

Software Updates

Software Updates are necessary when companies identify application errors or weaknesses in their software or system that require stronger security protections.

About Software Updates:

Software Updates come in the form of software “patches” that replace defective sections of software code with corrected code. All software manufacturers issue patches either on a regular schedule or as defects are discovered.

Malware such as viruses, worms and trojans can infiltrate a computer through a software application that has not been patched.

Automatic Updates are included in most operating systems and software programs. These features periodically and automatically update the user’s computer.

Microsoft Windows calls this feature “Auto Update.”

Mac calls this feature “Software Update.”

Other software programs may display pop-up notices within a program notifying you to install the latest software patches.



CHECKLIST

How To Protect Your Computer

- Check your computer operating system’s automatic update settings to ensure you’re receiving updates.
- Check your software programs for updates that may be available in the “Help” menu or on the software vendor’s Website.
- Pay attention to pop-up messages within a program; these may be notices of available software updates.

Software that’s not regularly updated can leave your computer system vulnerable to attacks.

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