

RE: Using SMS 2003 to fix svchost/WindowsUpdate issue

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So, you're NOT deleting the Windows\SoftwareDistribution folder and contents?

We found that, on some computers, we could NOT install the Client update, until after we disabled both services, and rebooted (since you use ADS to KEEP yours disabled, that's probably why it worked for you). Since there were enough machines with this problem, I just decided to disable and reboot.

I think I'm going to have to end up with two tasks—one to disable and reboot, and the second one to install the two programs (triggered on the first task already happening).

Thanks.

"Mykhaylo" wrote:

Bill,

We've just done actually the same process. I created a bat-file with content for Windows XPx86 machines:
WindowsXP-KB927891-v2-x86-ENU.exe /quiet /norestart /log:c:\wsus3.log
WindowsUpdateAgent30-x86.exe /wuforce /quiet
cscript wsusreporting.vbs
and located all needed files in one directory, created SMS package program to run this bat-file after download source files and advertised it to appropriate collection.

The last VB script, which is run after two updates is to report the results to specific log repository.

We didnt use disable Automatic Updates service, since we had this service disabled by AD Group Policy since that time we faced svchost.exe issue.

BTW, as far as i know WU Client 3.0 sets Automatic Updates service to automatic mode by default.

We didnt let the systems reboot, since all our client systems systems log off or restart within a few days anyway.

–Mykhaylo

"Bill Bradley" wrote:

I was going to use a batch to do the following on computers having the svchost/WindowsUpdate issue:

1. Disable Automatic Updates and BITS Services, reboot.
2. RD c:\windows\softwaredistribution
3. Install WU Client 3.0 using /quiet /norestart /wuforce
4. Install Patch V3 using /quiet /norestart
5. Set Automatic Updates and BITS Services to Automatic, reboot.

1 is stumping me—how can I start this running, force a reboot, then pick it back up? Do I need to use two batches, and link the programs, or, is there a more elegant way.

If I link the programs, how long will it take the second to run, after the first one does?

Thanks!