


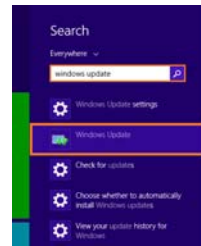
## Automatic Updates Windows 7


If you'd like Windows to install important updates as they become available, turn on automatic updating. Important updates provide significant benefits, such as improved security and reliability. You can also set Windows to automatically install recommended updates, which can address noncritical problems and help enhance your computing experience. Optional updates are not downloaded or installed automatically. To learn more about the types of updates that Microsoft publishes, see [Turn automatic updating on or off](#) and [Change how Windows installs or notifies you about updates](#).

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### To check for Windows updates

1. Open Windows Update by clicking the **Start** button . In the search box, type **Update**, and then, in the list of results, click **Windows Update**. For Windows 8, please search for updates and select
2. In the left pane, click **Check for updates**, and then wait while Windows looks for the latest updates for your computer.
3. If you see a message telling you that important updates are available, or telling you to review important updates, click the message to view and select the important updates to install.
4. In the list, click the important updates for more information. Select the check boxes for any updates that you want to install, and then click **OK**.
5. Click **Install updates**.



Read and accept the license terms, and then click **Finish** if the update requires it.  If you're prompted for an administrator password or confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.

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