

Re: SVCHOST.exe & Auto update program causing CPU to run at 100%

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Did you try changing your default update source from Microsoft Update to Windows Update?

BTW, you are not alone. The Windows Update newsgroup is filling up with posts about this behavior. Then there's <http://isc.sans.org/diary.html?n&storyid=2624>

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~PA Bear

Michael Doyle wrote:

From following Pati's Instructions. She also states to rename the SoftwareDistribution, in order for windows update to recreate it. (didn't work)

Like wise I also downloaded that microsoft patch, and that also had no effect.

The only fix is to turn off Auto Update and remember every so often to manually run the microsoft updates. (which is rubbish, considering microsoft is still supporting XP)

The PC in which I was having this problem was a HP Celeron 2gig with 512mb ram.

The original windows build is MS XP home version 2000, with out service packs. Without service packs there is no auto update. But as soon as you install SP2, this is where the troubles begin. As soon as windows automatic updates start windows runs as slow as a slug.

I also checked the same set-up on a Pentium 4 2.8gig with 512mb ram, running xp home with sp2. The SVCHOST.exe also runs at 100% when performing updates. However, as the PC is a little faster, the duration in which the updates are installed are less then the first PC I encountered this problem on.

so far i can only come to the conclusion: Microsoft hasn't taken into account PC's that are around 2 years old running XP. In order for people to have a system that is secure they also need to afford & update their hardware to the latest specs.

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If anyone can prove me wrong and can fix this is a champion.

Regards
Michael Doyle

"PA Bear" wrote:

NB: Deleting C:\WINDOWS\SoftwareDistribution <=this folder or its contents will delete your Update History at WU/MU website.

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~PA Bear

PA Bear wrote:

Try deleting the contents of this folder (or the folder itself) & reboot:

C:\WINDOWS\SoftwareDistribution\DataStore

If no joy, try deleting the contents of this folder (or the folder itself) & reboot:

C:\WINDOWS\SoftwareDistribution

Also see <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/927891>

Workaround: Change the default from Microsoft Update to Windows Update: Go to Microsoft Update > Click on Change Settings in left pane > Scroll to bottom of page > To Stop Using Microsoft Update > Disable Microsoft Update software and let me use Windows Update only (check).

Michael Doyle wrote:

Pati's Solution to SVCHOST & Autoupdated causing CPU to run at 100%

Pati's instructions worked. HOWEVER, is this applicable to windows XP home:

1. she doesn't state to turn auto update on

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from the control panel come
the
end of the Instructions. The last part of her
instructions states to
"start
WuAuServ". I thought this command would
trigger the auto update to turn
on
but it doesn't.

2. If I then turn the auto update on in the
control panel, turn it on,
then
go to windows update and search for
updates. SVChost.exe runs at 100%
again.

3. I have read other answers to this problem,
like it may be a virus. But
I
have tried two different hard disks, with
fresh installs of XP home and
both
cause the same 100% cpu utilisation when
windows update is turned on.

4. Finally: why does Microsoft have an auto
update program when all it
does
is make the computer come to a grinding
halt.

Can someone please help, cause this is
causing me a lot of grief.

PATI's Instructions can be found at the
following website:

<http://forums.microsoft.com/WindowsOneCare/ShowPost.aspx?PostID=906329&Site>