Troubleshooting Windows Updates

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How do I know that something went wrong?

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How do I figure out why it went wrong?

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Remediation

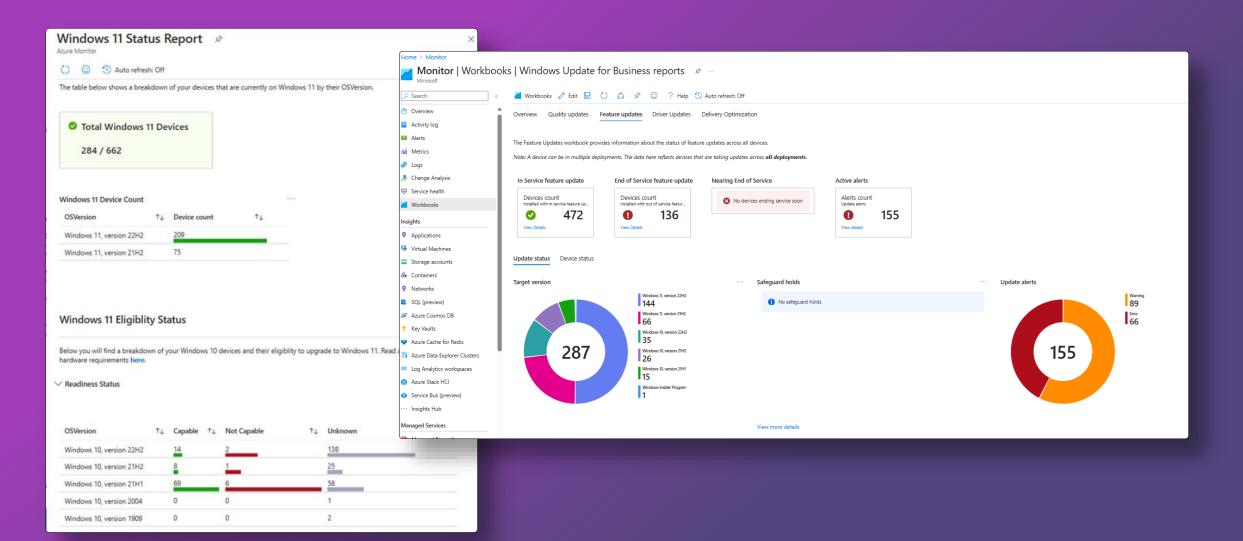
How do I fix it?



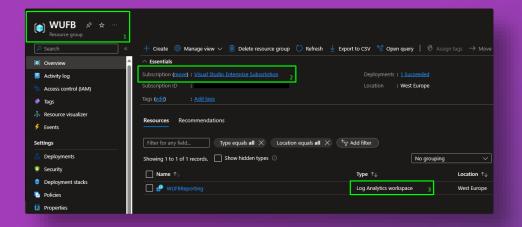
Reporting

Part 1

Workbooks in Azure



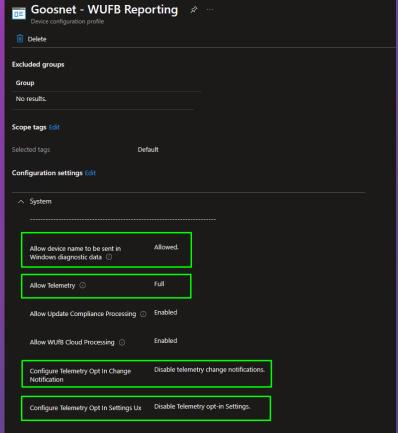
Enable WUFB reporting



Azure Resources

Azure Resource Group Log Analytics Workspace Monitor Workbook Coffee and time (48 – 72 hours)





Device Configuration Policy

Allow Device Name to be sent
Allow Telemetry
Disable Telemetry Change Notifications
Disable Telemetry opt-in Settings



Interesting queries to troubleshoot

Find all issues that are blocking upgrades to Windows 11

UCUpdateAlert
| where TargetVersion contains "Windows 11" and AlertStatus =="Active"

☐ Save ∨ 🖻 Share ∨ + New alert rule → Export ∨ 🖈 Pin to ∨ 😇 Format query Time range: Last 24 hours 1 VUCUpdateAlert 2 | where TargetVersion contains "Windows 11" and AlertStatus == "Active" Results Chart AlertType AlertSubtype AlertStatus AlertRank AlertClassification ClientSubstate ClientUpdateAlert InsufficientUpdateConnectivity Active Warning Rollback ClientUpdateAlert Restartissue Active 1600 InstallStart ClientUpdateAlert DownloadIssue Active 1600 Error DownloadStart ClientUpdateAlert InsufficientUpdateConnectivity Active 0 Warning DownloadStart 0 ClientUpdateAlert InsufficientUpdateConnectivity Active Warning InstallStart 0 ClientUpdateAlert InsufficientUpdateConnectivity Active Warning DownloadStart ClientUpdateAlert InstallAccessDenied 1000 DownloadStart Active Error ClientUpdateAlert InsufficientUpdateConnectivity 0 InstallStart Active Warning 1600 ClientUpdateAlert DownloadIssue Active Error DownloadStart ClientUpdateAlert InsufficientUpdateConnectivity Active 0 DownloadStart Warning 1600 ClientUpdateAlert DownloadIssue Active Error DownloadStart ClientUpdateAlert InsufficientUpdateConnectivity Active 0 Warning DownloadStart 1000 DownloadStart ClientUpdateAlert InstallAccessDenied Active Error

More interesting queries

Get key information about a specific error-code

UCUpdateAlert | where ErrorCode == "0X8024000b"

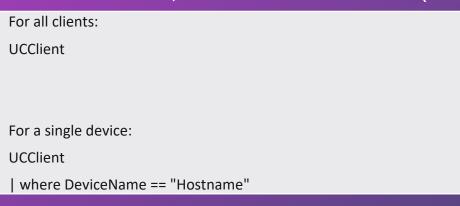
Get all active alerts and summarize device count by AlertSubType

UCUpdateAlert
| where AlertStatus == "Active"
| summarize Devices = count() by AlertSubtype

Get all policies that you have targeting Windows 11 22H2

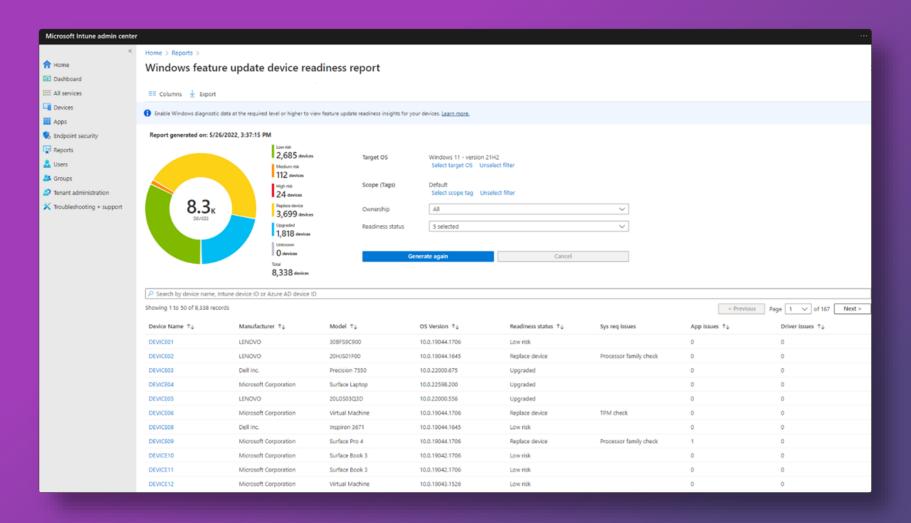
UCClientUpdateStatus
| where TargetVersion == "Windows 11, version 22H2"
| summarize by TargetKBNumber, DeviceName

Is the device online, what is the last WU (Windows update) Scan time



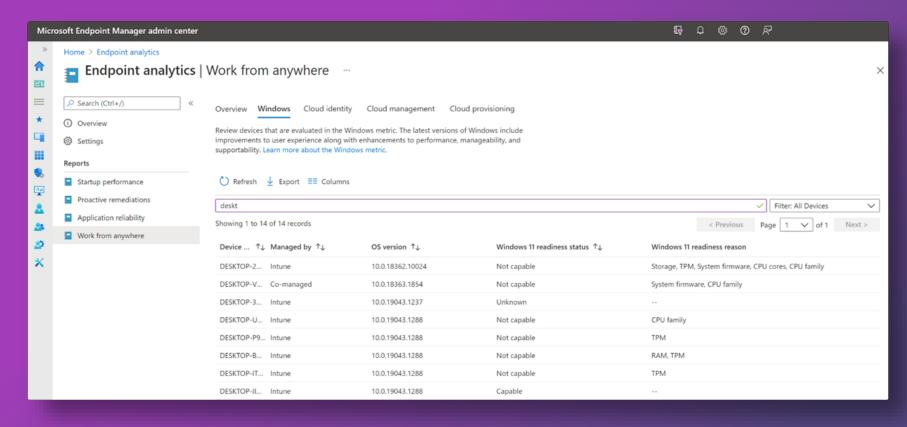


Windows Feature Update Readiness



Comprehensive view on readiness
System requirement issues
Manufacturer & model
Include details on app compat
Include details on driver compat

Work from anywhere



Does not require data diagnostic

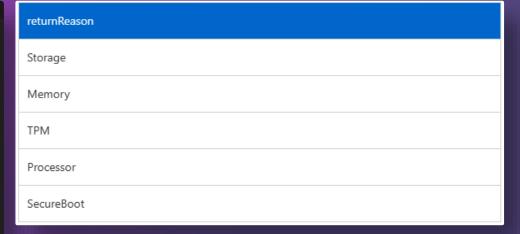
Windows readiness status

Windows readiness reason

Windows 11 hardware readiness script

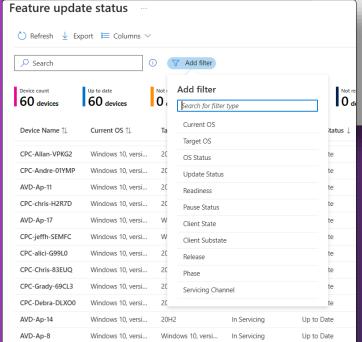
Hardware Readiness PowerShell script (aka.ms)

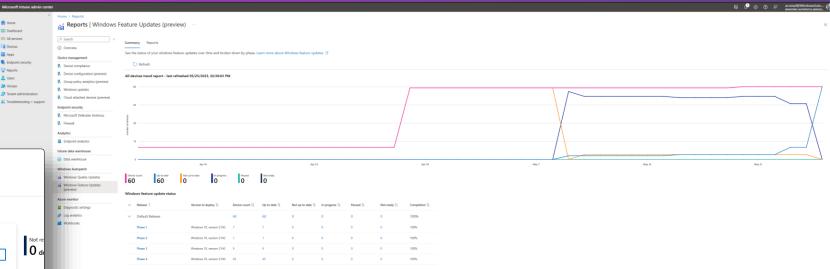
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  4 # Description: Verifies the hardware compliance. Return code 0 for success.
                         In case of failure, returns non zero error code along with error message.
      # This script is not supported under any Microsoft standard support program or service and is distributed under the MIT license
 11 # Permission is hereby granted, free of charge, to any person obtaining a copy of this software and associated documentation
      # THE SOFTWARE IS PROVIDED "AS IS", WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE
      # WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND NONINFRINGEMENT. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE AUTHORS OR
      # COPYRIGHT HOLDERS BE LIABLE FOR ANY CLAIM, DAMAGES OR OTHER LIABILITY, WHETHER IN AN ACTION OF CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE,
       # ARISING FROM, OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOFTWARE OR THE USE OR OTHER DEALINGS IN THE SOFTWARE.
      $exitCode = 0
      [int]$MinOSDiskSizeGB = 64
      [int]$MinMemoryGB = 4
      [Uint32]$MinClockSpeedMHz = 1000
       [Uint32]$MinLogicalCores = 2
      [Uint16]$RequiredAddressWidth = 64
      $PASS_STRING = "PASS"
      $FAIL STRING = "FAIL"
      $FAILED TO RUN STRING = "FAILED TO RUN"
```



returnCode	Definition
-2	FAILED TO RUN – the script encountered an error
-1	UNDETERMINED – one or more of the hardware requirement checks failed to execute properly
0	CAPABLE – the device meets all assessed Windows 11 hardware requirements
1	NOT CAPABLE – the device does not meet one or more of the assessed Windows 11 hardware requirements

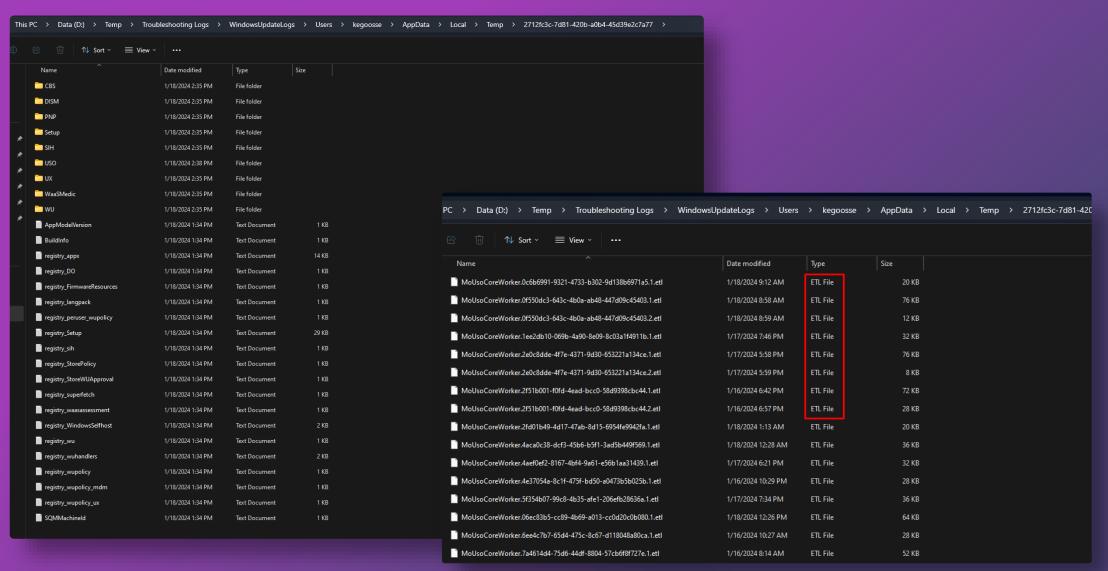
 Autopatch feature update Trends and summary
 Review by phase
 Rich filtering





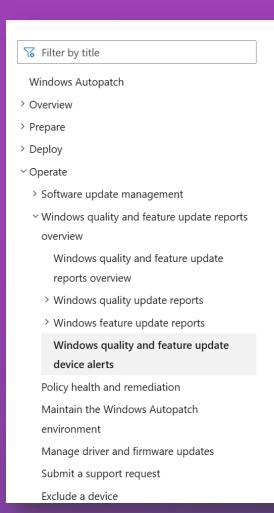


Windows Autopatch



Output Look up the alerts

Device alerts - Windows Deployment | Microsoft Learn



Alert resolutions

Alert resolutions are provided through the Windows Update service and provide the reason why an update didn't perform as expected. The recommended actions are general recommendations and if additional assistance is needed, submit a support request.

Alert message	Description	Windows Autopatch recommendation(s)
CancelledByUser	User canceled the update	The Windows Update service has reported the update was canceled by the user. It's recommended to work with the end user to allow updates to execute as scheduled.
DamagedMedia	The update file or hard drive is damaged	The Windows Update service has indicated the update payload might be damaged or corrupt. It's recommended to run chkdsk /F on the device with administrator privileges, then retry the update. For more information, see chkdsk.
DeploymentConflict	Device is in more than one deployment of the same update type. Only the first	The Windows Update service has reported a policy conflict. For more information, see the Windows Autopatch Policy Health dashboard.

Troubleshooting

Part 2

Troubleshooting Flow

- 1. You try to troubleshoot yourself
- 2. You file a support case (or submit via FeedbackHub)
- 3. Support will attempt to provide an answer
- 4. If it is a tricky one, they will escalate to an escalation engineer in the area who has more expertise in the update area
- 5. If it is a super tricky one and/or an actual bug it will escalate further to the actual Windows update product team
- 6. We will then do all the steps I'm about to tell you to do to figure out what is going wrong, why, and how to fix it. You can leverage a lot of how we do this to better troubleshoot in step 1!

Behind the Scenes

```
>> 2 days ago, Tim's devices weren't updating.
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>> Tim's state == Frustrated
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>> Tim called Ken to figure out what was going wrong.

20% of devices aren't updating!



Can you be more specific? What update(s) did you expect that the devices are not receiving?



Tip - Be specific about what you want the outcome to be. Focusing on the goal rather than what you think is wrong is very helpful when troubleshooting / having support recommend the right remediation.

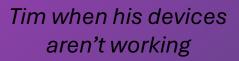
The devices aren't getting the Windows 11, 22H2 feature update



Got it! Have you checked that they are properly configured to be offered the update?



Tip - Always check that the device are properly configured to achieve the outcome that you want.





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When checking policies are configured correctly:

- First, check that it **is** configured to what it should be with the tool it should be
- Second, check that it **is not** configured to something else with a different tool

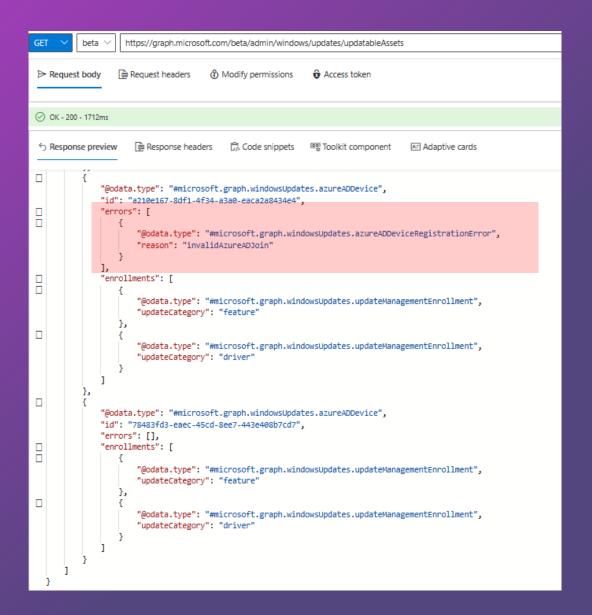
Aka check:

- ☐ Graph API enrollment
- ☐ CSPs configured
- ☐ GPs configured

Check Graph API

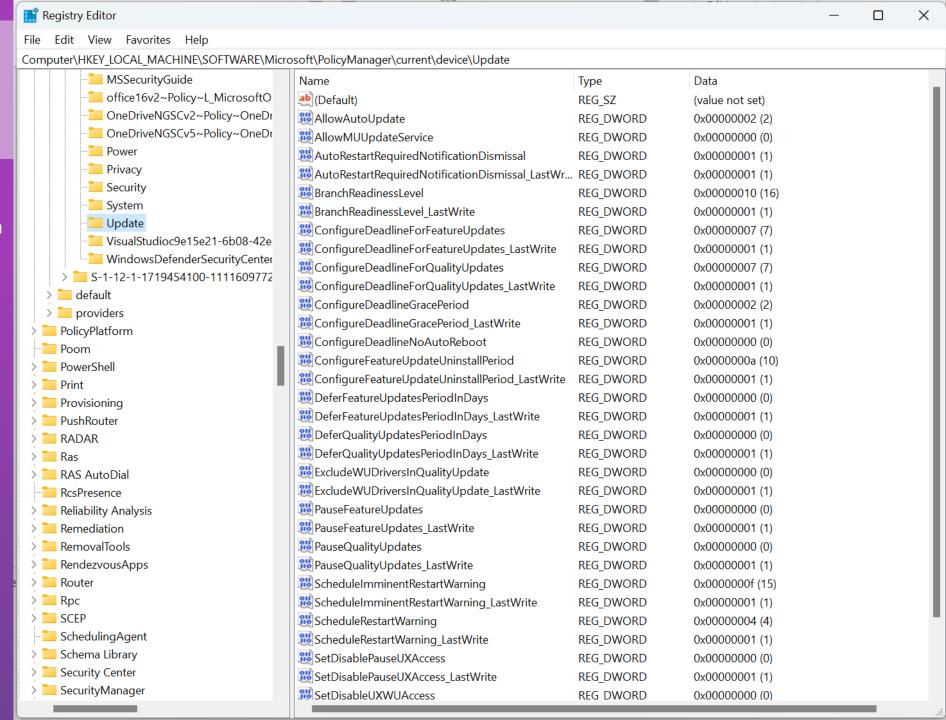
Common error case where the device is invalid (probably WPJ, which is unsupported in the deployment service).





CSP Path

...\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\PolicyMa nager\current\device\Update



Group Policy Path

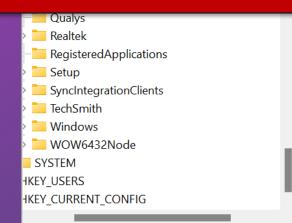
Registry Editor File Edit View Favorites Help $Computer \verb|\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE| SOFTWARE| Policies \verb|\Microsoft| Windows \verb|\Windows| Windows \verb|\Update| and the property of the property of$ ✓ Windows Name Type Data --- Аррх (Default) **REG SZ** (value not set) **BranchReadinessLevel REG DWORD** 0x00000004 (4) CurrentVersion DeferQualityUpdates **REG DWORD** 0x00000001 (1) DataCollection DeferQualityUpdatesPeriodInDays **REG DWORD** 0x00000000 (0) DeviceGuard ManagePreviewBuildsPolicyValue **REG DWORD** 0x00000002 (2) DriverSearching PauseQualityUpdatesStartTime **REG SZ** Enhanced Storage Devices UpdatePreference 0x00000001 (1) **REG DWORD**

...\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsof Windows\WindowsUpdate

WARNING: MDM Wins Over GPO does

NOT apply to the Windows Update policies

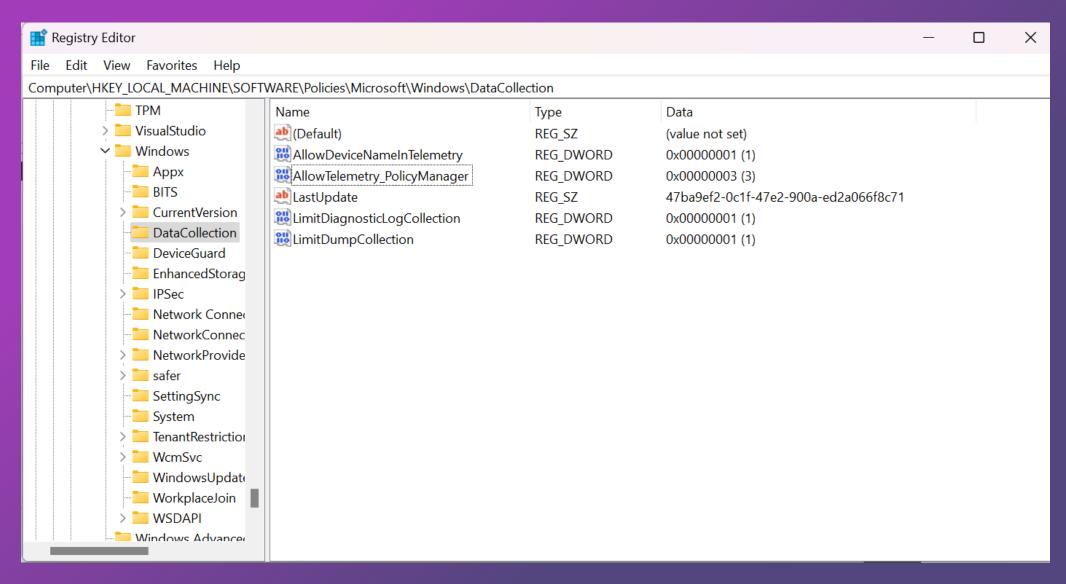
(or a variety of other areas)



While you're in the registry, may as well check telemetry, safeguards and eligibility as well.

Appraiser Markers

Check Telemetry is being sent



Safeguards & Win 11 eligibility

- GStatus
- UpgEx

Registry Editor — [
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AppCompatFlags	ab DataRelDate	REG_SZ	08/11/2023				
> <mark> </mark>	ab DataRelDateEpoch	REG_SZ	1691712000				
> <mark>AvTracking</mark>		REG_SZ	2651				
> CaretTracking	ab DataVerRecommended	REG_SZ	TRUE				
CIT	ab DestBuildNum	REG_SZ	22621				
> ClientTelemetry	DestBuildNumList	REG_SZ	22621,22622,22623,22631				
Compatibility Assistant	ab FailedPreregs	REG_MULTI_SZ	None				
> CompatMarkers	ab Fam	REG_SZ	0				
Custom	ab Fing	REG_SZ	0				
> GeneralMarkers	ab Free	REG_SZ	gt64				
Layers	ab GatedBlockId	REG_MULTI_SZ	None				
> MigratedMarkers	ab GatedBlockReason	REG_MULTI_SZ	None				
MigrationShims	GatedFeature	REG_MULTI_SZ	None				
> PenService	ab GenTelRunTimestamp	REG_SZ	133364043732970120				
> SdbUpdates	ab Genuine	REG_SZ	1				
> Shared	ab GStatus	REG_SZ	2				
TargetVersionUpgradeExperienceIndicators	ab Guest	REG_SZ	0				
□ NI22H2 □ UNV	ab InboxDataVersion	REG_SZ	2650				
	ab MCE	REG_SZ	0				
> TelemetryController > ToMigrate	ab OemPref	REG_SZ	0				
UpgradeCompatibilityAv	ab Office	REG_SZ	1				
UpgradeCompatibilityAvTemp	ab Paper	REG_SZ	0				
UpgradeCompatibilityTemp	ab Perf	REG_SZ	Unknown				
UpgradeExperienceIndicators	RedReason	REG_MULTI_SZ	None				
UpgradeMigration	ab SdbVer	REG_SZ	2651				
- ASR	Timestamp	REG_QWORD	0x1d9cde4301925dc (1333640439273323				
Audit	ab TimestampEpochString	REG_SZ	1691930792				
Background Model	Touch	REG_SZ	1				
ClipSVC	ab UpgEx	REG_SZ	Green				
Compatibility32	ab UpgExU	REG_SZ	Green				
Console	ab Version	REG_SZ	12				
- Containers	ab WIP	REG_SZ	1				
CorruptedFileRecovery							

#FunFact – over 50% of cases where "updates are not being offered" that we see are because WSUS is still being configured on the device (often by Configuration Manager).



Check your configurations!

Yes! Of course I checked the policies were configured correctly

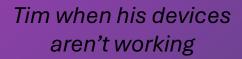


Great! Did you pull WU Logs from some of the devices?

(aka.ms/wucopylogsexternal)



When in doubt – pull logs





How to get the decode tool

- VPN Connection Required
- Run the command below in PowerShell

powershell.exe -ExecutionPolicy Bypass \\%path%\wulog.ps1 -InstallRightClickMenu

```
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows

PS C:\Users\kegoosse> powershell.exe -ExecutionPolicy Bypass \\n wulog.ps1 -InstallRightClickMenu
Done. You can now right click a folder, cab, zip, or ETL file, and select Send to > Decode WU ETL.cmd.

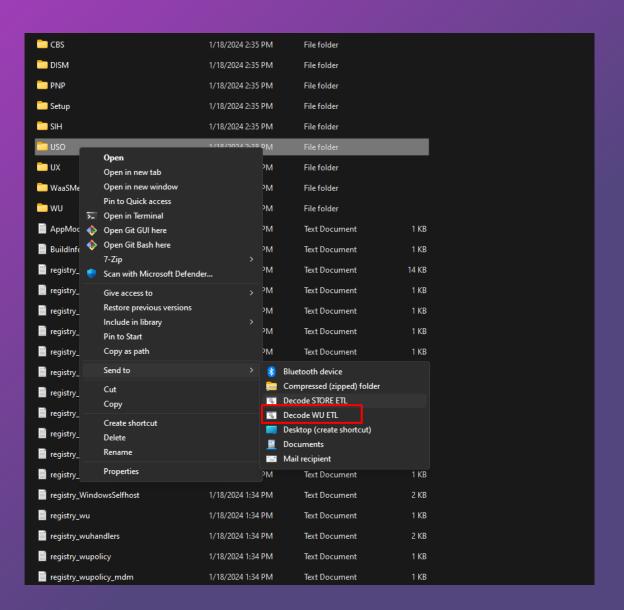
Done. You can now right click a Store ETL file and select Send to > Decode Store ETL.cmd.

PS C:\Users\kegoosse>
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What just happened on my computer?

2 options are added the Send to function when you right click a file or folder

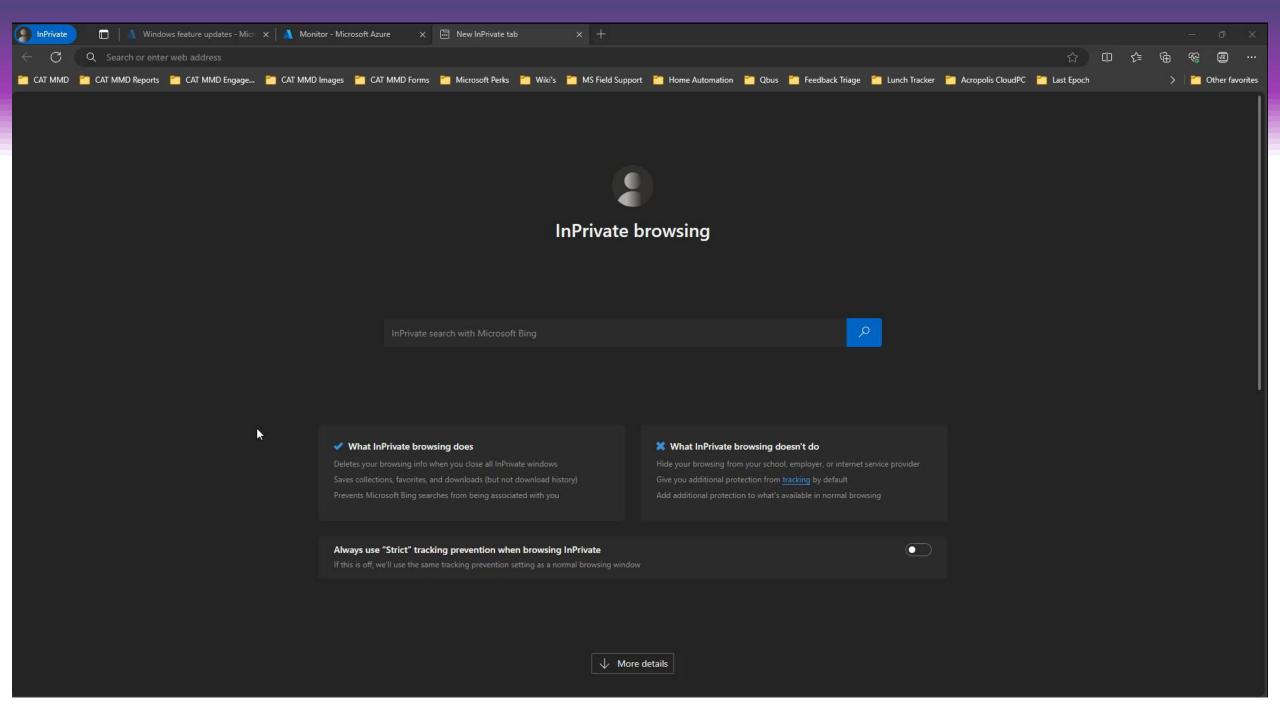
- Decode STORE ETL
- Decode WU ETL



Demo

We are going to demo pulling and decoding Windows update logs.



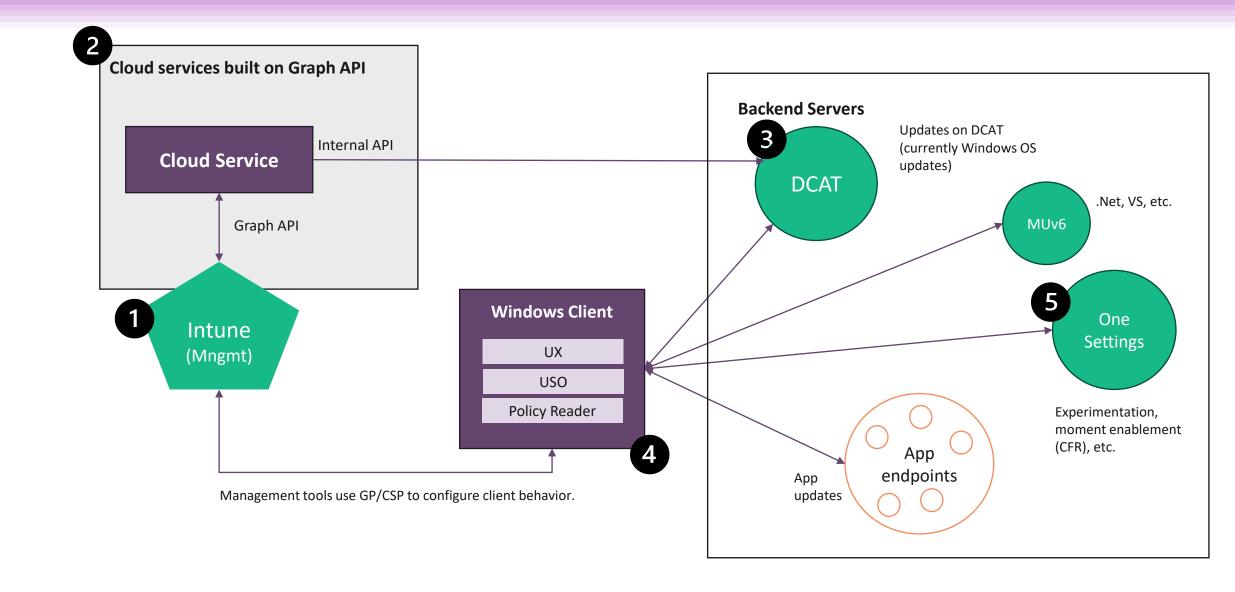


Before going into the logs, we need to learn:

>> What are the systems involved and what do they do?

Avoid blindly searching in logs ->

High Level Architecture





Policy Reader passes policies to the update stack (USO) which will then take actions based upon them

```
aggregation
brain
Client
common
DeliveryOptimization
failover
inc inc
MigrationContent
 orchestrator
> iii clientlmpl
> iii core
> indocs
> iii External
> inc
> mocommon

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✓ ■ decisionengine

      ++ ConditionStubs.h
       + DecisionEngine.h
       DecisionEngine.s...
       DecisionEngine.txt
```

101

105

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113 ##############

121 ##############

129 ##############

102 Action Notify policy requirement met : false
103 Action Honor AutoUpdate Download Policy = true

106 Action Notify policy requirement met : false

111 Action Notify policy requirement met : true

123 Action active hours requirement met : false

127 Action active hours requirement met : true

124 Policy active hours restricted = true 125 System inside active hours = true

131 Serialization should block : false
132 System volume available space MB >= 4000

134 Serialization should block: false

137 Serialization should block: false

135 Update critical = true

107 Action Honor AutoUpdate Install Policy = true

Policy Notify To Download = true

108 Policy Notify To Install = true
109 Immediate install preferred = false

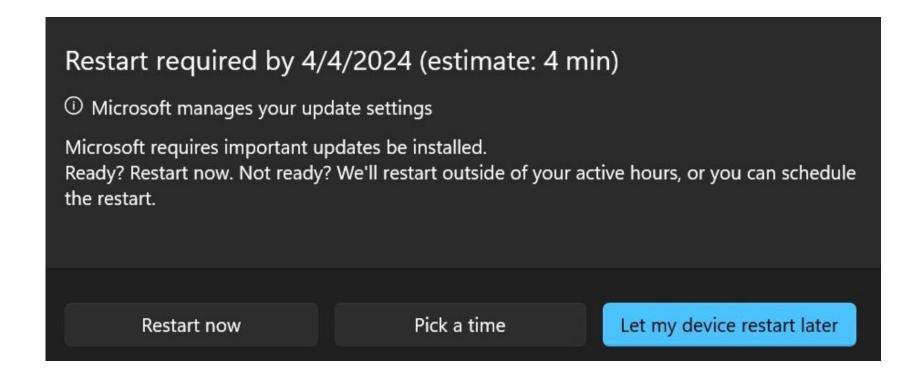
115 Exclusivity requirement met : false

119 Exclusivity requirement met : true

116 Action is exclusive = true
117 Same action is running = true



The update stack (USO) triggers UX Broker to take action to show notifications, toasts, etc.



Which information are you looking for?

01

Where is the update facing problems? *uso logs*

02

Is the device rebooting or receiving notifications?

UX logs

03

My device is facing an update problem, why is that happening?

Reporting Events & WU logs

1 - Where is the problem?

(USO == MoUSOCoreWorker)

The key: check for non 0 hresults for *scan*, *download*, *install*, and *commit* - these indicate that that part of the process for that specific update is failing. Note down the update id.

- Scan: ctrl+F "*scan*" to find non 0 hresults this indicates that scan has an issue.
- **Download**: ctrl+F "*download*" to find a non 0 hrseult
- Install: ctrl+F "*install* to find a non 0 hrseult
- Commit: ctrl+F "*commit*" to find a non 0 hresult

Note down the update id for any non 0 hresults

2- What did my end user see?

There are three different UX logs:

- MoUxCoreWorker policies and reboot timing
- **UpdateUx** settings page issues
- MoNotificationUX notification issues

Did the reboot and notifications happen when they were supposed to? (UX == MoUXCoreWorker)

P.s. use Windows 11

(You probably won't find these logs on 10...)

- Check config
- Did it success
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- Did it actually happen then? See if 'defer restart' = True
- Did the user see a notification? Check if 'display notification' = True

Looking at logs, you have "notify to install" configured.

Yes, we want users to be aware of updates

With this policy, these devices will only install if the user initiates them.



4

It is usually a policy misconfiguration or a misunderstanding of how the policy is supposed to work that causes undesired experiences. Be sure to check out the latest documentation for how a policy should impact your user's experience. Ps if you already know where the update went wrong you can skip all this, start here:

- Reportingevents logs
- Windows Update error code list by component - Windows Deployment | Microsoft Learn

I found the issue!

Uh, Now What?

Remediation

Part 3

Ways to fix things

- Configure your policies per recommendations (you can fix)
- Look at the common error + recommended remediations section to see if you can follow the suggested solutions (you can fix)
- If your issue is not in that section and there is a download/install error, let the device retry there is a lot of self-healing and retrying is often best (let it fix itself)
- If that doesn't work, file a bug via Feedback hub or support case to escalate to our engineers –
 it may then be a bug in the code (let us fix that)

55 Errors and what you can do about them

ENUM	Display Name	Recommended Remediation			
1	Unexpected Shutdown	Ensure the device remains on during Windows installation.			
2	Install Access Denied	Retry the installation.			
3	Damaged Media	Run Chkdsk /F on the device with administrator privileges, then retry the update.			
4	Cancelled By User	Retry the installation.			
5	Install Issue Redirection	Report to Microsoft if this is encountered more than once.			
6	Windows Repair RequiredRun the Startup Repair Tool on this device.				
7	File Not Found	Download the update again, and then retry the installation.			
8	Install System Error	Check that the BIOS and drivers are up to date. Retry the download.			
9	Install Setup Error	Check that the BIOS and drivers are up to date. Retry the download.			
10	WU Component Missing	Run dism /online /cleanup-image /restorehealth on the device with administrator privileges, then retry the update. If the commands fails, a reinstall of Windows may be required.			
11	Incompatible Architecture	Make sure the target operating system architecture matches the host operating system architecture.			
12	Superseded	Update your media sources to the most recently available version.			
13	Download Credentials Issue	Retry. If it fails again, review your network configuration to make sure that this computer can access the internet. If you need help, contact support.			