

Re: Download Only Updates post SP2

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Glenn C wrote:

- > I am getting a little frustrated here... Is there a place to
- > download ONLY (for network installs LAN) of all the
- > security/updates post sp2.
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- > I want to download all the updates to place on a few servers that
- > have running, I have a few machines that are directly connected to
- > internet, after a fresh XP PRO install with SP2, but before you can
- > get the security fixes the things are hacked.
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- > Is there a place to search for all patches/fixes/security updates
- > for download for POST SP2 machines. Or is MS working on a SP3 with
- > all these updates yet.

Yes – you can do it. You can do it no matter what you are – you just had to use Google or a Microsoft search (even these newsgroups or google groups..) – basically do a little investigation to find it.

Not only can you get all the updates – you can integrate most of them into your installation media (CD or network) and thus – have your installs fully patched at first boot.

If you are going to be running servers of any type – my suggestion is to learn to use Google and other search engines ASAP. Most of the problems you will encounter have been encountered by others and if there is not an answer on the Microsoft web page – there may be answers on newsgroups like this or forums or other web pages. People are always tweaking and improving things – so you have to strive to keep up or you will fall behind and find yourself overwhelmed with new information.

Rather than give you just a little information – I will tell you how to get the updates, how to integrate them into your own CD, etc.. That way you are better informed about your options when it comes to the Windows Updates.

Direct Download of Service Pack 2 (SP2) for Windows XP
<http://snipurl.com/8bqy>

What to Know Before You Download and Install Windows XP Service Pack 2

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http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sp2/sp2_whattoknow.msp

You can download all updates and burn them to CD..

You can download each update manually – based off the KB Article number, etc. That way you can back it up/burn a CD of them in case you need them or use them to keep a slipstream/integrated (updated) Windows XP CD.

How to use the Windows Update Catalog

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/323166>

(In order to use the Windows Update Catalog, you must use IE to get the patches..)

Windows Update Catalog

<http://v4.windowsupdate.microsoft.com/catalog/en/default.asp>

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Creating an Integrated Installation

<http://snipurl.com/e143>

Integrate software updates into your Windows installation source files

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/828930>

Really customize your CD..

<http://unattended.msfm.org/>

Produce an up-to-date XP Distribution CD

<http://xpcreate.com/>

AutoPatcher

<http://www.autopatcher.com/>

AutoStreamer

<http://www.neowin.net/forum/index.php?showtopic=223562>

You can see the critical (security and other) patches released for a given month using the following:

http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms##-***.mspx

At the end of this line you see "ms##-***.mspx" .. If you simply replace ## with the two-digit year and the *** with the three character month abbreviation, you will see the list of "critical" and "important" patches for that month (since it only happens once a month usually, if you check by the second Tuesday (wait until afternoon) of each month – you should be fine) – note that future months will not work.

As an example...

December 2004's patches..

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<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms04-dec.msp>

March 2005's patches..

None released.. so that one will fail..

May 2005's patches..

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms05-may.msp>

July 2005's patches..

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms05-jul.msp>

Once you get on the page with each month's list of patches.. You can go to the related KB articles and grab the appropriate files from there.

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How To Ask Questions The Smart Way

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

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