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Hi Ben,

How does that security update list help? It hasn't been updated since October 2004 and a new security patch was posted this week (April 12, 2005).

You would also need to hire a Secretary to go through that wild list of patches, add-ins, and updates. It's still not good unless one has an hour or two, and by then I could have gotten my blasted CD's which only take 5 minutes to get to.

Both methods of updating are completely unacceptable to me, constant CD Swapping, and sitting down to read through 100 historical references which are not up to date.

Thanks for trying to help out though.

I remain resolved never to apply another Microsoft Office Product Update ever again until this method is changed. I am using every Spyware, Malware, and AV product known to man and they are all updated automatically (including Windows Critical Updates), so there is no reason for me to bother with this ridiculous method any more. The Microsoft Office Products updates are made for people who have nothing better to do with their lives IMO.

I think that it's high-time that Microsoft Office gets with the program and allows for automatic updating like every other program on the internet. Even the smallest companies have free automatic updating now. And when you shell out between \$200 and \$400 for a product we should expect and demand it.

El

"Ben B. [US]" wrote:

- > When running Office Update after clicking "Agree and Install" select "No" to
- > the question "Do you have access to your products CD?" If it still asks for
- > your disc during installation select "Cancel" and navigate back to
- > <http://office.microsoft.com/officeupdate/maincatalog.aspx?lc=en-us>; let it
- > scan for updates again. Write down the update name and KB number of all the
- > updates listed, and then navigate to

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> <http://www.microsoft.com/office/orkarchive/2003ddl.htm> for Office 2003,
> <http://www.microsoft.com/office/orkarchive/xpddl.htm> for Office XP,
> <http://www.microsoft.com/office/orkarchive/2000ddl.htm> for Office 2000, and
> <http://www.microsoft.com/office/orkarchive/97ddl.htm> for Office 97. On this
> page search for the update name or KB numbers you copied down, and then
> download and install the corresponding update.

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> Ben B. [US]

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> "El" <El@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

> news:6CAA5257-5353-4EB3-BC58-D9F523EF60B8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

>> Hi Ryan,

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>> I tried the full file method. It had me download a 4 megabyte file and
>> still asked for my CD's! I have my CD's locked in a safe. It's a pain in
>> the ass to keep on getting them for no reason. Do you know how many
>> updates

>> to Microsoft Office there have been since 1999 (when Office Pro 2000 was
>> sold)? It's ridiculous already!

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>> My copy is a valid, legal copy, registered under my name, postal address,
>> telephone number and e-mail address. I have redone my computer many times
>> over the years, but my Product Key and Registration have always been in
>> effect every time I reloaded my hard drive. The last time I reregistered
>> the

>> idiotic product was 15 months ago and it's just as insane to update now as
>> it

>> was in 1999.

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>> It's about time Microsoft figures out a better system. I don't have to
>> supply my original OEM disks, Windows Update CD or Windows Product ID
>> every
>> time my system updates windows do I? Why should I be forced to for this
>> product?

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>> Thank you for responding.

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>> El

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>> "Ryan Asdourian [MSFT]" wrote:

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>>> The reason you have to put your CDs in is not because we are validating
>>> it

>>> is registered product. It is because we update the files with optimized
>>> patches so the downloads are smaller. You can try using the full file
>>> patches to avoid having to use your cds when updating. This option is
>>> near

>>> the top right on the Options page.

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