

Re: How to prevent automatic restart of computer at system update

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Configure Automatic Updates in a Non Active Directory Environment
<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc708449.aspx>

Disable system auto restart after installing Windows updates
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/555444>

John

hopeful wrote:

Hi ju.c!

Thank you for your response! I know you are supplying me with something very valuable to my question, but I have to ask for your forgiveness in not understanding what it is, as it is like a foreign language to me!

Could you expand for me?, (as I'm not very computer-literate as of yet). I am thrilled to think there might be another alternative!

Thank you so much!

Karen

"ju.c" wrote:

Here are the Automatic Updates tweaks:

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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate\AU]
"NoAutoRebootWithLoggedOnUsers"=dword:00000001
"RebootRelaunchTimeoutEnabled"=dword:00000001
"RebootRelaunchTimeout"=dword:0000003c
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Re: How to prevent automatic restart of computer at system update

ju.c

"hopeful" <hopeful@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:3CEF2262-802C-4ECD-AC2B-38FF9972E917@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hello!

I was wondering if there was a way of "stopping" the automatic restart of my computer each time Windows XP gets an automatic update. I am referring to the process that happens in the right side of the task bar, that says that Windows has a new update, and the fact that it will later give you a message, saying that it is going to restart the computer for you, if you do not postpone it (for the 10 minutes that it allows each time). If you happen to not be at the computer at the time of the message, it will go ahead and restart your computer, regardless of what documents are open or unsaved.

Is there any way of telling my system that it *doesn't* have permission to restart the computer until I am ready for that? In other words, I am fine with getting the automatic updates, but I'm wondering if there's any way to tell the system not to restart itself on its own when it gets those updates, and to allow *me* to decide when the computer can be restarted.

Is there a "check-box" to check off somewhere, or something of that nature, in some type of control panel for the Windows XP updates on my computer?

Or might there be something else?

Thank you so much for your help!

-- Karen