

# Re: Windows Update

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Thanks, Dave.

That KB contained a link to:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/327850/>

which showed how to configure Automatic Updates from the Control Panel. Looks like I can set it to "Notify but not download or install".

That ought to do the trick. After I'm done, I can Disable the Auto Update service to prevent any unwanted nonsense.

Sure wish MS would be a little more forthcoming about options to configure Auto Update from the Windows Update site. If I had known of these options, I wouldn't have gotten so teed off...

"Dave Patrick" <[DSPatrick@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:DSPatrick@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:0AA05D55-8D1A-4CB9-9609-E144D581D755@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:0AA05D55-8D1A-4CB9-9609-E144D581D755@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

This article may help.

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/323166>

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Regards,

Dave Patrick ....Please no email replies – reply in newsgroup.  
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"V Green" wrote:

## Re: Windows Update

So, I haven't updated my laptop for years (literally). I'm an MSDN member, so I got SP's that way. I am already at SP4.

I just checked in with Windows Update, and, of course, the Win Update stuff was out of date, so I let it update.

When I rebooted, the dreaded Automatic Update service was turned back ON, so I quickly turned it OFF and disabled it – Auto Update is a DISASTER – foisting off things like WMP 11 as "critical" when it is not (not to mention that WMP 11 is just a POS downgrade from WMP 10 as well).

Of course, visiting the Windows Update site now results in a 0x8DDD0018 error.

I am NOT gonna let Auto Update download stuff and THEN ask me if I want it. No way. Don't try to talk me into it. I've read far too many horror stories from other users about the system bitching about "uninstalled updates" each and every reboot even though it was instructed specifically not to ask again. No patience for that kind of crap.

What I want is the OLD way things were – W. Update scans, then presents me a list, I choose what I want, then those updates are downloaded and installed.

If this is no longer possible, then I'll just freeze my system where it is and no longer update anything from MS. Nothing has malfunctioned for years, so I'll just blow them off forever.

Device driver updates I will continue to get from the hardware mgfrs – most MS driver updates seem to render systems unbootable or otherwise break your system so I've never gotten them from there anyway.

I have heard rumors of a enterprise support system – one that allows non–idiots to download updates outside of the Windows Update junk. Myth or fact?