

Windows Update Downloader

Windows updates is a service by Microsoft which helps you to install the latest Windows components, security fixes, software upgrades e.g. Windows Media Player, Internet Explorer and so on. Security updates or critical updates eliminate vulnerability to known malware and security exploits.

Usually, updates are handled automatically via the Windows Update service, but there can be situations when you would want to store a local copy of Windows updates, so that you can install these updates on a computer without an internet connection. Another advantage of using a local copy is that when you format your computer, you do not have to download all the updates from scratch. You can install all the necessary service packs and other basic security fixes quickly.

Following are the steps involved to save a local copy of Windows updates in your computer's hard disk, on a removable drive or on a CD/DVD:

1. Go to this website <http://www.windowsupdatesdownloader.com/ProgramFiles.aspx>

Download and install Windows Updates Downloader 2.5 on your computer. I chose to Save mine in Downloads.

2. Go back to the above website go to Update Lists and select the operating system installed on your computer. Then download the corresponding updates list, as shown in the following image: This time chose Run.

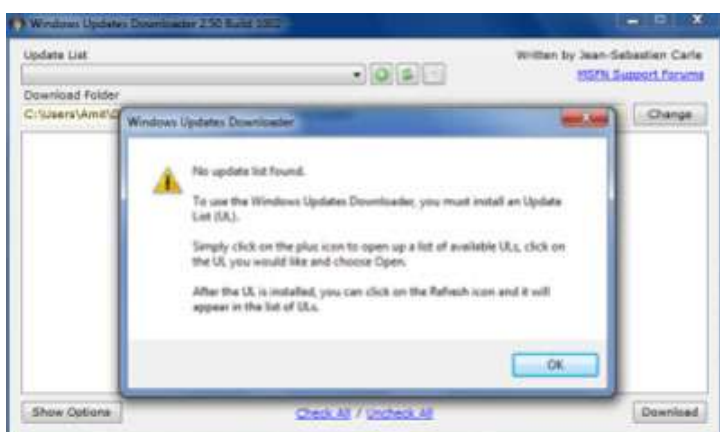
product	servicepack	platform	updated	downloads	file
Exchange 2003		x86	2006-08-19	36123	download
Office 2003		x86	2006-08-19	99607	download
Windows 2000 Professional	Service Pack 4	x86	2010-03-11	3992	download
Windows 2003 Server	Service Pack 2	x86	2010-03-11	6205	download
Windows Vista	Service Pack 1	x64	2009-09-12	5897	download
Windows Vista	Service Pack 1	x86	2009-09-12	8656	download
Windows Vista	Service Pack 2	x64	2009-09-12	8016	download
Windows Vista	Service Pack 2	x86	2009-09-12	15619	download
Windows XP	Service Pack 2	x64	2007-09-04	90471	download
Windows XP	Service Pack 2	x86	2008-04-08	123237	download
Windows XP	Service Pack 3	x86	2010-03-11	56570	download

Note: x86 = 32 bit

X64 = 64 bit.

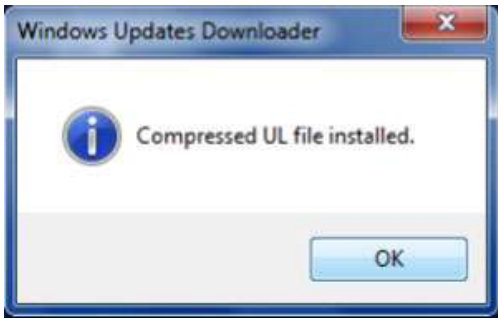
Make sure you choose the correct platform for your operating system. Choosing a different platform will not work.

3. Once you have downloaded the updates list and installed the application, you are ready to go. Run the Windows updates downloader and you will see the following screen:

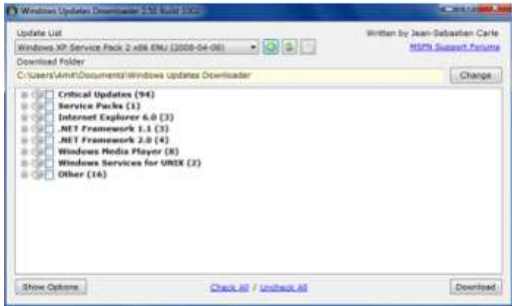


Click "Ok" to continue.

4. Now double click on the Desktop Icon and you will see a message window as "Compressed UL file installed". Click "OK".



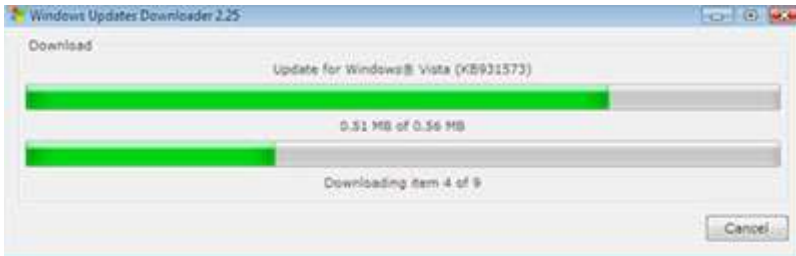
5. If you do not see the list below at this point double click the Desktop Icon again, you will see a list of basic windows updates listed.



6. Choose the features you want to download and select the corresponding checkboxes

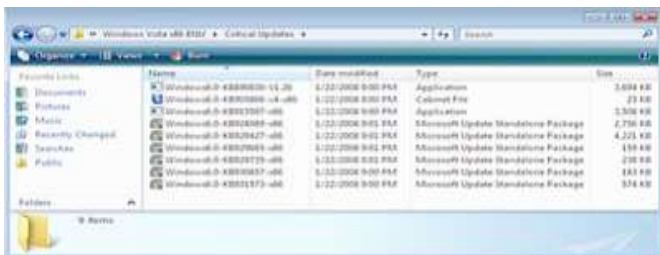
7. Click on the “Change” button and choose a folder in your computer where the files will be saved. Do not save the files in the operating system folder. For instance make a folder in Documents to hold the updates. Preferably move them outside the computer.

8. You are ready to go. Click the “Download” button and all the updates will be downloaded in the local folder specified by you.



Depending upon the size of the updates, it may take some time for the downloads to finish. Do not close the application window or disconnect from the internet while the files are downloading.

9. When the download is complete, open the folder and you will see all the files required to install Windows update on your computer.



10. To install these updates, double click each file and Windows will install the updates automatically. You will have to restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

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