

# Re: Turning off Auto Updates

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Many thanks, C\_B\_S!

I deleted the Windows Update policy in HKEY\_Loc\_Machine as you suggested. I can now choose any option in the System Automatic Updates section.

I had a computer crash in March and had to replace my motherboard and hard drive. The system upgrade was purchased from a large computer supply store and they initially set up the hard drive with WinXP Home. They probably connected my computer to their server to do the setup. The 'official' MicroSoft Windows XP CD I received was unopened.

When I got the computer running at home, I proceeded to reinstall all my programs, and of course, Windows automatically downloaded and installed all the latest security patches. That was when my 'fun' started -- especially with the Windows updates around April 3rd.

Earlier (around April 9th), I posted another problem I have with accessing a second user account (sometimes it requires several attempts before it will connect -- aborting each time back to the user selection screen). I received no response to this query. This problem did not show up until after the Windows updates were installed early April, so I felt it was due to an Update software glitch, and posted my question on this site. I thought I had solved it by returning to a previous audio driver configuration -- but the problem remains.

Anyway, one problem has been solved. I wish to thank everyone for their valued input.

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tsgm

"C\_B\_S" wrote:

TO tsgm:

RE:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate\AU

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I spoke to our outside IT consultant today regarding your policy string below and he said that if your home PC is truly not controlled by any group policy put in place by anyone, e.g., you got the PC from your office or another source as a purchase or a gift, then you should be able to remove (delete) the AU in your Policies that pertains to Automatic Updates. Under Policies, only delete the WindowsUpdate folder and the AU folder under it. Only those 2 folders. Since there is a policy in place, then you must have XP Pro OS on that PC.

Last night I was very suspicious about this dimmed out Automatic Updates on my PC and I started to believe that a GP was put in place unbeknown to me so I sent out an inquiry last night and got a reply back today that one was in place. The IT consultants had tried PatchLink and didn't like that so he next tried the Automatic Updates GP. He went ahead and removed the GP this AM and from my PC at Start | Run I did gpupdate /force after the server administrator removed the policy. Nothing is grayed out now and I wish you good luck with yours!

C\_B\_S 5/2/07 9:50 am

"tsgm" wrote:

Here is the requested info, Freudi.

Key Name:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate

Class Name: <NO CLASS>

Last Write Time: 3/25/2007 – 2:56 PM

Key Name:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate\AU

Class Name: <NO CLASS>

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Value 0

Name: NoAutoUpdate

Type: REG\_DWORD

Data: 0x0

Value 1

Name: AUOptions

Type: REG\_DWORD

Data: 0x4

Value 2

Name: ScheduledInstallDay

Type: REG\_DWORD

Data: 0x0

Value 3

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Name: ScheduledInstallTime  
Type: REG\_DWORD  
Data: 0x11

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tsgm

"Ottmar Freudenberger" wrote:

"tsgm" <tsgm@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> schrieb:

Yes, Freudi, the Automatic Updates in the  
Services is set to: Started –  
Automatic – Local System.

Hm, can you find the following key in the registry (the heart  
and brain  
of Windows, so handle with care)?  
HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate

If so, please export the content (via "File") and insert it into  
your  
reply.

Bye,  
Freudi