

Windows Patches

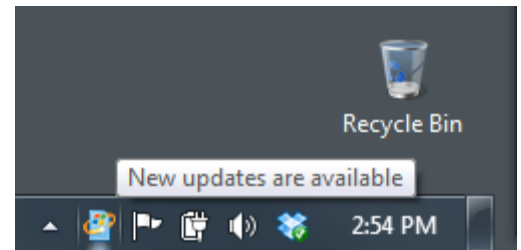
Information Technology uses Microsoft's WSUS patch management solution to deploy security patches to Taylor-owned, Windows-based computers. While the download and installation of most security patches is handled behind the scenes, some patches require user intervention in the form of a computer restart. This tutorial covers the process of patch approval, patch deployment, and the scheduling of a restart.

Testing & Deployment

Microsoft releases security patches on the second Tuesday of each month. IT tests and approves newly released patches before they are deployed to Taylor-owned, Windows-based computers. Once approved by IT, patches queue up for deployment, a handful of computers at a time, until all computers are updated. Depending upon the number and size of patches, the process of deploying all new patches to all Taylor-owned computers can take 2-3 days.

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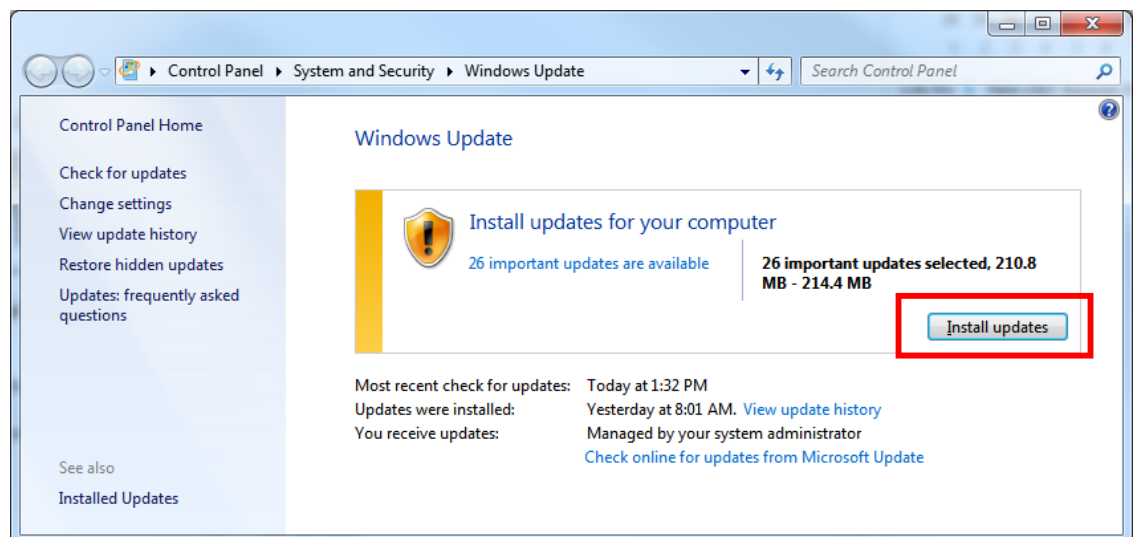
The download of patches happens automatically. The Windows Update icon is displayed in the System Tray once patches have been downloaded and are ready for installation. Click the Windows Update icon to begin the process.



Installation

Installation of patches requires user intervention.

- Click Install Updates.



Restart may be required

Some patches require a restart. If so, Windows will display the image to the right once patches have been installed. Please approve the restart as soon as possible.

Note: While an immediate restart (in order to secure the device as soon as possible) is preferred, it is possible to postpone the restart.

