

Re: Updates if no internet connection

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You're mowst welcome. In addition to the points in the MSKB, the roll out of SP1 is being done gradually. It may not be offered to some systems depending upon where said system is located and which language is installed. Currently, English, French, German, Spanish, and Japanese systems are the first ones that will receive notice via automatic updating.

IF installation or post-installations issues arise, MS is offering no-charge support until March 18, 2009, regardless of whether Vista is an OEM or RTM [retail] installation:
<http://support.microsoft.com/oas/default.aspx?ln=en-us&x=8&y=6&prid=11274&gprid=500921>

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NotVeryTechie wrote:

Thank you, much clearer.

"MowGreen [MVP]" wrote:

Run this to find out if the system is ready for **any** package of SP1:

Description of the System Update Readiness Tool for Windows Vista
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/947821>

If the system checks out, download and save the standalone package.
There are 3 prerequisites updates that are required before installing the SP1 package that is available from Windows Update.

Vista Home Premium requires 2:
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/938371/>

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<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/937287/>

Both of the above KBs mention this:

If you decide to install Windows Vista SP1 by using the stand-alone installer instead of by using Windows Update, you will not have to install the prerequisite updates separately. The prerequisite updates will be installed by the stand-alone installer if they are necessary.

So, in your situation, *no* prerequisite updates need be installed since you plan to use the stand-alone package.
BUT, you really should run <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/947821> in order to rectify any inconsistencies in the OS.

IF SP1 is *not* being offered from WU, there might be another reason as to why:

Windows Vista Service Pack 1 is not available for installation from Windows Update and is not offered by Automatic Updates
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/948343>

This *should* be the one to pay attention to:

The Windows Update service will not offer Windows Vista SP1 until an update for the hardware device driver or the device software has been installed.

Go over " Method for Cause 5 " to see if a driver might be the reason why SP1 was not offered via WU.

Clear ?

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NotVeryTechie wrote:

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Hi there

Sorry to be painful about this, I read through a lot of the articles you suggested, but I think I need the dumberer version. I still can't work out if I need to install the three pre-SP1 updates even if I am using the standalone version of SP1. And one of those three has now been removed (can't remember which one). So not sure what to do. Btw, I have Vista Home Premium.

"MowGreen [MVP]" wrote:

You're mowst welcome. IMHO, it's always best to download entire Service Packs, save them, and then move them to the root drive [the drive where Windows is installed to], completely and totally disable *all* installed antivirus/security suite/anti-malware software, run Check Disk, <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/Help/bc1393cf-9f9c-79c7-0f91> then run the native Disk Defragmentation tool or a 3rd party Disk Defragmenter and then install the SP.

If you're going to use the Standalone of Vista SP1, I would also recommend:

Description of the System Update Readiness Tool for Windows Vista
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/947821>

Learn how to install Windows Vista Service Pack 1 (SP1)
<http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/windows/en-us/Help/133c8953-c9cd-4fa5-8883->

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NotVeryTechie wrote:

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Thank you so much for all this information! One more thing, as Microsoft have made changes to some of the security updates, would it be best to download SP1 Standalone again (after 8 April)?

Btw, my Vista is Home Premium.

"MowGreen [MVP]" wrote:

NotVeryTechie wrote:

Hi there

I do not have an internet connection, I am writing this from a friend's computer. I have a Toshiba

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laptop.
I
have
managed
to
download
SP1
to
a
pen
drive
and
was
thinking
of
installing
this
on
my
laptop,
but
now
I
am
worried
because
I
don't
know
if
this
will
cause
problems
(some
have
been
reported
with
SP1).

What
do
you
do
if
you
don't
have
an
internet

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connection?
Just
never
get
your
windows
updated?

If one has
no internet
connection
than one
does what
you've
already
done use
a family
member or
friend's
system to
download
the updates.

Place them
on portable
media and
then install
them on
your
system.

One can
obtain
almost all
of the
updates
from the
Microsoft

Update

Catalog:

<http://catalog.update.microsoft.com/v7/site/Home.aspx>

or, the MS

Download

Center:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/Search.aspx?displaylang=en>

ALL

Security

updates are

available

from both

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places.

For an
ongoing list
of Security
updates:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/current.aspx>

Security
updates are
available on
ISO-9660
DVD5
image files
from the
Microsoft
Download
Center

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/913086>

Microsoft
now
releases
ISO-9660
DVD5
image
files
that
contain
all
the
security
updates
that
are
released
on
the
Microsoft
Windows
Update
Web
site
for
Windows.
The
ISO
image

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files
are
released
at
the
same
time
as
security
updates
are
released
on
the
Windows
Update
Web
site.
The
ISO
image
files
are
intended
for
corporate
administrators
who:
"
Manage
large
multinational
organizations."
"
Must
download
multiple
individual
language
versions
of
each
security
update."
"
Do
not
use
an
automated
solution

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such
as
Microsoft
Windows
Server
Update
Services
(WSUS).

For a list of
all
updates
published
this year by
month:
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/894199>

Last year:
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/930858>

As to
installing
SP1,
depending
upon which
version of
Vista that is
installed,
there are
prerequisites
that *must*
be installed
and are
included
with the
stand-alone
package of
SP1 but
NOT
included in
the package
downloaded
via
Windows/Automatic
updates:

Windows
Vista
Service
Pack 1 is

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not
available
for
installation
from
Windows
Update and
is not
offered by
Automatic
Updates
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/948343>

Hiding
updates
as
an
alternative
resolution
for
Cause
7

You
can
select
not
to
install
an
offered
update
by
un-checking
the
item
from
the
Windows
Update
list
and
agreeing
to
hide
the
update.

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Microsoft
does
not
recommend
doing
this.
Specifically,
Windows
Vista
SP1
will
not
be
offered
to
users
who
hide
one
of
the
following
updates:
"

For
more
information,
click
the
following
article
number
to
view
the
article
in
the
Microsoft
Knowledge
Base:
935509

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/935509/>

A
software
update
is
available
for
versions
of

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Windows
Vista
that
include
the
Windows
BitLocker
Drive
Encryption
feature
"

For
more
information,
click
the
following
article
number
to
view
the
article
in
the
Microsoft
Knowledge
Base:
938371

[\(http://support.microsoft.com/kb/938371/\)](http://support.microsoft.com/kb/938371/)

A
software
update
is
available
for
the
Windows
Vista
installation
components
"

For
more
information,
click
the
following
article
number
to

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view
the
article
in
the
Microsoft
Knowledge
Base:
937287
(<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/937287/>)
A
software
update
is
available
for
the
Windows
Vista
installation
software
feature

IF this is
NOT Vista
Ultimate or
Enterprise,
than the
first update
listed for
Windows
BitLocker
Drive
Encryption
is *not*
needed.

Finally,
there is:

Description
of the
System
Update
Readiness
Tool for
Windows
Vista
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/947821>

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Things to
know
before you
download
Windows
Vista SP1

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/windowsvista/bb968859.aspx>

Learn how
to install
Windows
Vista
Service
Pack 1
(SP1)

<http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/windows/en-us/Help/133c8953-c>

Windows
Vista
Service
Pack 1 Five
Language
Standalone
(KB936330)
[x86
-32bit] -

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=B0C713>

The above
is the entire
stand-alone
package for
x86|32-bit
Vista
versions
from the
MS
Download
Center. It is
larger than
the package
delivered
via
Windows|Automatic
updates.

Suggest you
peruse the
articles
above and
then delete

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the
previously
downloaded
SP1
unless
you
obtained it
from the
above URL.
Put it on
portable
media [the
pen drive]
and then
transfer it to
the system
you wish to
update.
DO NOT
run it from
the pen
drive.

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