

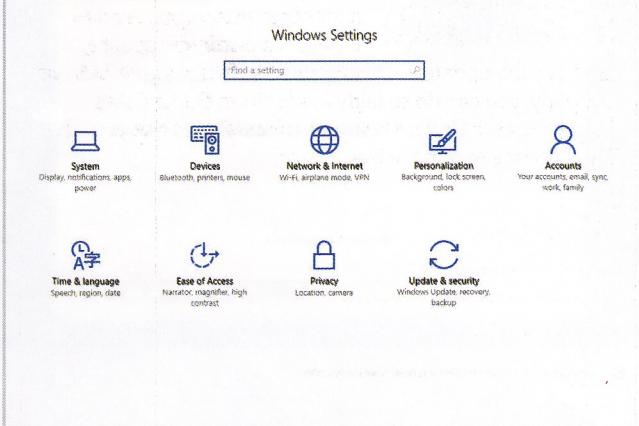
How to Update Windows 10

Keeping your Windows 10 computer up to date is important for many reasons. First, major updates, such as the Anniversary update, will add major new features that you shouldn't miss out on. Second, all updates are there for a reason, usually to fix problems, close security holes and add improvements.

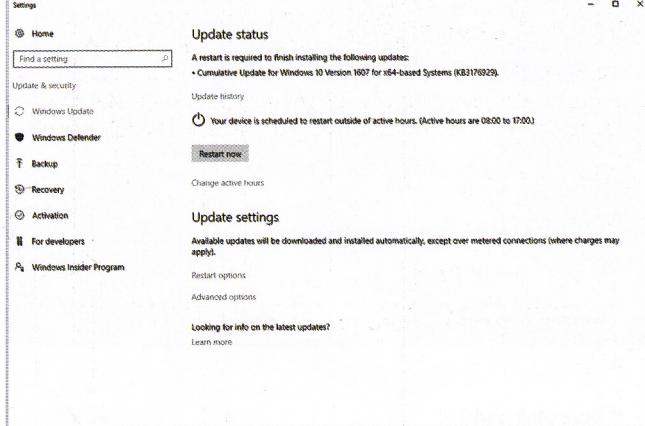
Checking for Updates

If you think that your PC needs to be updated, you don't need to wait for the automatic update process to kick in. You can quite easily check for updates yourself.

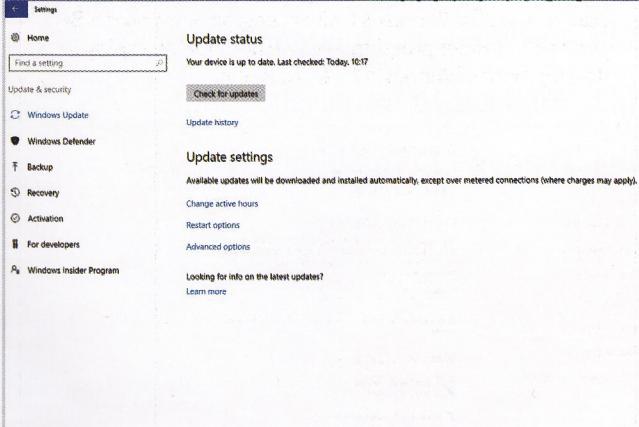
Step 1 You can find the Windows 10 update information in the main settings app. Tap the Windows key or click the start menu button and then select the Settings icon from the side of the menu. Click the “Updates & Security” heading in the menu to open the relevant settings screen.



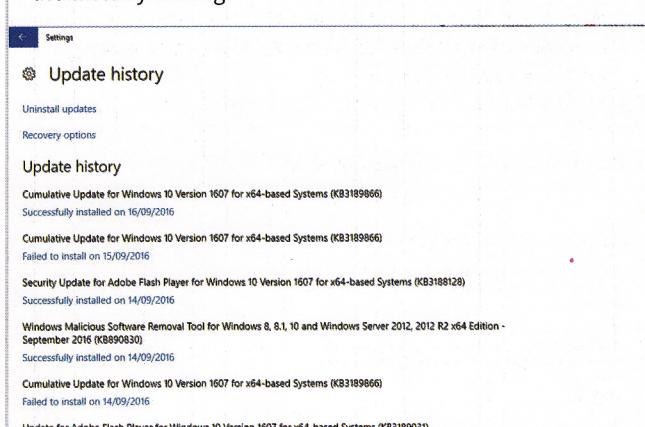
Step 3 Any available updates will now display at the top of the window and the Check button will change to an Install button. You can install the updates straight away, but you will need to restart your PC after the install is complete, or you can reschedule to a more convenient time.



Step 2 At the top of the window you should immediately see a message telling you whether Windows 10 is up to date or if updates are currently available. Directly below this message is a button labelled “Check for updates”. Even if the message says up to date, it is worth clicking this button.



Step 4 If you want to check which updates have been installed, perhaps if you need to confirm a security update for work, you can easily do so by clicking the “Update History” link directly below the check for updates button. Updates are displayed, with more info available by clicking.

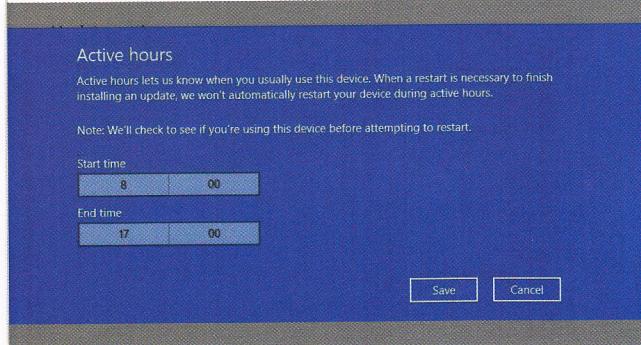


Windows Update Settings

There are several additional and advanced options available which can make the whole update process quicker, easier and more efficient, which is always a good thing.

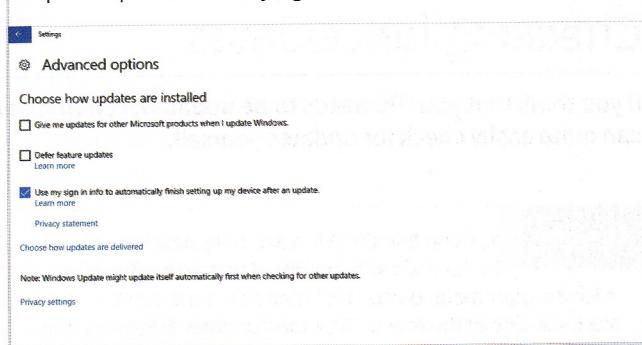
Active Hours

By setting your active hours, you can tell your computer when you will most likely be using it. If you have updates set to automatically install and restart, they will only do so outside of your active hours. Useful for ensuring updates don't lose you school or office work.



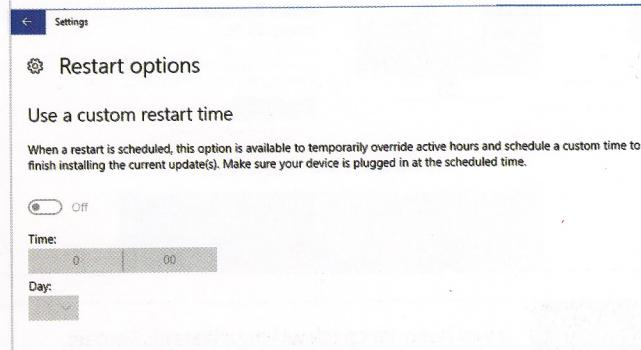
Automatic Set Up

Some updates require you to restart your PC and sign in to Windows in order to finish installing the update. Windows 10 can help prevent this from happening by allowing Windows to use your sign in info to create a special token. Go to Advanced update options > Use my sign-in info...



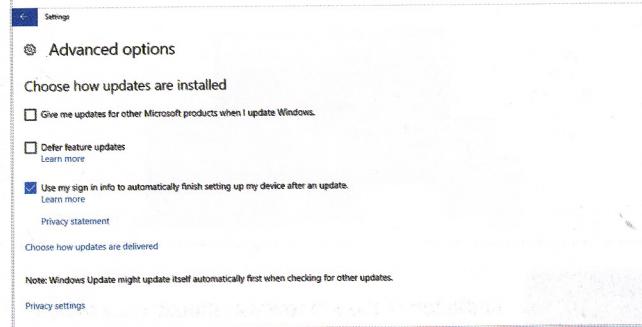
Custom Restart Time

When a restart is scheduled, this option is available to temporarily override active hours and schedule a custom time to finish installing the current update. You will still need to make sure your device is plugged in at the scheduled time.



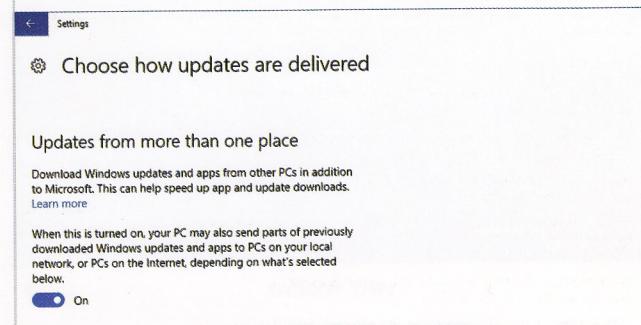
Uninstall Updates

If for some reason you need to uninstall a particular update, perhaps the update is causing some software to not behave properly, you can do so fairly easily. From the Updates windows, click Update History > Uninstall Updates and use the interface to remove the update.



Update Delivery

You can choose how Windows updates are delivered in the Advanced Options. Windows Update Delivery Optimisation lets you get Windows updates and Windows Store apps from sources in addition to Microsoft. This can help you get updates and apps more quickly.



Windows Insider

As a beginner, you probably aren't too worried about seeing updates before they are released to the general public but this is exactly what the Windows Insider program lets you do. By joining the Insider program, you are potentially helping in the development of Windows 10 and beyond.

