able to make changes to settings related to Windows Update. For more info, contact your organization's support person. If you are an Admin, you can make configurations related to Windows Update by following the below steps.

- 1) Open Group Policy Editor by typing "Edit group policy" in Cortana or Search box.
- 2) In the Group Policy Editor, go to Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Windows Update.



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3) Click the Setting you need to change and configure it according to your needs.

Hope this helps!

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June • a year ago
 I regret upgrading Windows 10 on my laptop. The updates have slowed down my laptop tremendously and I had an issue with my web browser which I never had before the upgrade. I have disabled the windows update now (according to the instructions) and I'm going to uninstall all the updates which was auto installed. Glad I found this.
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fskalka • a year ago
 I have a laptop. Because of my schedule, I get to two or three times a week, very often late at night when I really want to be in bed. A couple of weeks ago, I signed on at about 11 PM to get some forms for a doctor visit and do some other work. After about a half an hour, windows decided to shut me

for a doctor visit and to some other work. After about a half an hour, windows decided to shut me down and do an update. It took well over the hour I waited for it finish before I turned into for the night. Also, if I am traveling and take my laptop, in the airport I don't want to spend the time updating and when I shut down, I am not going wait for windows to install updates before I board the plane. When I "sign off" because I am done with what I need to do, Windows can have whatever time it needs. Being a hardware/circuit designer, I have no real desire to develop software, unless it is in an embedded system without an operating system, and then mostly just to test the hardware I have design. The ability to control the update process, is to me, an absolute requirement to be productive wherever I happen to turn on my computer, without having to remember what I did last. A task scheduler that would allow me to defer or decline, depending on what MY needs are, with an icon that reminds me to update (not an annoying overlay that interrupts a complex chip design, would be very welcome.

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Antonio Marcheselli → fskalka • a year ago

I completely agree. I understand MS want to keep W10 secure and that too many people are just disabling the updates because it's annoying but at present the update process is VERY intrusive. As you did, I also could not buy some train tickets because my WHOLE bandwidth was used by Windows Update. That is NOT acceptable. Updates should happen in the background with no effect on the user.

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simsfan9911 → Antonio Marcheselli • a year ago

I agree. These updates are effecting my online gaming experience. Its starting to wind me up. Its so bad you cant switch them off or select a time to update automatically when you know you wont be using the wifi.

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Peabianjay → Antonio Marcheselli • 8 days ago

"....disabling the updates because it's annoying...."

Instead of making it less annoying, Microsoft makes it mandatory. Jerks.

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A Day → fskalka • a year ago

Let's face it, microfool is run by a bunch of selfish programmers who immutate the late Bill Gates. Whats that you say? He's still alive? No his brain died after he gifted IBM to build an op system. Afterwards he just used his money to buy things without concern for his creation. No. He's dead as far as I'm concerned. His money should be impounded by the gov and given to homeless people.

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Sam → A Day • 8 months ago

You realise Bill Gates is one of the biggest philanthropists ever to live?

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A Day → Sam • 8 months ago

You realize philanthropy only applies to those who donate to worthy causes. It doesn't include those who use their money in an attempt to maneuver social norms like Billy Gates tends to do.

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e4z21w4law → Sam • 20 days ago

Goody goody.

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John Parker → Sam • 8 months ago

He cant possibly utilize all the money he has to make any difference in his life. After you have about half a billion you hit the wall. So that other 39.5 billion he has is for all intents and purposes useless to him. All hes doing is giving away what he cant use.

And of course he makes a big public spectacle out of it when ever he does give any away so hes the worst kind of exhibitionist who is desperate for praise and attention. Hes also 100% in favor of sending american middle class jobs to the third world. He really is a terrible person like many elites.

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Luke Luciano → John Parker • 7 months ago

Do you think is any difference for a very reasonable lifestyle (for a normal man) to have 20-30 milions or over 1 billion?

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Steve • a year ago

this is serious bullshit. what give microsnot the right to update MY computer whenever they feel necessary??? I smell a class action law suite.

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Alexandra Kjelbrand → Steve • a year ago

Um ... YOU actually agreed to to this in the second you bought W10!

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Oscar71 → Alexandra Kjelbrand • a year ago

You are not made aware of the MS terms at time of purchasing a new computer with W10 pre-installed.

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A Day → Oscar71 • a year ago

The real problem is microfool hasn't been sued lately as they've been in bed with the Obummer administration and were protected.

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venommob108 → A Day • 10 months ago

Prove the protection (Valid Links Please). Reading one-sided news, and mindlessly watching FauxNews, (They are the ACTUAL fake news according to court transcripts) while never questioning the validity of any of the stupid, unproven drivel that has you parroting (While never researching) what some self-righteous clowns have poured in to your empty head.

Microsoft sued the Obama administration over forcing them to turn over e-mails and other data to law enforcement without their knowledge. Cloud based intrusions, and such. They were not pals. Who told you that nonsense...Hannity?

The government can't get access, but MS will send your data directly to 3rd parties for a profit. And will continue to do so.

The ACTUAL truth is MS is bigger than the government, and at this point bringing them to heel will affect everyone...no matter whose administration is in power. You'll soon see. Good try though.

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A Day → venommob108 • 10 months ago

I don't have to prove anything to anyone. Especially a pencil neck geek like you. Furthermore, your verbiage is more canned than any I've read lately. You speak of self-righteousness and empty heads, but your comments display you are guilty of what you accuse others. Plus the sophistry within your words is demonic. In the end good wins out. Keep the faith. And stop trying to feign being bad.

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venommob108 → A Day • 10 months ago

I've a great education, well read, knowledgeable in a myriad of subjects (From video games to geopolitical affairs) without resorting to falsehoods to make conversation, compounded with full command of the Kings' English, and proficiency at calling out B.S. make me...daemonic? Boo!

All I did was call 'em like I saw 'em. And I saw you. A Google search would have made all the difference for you (From a legitimate source). You chose not to bother with facts, nor back up your 'Claims', yet you speak with conviction.

Your desire to be heard far outweighed the need to be factual. Classic.

"In the end, good wins". Even that is not a fact...only in comic books.

'Faith' is as only as good as what you have 'Faith' in. Make the adjustment before it's too late, I have.

Don't forget...disable the Windows Update Service, take a system image, download your updates from Microsoft at your leisure, manually install them...done. But, you knew that already. No need to reply.

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Steve → Alexandra Kjelbrand • a year ago

Ummm if you think anyone reads the entire "agreement" then you are on drugs sir!

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**Schlaki** → Steve • a year ago

It does not matter if you read it or not. What matters is whether you have accepted it or not. Sorry.

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**Steve** → Schlaki • a year ago

something wrong with you...

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**Alaska** → Steve • 10 months ago

Doesn't matter whether you read the "agreement" or not. As soon as you clicked "Accept", then you are considered to be legally bound under both US and International contract law. As the old adage says, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse". Microbug counts on that, that's why they have a huge legal department that is larger than the legal teams of many World governments.

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**Susan A** → Alaska • 9 months ago

That's not the least bit entirely correct. Firstly, any terms in the EULA that are prohibited by local, State or Federal law are "Void where prohibited", and terms can be made void retroactively. Secondly you cannot be bound by terms you haven't been made aware of or were unduly pressured to agree with. Thirdly, click-through agreements do not carry the same force of contract law that signed contracts do.

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**KT Kacer** → Susan A • 3 months ago

Don't forget they make these in incredibly tiny type, making it all difficult to read, and terribly LONG deliberately to discourage reading, etc... lots of manipulation that can be argued to be illegal actions, therefore null and void.

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**Alaska** → Susan A • 9 months ago

Sorry Susan, you are incorrect. Although there has been a lot of controversy over whether these agreements are enforceable or not, some courts have declared against them, yet numerous courts have upheld their legitimacy. If portions do in fact violate local, State, Federal or International law then those specific portions MAY be deemed unenforceable but the remainder of the EULA stands. In *Bowers v. Baystate Technologies*, the US Federal court of appeals ruled that license agreements can preempt fair use rights as well as expand the rights of copyright holders beyond those codified in US federal law.

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**Susan A** → Alaska • 9 months ago

Yes, I seem to recall saying "terms" can be made void....I didnt imply the entire document. But no....Bounds can be pressed where regulation is involved but two parties don't have the power to agree to break the law. That's actually exactly how Kavorkian ended up in prison.

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**Zombie Nixon** → Steve • a year ago

or at least feel like you are on drugs after you read them.

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**Laterz** • a year ago

The information is provided for those who may find it beneficial. Those who do not can simply disregard it and move on to the next article which they may find more relevant for themselves. No harm done. Thank you.

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**Rishav Kumar** → Laterz • a year ago

besides, it says windows wont download updates automatically !!
so, obviously we can run win update & check for updates when we aren't using the net !! :)

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**Mikael Jakobsson** → Rishav Kumar • a year ago

take away the internet = no update, but in sweden you dont suriavel even 1 hours with out internet everything is digital you can not access many or get deliveries with out

out internet everything is digital you can not access money, or get deliveries with out internet. Everything we do in this country requirments internet. Is why we have hige and cheap internet everyone must have afford to a working internet 100/100 fiber optic coste like \$5 a month 1000/1000 fiber optice coste around \$15 a month. And is forbidden take money for data trafic so all operators give unlimit data trafic.

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Timothy A Settlemyre II → Mikael Jakobsson • a year ago

hehe not in the us, were abused for our internet access

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KT Kacer → Timothy A Settlemyre II • 3 months ago

Yes thank your Republican representatives & Senators (and a few 'bad' Dems, probably) for the 'abuse' and expect even MORE now that they control all 3 branches of the Gov't (even if it was through theft, collusion w/ foreign powers & treason.)

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A Day → Timothy A Settlemyre II • a year ago

...yeah, ATT zaps \$300 a month for their crappy 12mbps speed (download) and no alternative. and now they want to use our money to buy Time Warner????!!!!

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tweb → Mikael Jakobsson • a year ago

But here in the USA capitalism is the driving nature of all technology. I think in most if not all areas a decent/fast internet connection (at least 50/50) costs a lot of money.

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KT Kacer → tweb • 3 months ago

No, it's not they don't 'develop' jack. They just jack US out of lots of \$\$.

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wawik → Mikael Jakobsson • a year ago

sure the 90 year old elderly are happy with this in Sweden!

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AbhiWin10 → Mikael Jakobsson • a year ago

That's just about in all countries now. Not only Sweden.

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Paul Kin → AbhiWin10 • a year ago

Small countries, perhaps. Big countries, not as good for so little money.

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Awhispersecho • a year ago

What I'm curious about and what is not mentioned is what does the "manual" option do? Is that like the old "notify me but allow me when to download and install" setting used to be? That would be ideal. In addition, man people have drank the kool-aid quick on this subject. Updates should not be forced on people. Period. This article will hurt no one because the only people reading this are people like us, power users or the more tech savvy folks who know what we are doing. The average person is not on here and is not worried about disabling updates in the first place.

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disqus_foTL5gO4dS → Awhispersecho • a year ago

I has just spent some time on this issue yesterday and today. I was in the mood to install the Win 10 system rather than re-install my older Win 7 system because I had seen some things about Win 10 that seemed as though it had been fixed from the early days. On this topic of updates though it is a major step backwards in usability. Yesterday evening I had installed the Win 10 system update and after it had become usable I was looking around and all of a sudden it went into a re-start or it was a re-boot that I had chosen to do but it took about two hours after that to come back up! It was obvious that it was in an update-install process and the percentage of completion was going very slow, meaning it was very big. After it got done, I immediately started to look around in HELP and the Internet for the Windows Update setting to put it to the way I choose to have it. That being to Notify me of updates, and let me decide what to install. I noted that the setting was in the MANUAL mode too. It seemed puzzling. I thought that Manual would be the correct setting to have it for the way I like. My habit is to install all the updates on a day and time when I can leave the computer alone for some time (hours), then it is not a problem for anyone.

The way that this works not is unusable and so now I MAY choose to set it to OFF so I won't get

The way that this works is not as desirable and so now I can't choose to set it to OFF so I won't get any updates at all!!! I might do this because to change it back and forth from ALLOW to NOT ALLOW is harder than the way it used to be like Win 7 and before. So they may have shot themselves in the foot by doing this.

I am majorly unhappy about this revelation.

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little gramma → Awhispersecho • a year ago

That's not true. I'm not tech savvy and I'm here to get help on this issue.

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Steve → Awhispersecho • a year ago

bump!

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TheCudder → Awhispersecho • a year ago

You're a tech savvy power user, but you don't understand the "manual" option? Automatic means the system service automatically starts itself at boot. Manual means you the user must start the system service from services.msc --- be aware that just because the Windows Update system service has been manually allowed to run, it doesn't necessarily mean it will begin checking for updates instantly. It'd could be an hour or more later or you'd have to manually tell your system to look by checking for updates from the Settings app.

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brianm101 → TheCudder • a year ago

Unfortunately it seems to get started even if set to manual - just lost work due to a Windows update and its set to manual.

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druid86 → brianm101 • a year ago

same here, + driver incompatibility with my new notebook, I had to format it but even if i set services to off the anniversary f*** updates kicked in

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awgiedawgie → TheCudder • 7 months ago

Actually, "manual" simply means that the service isn't started automatically at system boot. It is for services that need to be able to run for certain functions, but do not need to run all the time for the system to operate.

The user doesn't have to start such services themselves. They *can* be started directly by the user through Services (which is kind of pointless, since services don't actually *do* anything on their own - they merely facilitate certain tasks required by the apps that call them). But generally they are started by another app or task that requires that particular service to run. One example would be the Volume Shadow Copy service, which is set to manual, and is called anytime a System Restore Point is created or restored, and then the service is stopped again once it is no longer needed.

In fact, the Windows Update service already displays as "Manual (Triggered start)", which is functionally the same as "Manual", but indicates that there are triggers set in Task Manager that start the service. Unless you disable the service entirely (or set your internet connection to "metered" - which is a different topic), Windows Update can and will check for updates and install them whenever it bloody well pleases.

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Susan A → TheCudder • 9 months ago

Windows considers Task Manager triggers to be "Manual". If you look in the Task Manager, you'll find several triggers for Windows update.

Because MS is a company of jerks.

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heinrich6666 • 2 months ago

I've had my services related to updates disabled for a year now. Yesterday updates started downloading regardless. Looks like MS has found a way to force these into your machine even if you've done the above.

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Roger Bryenton → heinrich6666 • 2 months ago

yes - me too! How about Linux - Ubuntu? I am reluctant to partition, then try to download a new OS, and programs.... or just revert to W7? Suggestions ...roger.bryenton@earthlink.net

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heinrich6666 → Roger Bryenton • a month ago

I've had Ubuntu 16.04 for a year or two. It's crap, but it will do most of what you need. Drivers never work. I've had driver problems with my mouse, my USB Wifi, plugging my mobile phone in, you name it. The interface looks sloppy and windows are often messed up. But once you get it installed you can do all the basics: surf, email, LibreOffice, etc.

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