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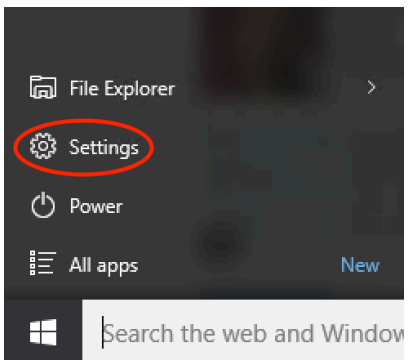
I want to make sure that Windows updates as well as other updates for Microsoft products will automatically install on my machine.

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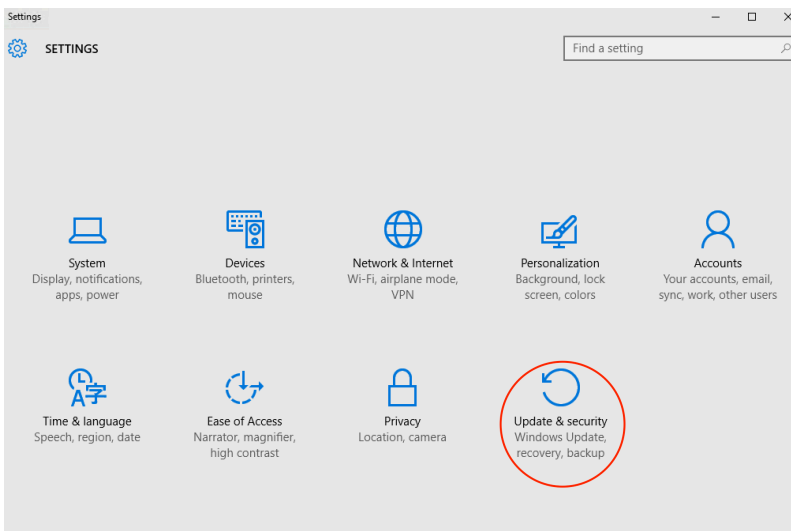
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1. Go to **Start > Settings**.



2. Once the **Settings** page opens click on **Update & Security**



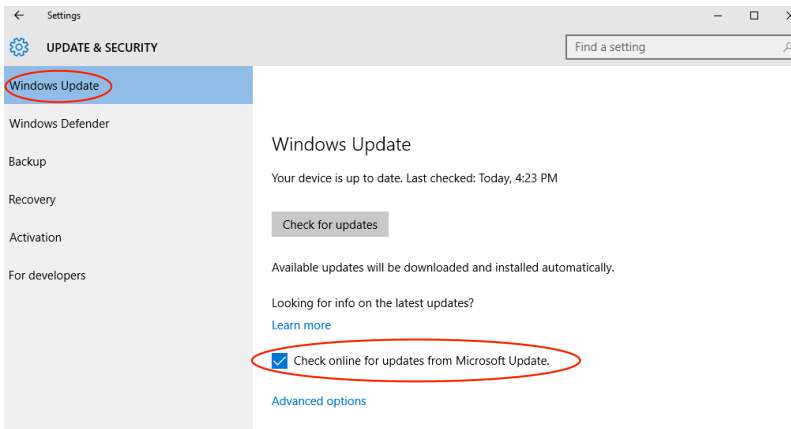
3. Select **Windows Update** on the left.



Please Note: Windows 10 is set to Automatically download and install updates so there is nothing needed to be configured expect for advanced options.

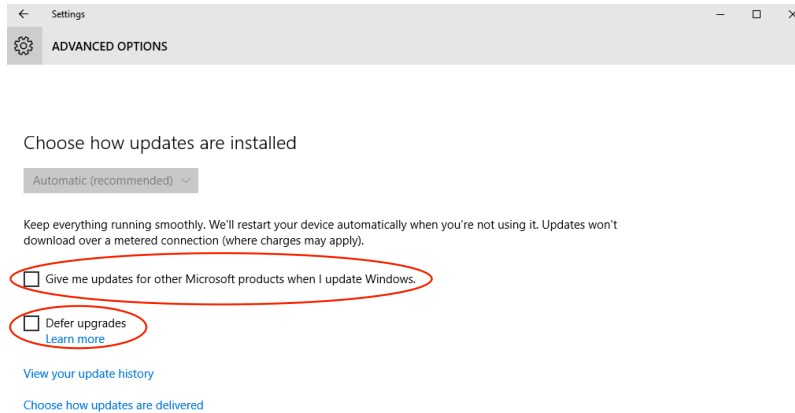
The option **Check online for updates from Microsoft Update** is unchecked by default if you are using WAUS (see the tip at the bottom

of this page.) Checking this option allows additional updates to be installed from Microsoft. When a restart is required Windows will prompt you to schedule a restart or will do so when you are not using your machine. You can also manually check for updates by clicking **Check for updates**.



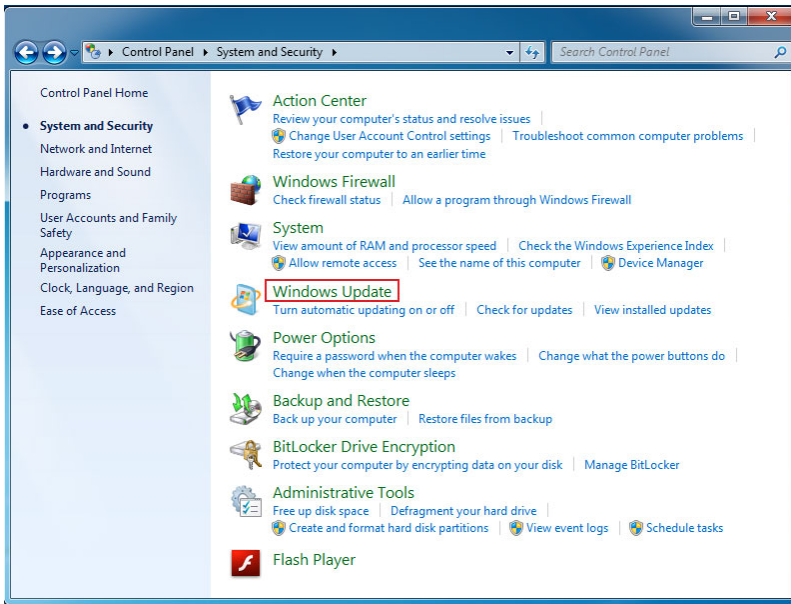
Optional: If you select **Advanced Options** you can enable the following options:

- **Give me updates for other Microsoft products when I update Windows** - This allows updates for programs like Office to also be downloaded and installed.
- **Defer Upgrades** - This allows only security updates to be installed and any feature updates to be deferred for a few months.



Windows 7 SP1

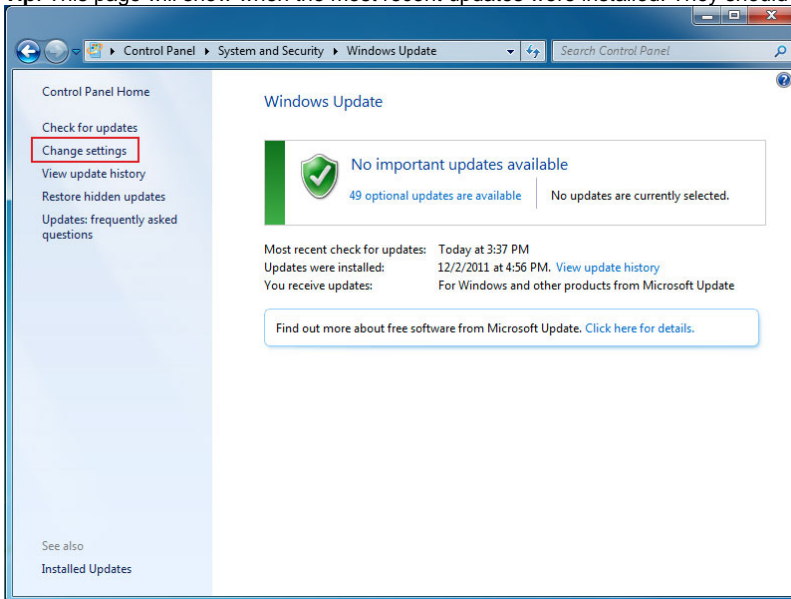
1. Go to **Start > Control Panel > System and Security**.
Result: The *System and Security* window opens.



2. Click on **Windows Update**.

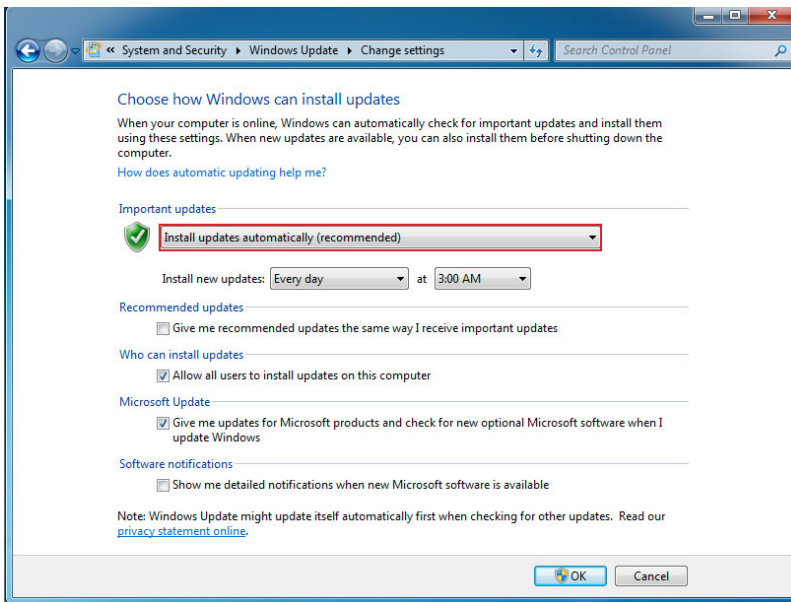
Result: The *Windows Update* window opens.

Tip: This page will show when the most recent updates were installed. They should be occurring at least once a month.



3. Click on **Change settings**.

Result: The *Choose how Windows can install updates* window opens.



4. Set drop menu to **Install updates automatically (recommended)** and choose the frequency and time of day you wish the update to take place.

Tip: Choose a time when your computer is turned on. Every day or every week is recommended.

5. Click **OK**.



Tip

The [MIT Windows Automatic Update Service \(WAUS\)](#) is also available to those members of the MIT community who wish to utilize Microsoft's Automatic Update feature with a more conservative selection of patches – focused on critical security updates – than those available directly from Microsoft.

See also

- [MIT Windows Automatic Update Service \(WAUS\)](#)
- [Windows 10 Landing Page](#)