# How to disable Automatic Updates in Windows 10

With the launch of Windows 10 in July 29th, many updates had been constantly pushed to the devices running the OS in the background. These updates serves as a foundation of better support for the consumer’s devices by fixing the bugs, system improvements, security improvements & supporting new hardware out of the box. But often these updates cause some problems for some users by ruining the perfect device experience they had earlier.

These updates are big & hog internet resources by constantly downloading content from the Microsoft servers & also sharing your downloaded updates to other users via P2P protocol.

What is worst is that the user has no control over the choice of installing or downloading any of these updates.

## Reasons of disabling updates:

* Metered Internet Connection (Limited Internet)
* Breaks GPU drivers
* Poor Performance for un-optimized Games
* Boot Loops
* Removal of some Features
* Constant changes
* Risk of breaking something

In Windows 10 Microsoft devised the OS to be as a service & not a complete software. That makes the Windows 10 more evolving & flexible to new technologies. It would gain new features by constantly delivering new updates.

Biggest change is that the Control Panel no longer supports the Windows Update Window.

No longer do we have any settings which let us choose what can we do with the updates.

## Windows Group Policy Editor

Enabling Windows Automatic Updates using “gpedit.msc” by Windows Run application.

Use Windows + R Keyboard combo to bring Windows Run or else you can just search for Windows Run.

We have to enable some settings which are mostly managed by the administrator.

The procedure to enable some settings are being given in the screenshot , navigate through the settings via the screenshots.

The latest version of the Windows 10 Build doesn’t support the changing of the settings via Control Panel desktop application, but still it could still work if you have any earlier builds before the official release of Windows 10. The public betas should work just fine.

## Disable Windows Update Service

We can even disable the Windows Update which is run as a service in Services Windows.

Go to Computer, select the Manage option from the ribbon bar or just right click computer icon & select manage option.

When the application opens up select Services & then whole set of settings will be displayed on the window.

Look for Windows Update while scrolling the window & double click the windows update option. A dialog box will open up, which will state that Windows Update service is running & is enabled by default. We need to Stop that service & disabled it entirely.

So every time we boot the computer windows update service doesn’t run in the background downloading new updates & upgrading your pc with new updates.

Select the Disabled option in the drop down menu. It is Enabled by default.

Finally select “apply” & click OK.

With these followed steps you can have the windows update service stopped entirely.

If you by any chance wanted to enable Windows Update service again then just follow the steps along & this time “start” the service & enabled the service by default.

## Networks Connection set to Metered Settings

When we enable the network settings as “Metered Connection” in the windows settings, Windows 10 doesn’t fetch windows updates by using internet as it assumes that the user would incur cost for that extra data being downloaded continuously.

## Windows Updates P2P

Windows has devised as new method of pushing updates to its users faster than its traditional way by allowing all the users who have downloaded the latest updates of Windows 10 to contribute their network bandwidth to provide other users with fast downloading speeds. That is basically Peer 2 Peer technology which is what torrents are currently working by seeding the content to other peers & leechers.

## Defer Upgrades

Windows 10 settings application also allow us to select defer updates option, which basically enables the user to bypass some of the updates for some time to ensure the stability of that update.

As we mentioned in the article Windows 10 Automatic updates are boon to the community & also it supports the agenda of “Less Control” to the users especially Advance/Experts users.

Windows 10 is great Operating System, but they should refrain shoving down the user’s throat.

We still believe that users can choose what they think is the best option for them.

Not everything fits best for every user, some users need something different.

Windows 10 is Computer Operating System not like a SmartPhone OS, so they should give as much control to the user as possible.

If future updates in Windows 10 would include the option for “Choosing the Windows Update settings” then we should all thank Microsoft for listening to the feedback being provided by the Internet.