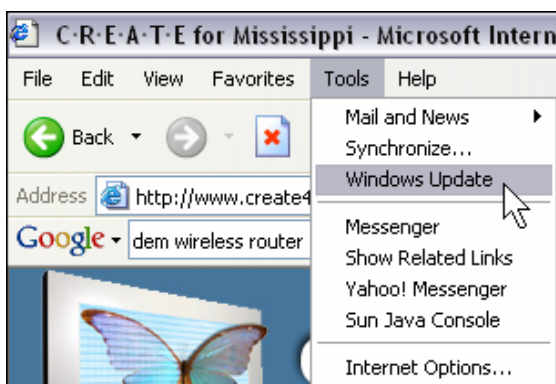
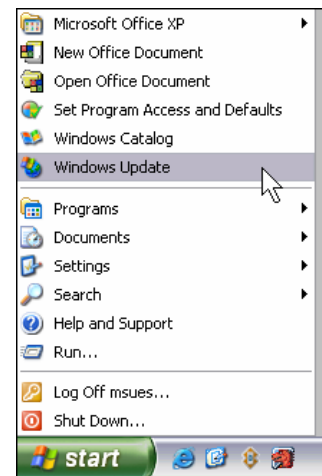


Windows Update: Protect Your Computer

This document shows users how to update their computer's *Windows* system files and *Internet Explorer*™ browser. This is an important and useful feature that is available to users that have computers with *Windows 95* or later installed as an operating system. These updates are usually items that provide security fixes or program updates. Both of these repairs enable your computer to run more smoothly and safely. The main Web site for **Windows Update** is <http://www.windowsupdate.microsoft.com>.

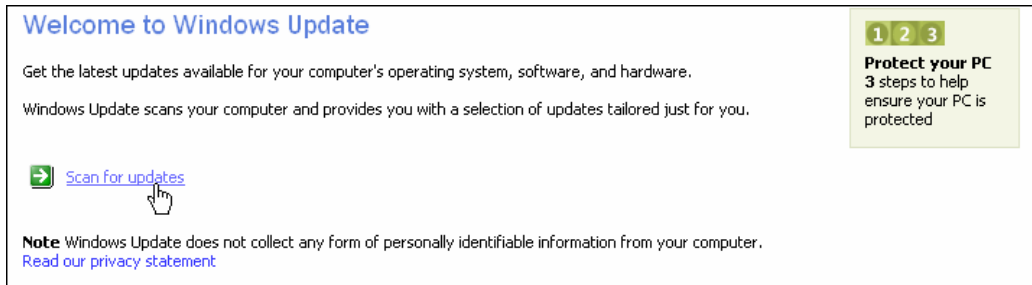
1. Click **START > WINDOWS UPDATE** located on the *Windows* start menu.

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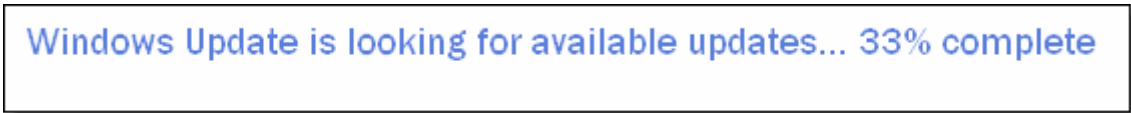


2. Open *Internet Explorer* by clicking on the **INTERNET EXPLORER** icon located on the *Windows* desktop.
3. Then, click **TOOLS > WINDOWS UPDATE** on the main menu of *Internet Explorer*.

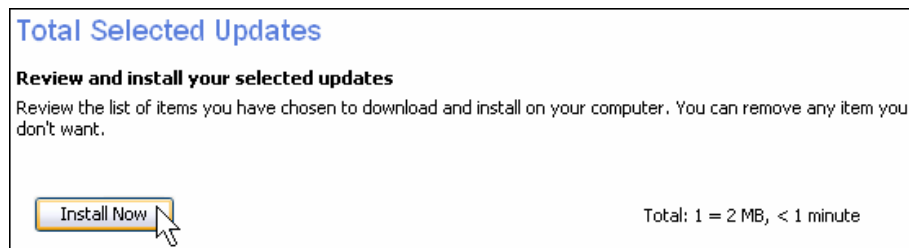
4. When the *Microsoft Windows Update* Web site loads, click the hyperlinked heading named **Scan for Updates**.



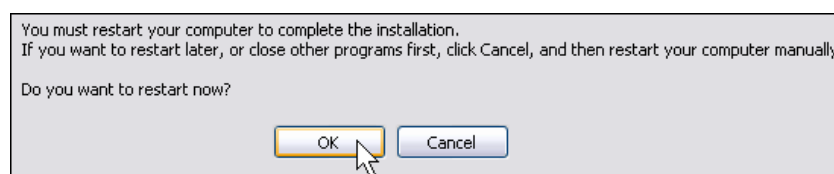
5. Next, a progress report will display the message **Windows Update is looking for available updates...** This process checks a text file on your computer to see what the critical updates, recommended updates, and drivers need updates in the *Windows* operating system on the computer.



6. If there are **Critical Updates** to install, click the **INSTALL NOW** button to start the installation process.



7. Once the update process is completed, *Windows Update* may prompt users to **reboot** the computer to complete the installation process. It is strongly recommended that this suggestion is followed.

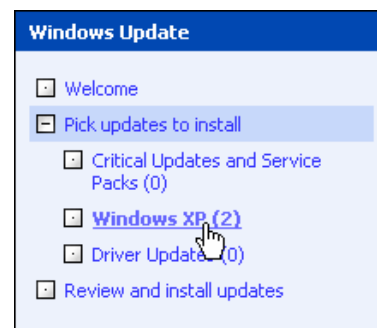


Installing Recommended Updates and Driver Updates

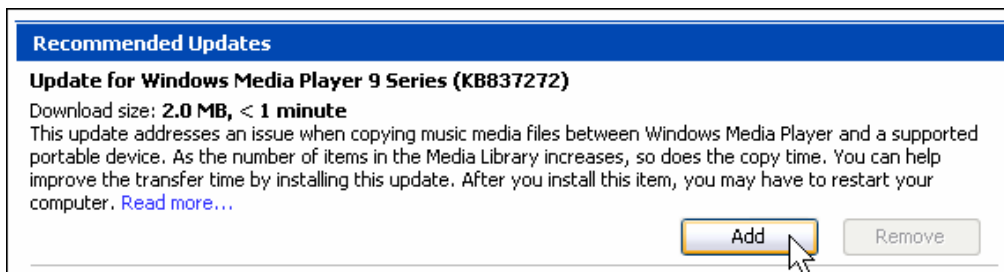
1. If users do not have critical updates to install, recommended updates and driver updates may still be available for installation.

These updates are not always necessary and are up to the discretion of the computer user whether they get installed on the computer.

2. To install recommended or driver updates, click either the **Operating System name or Driver Updates hyperlinks** located in the left pane of the browser window.



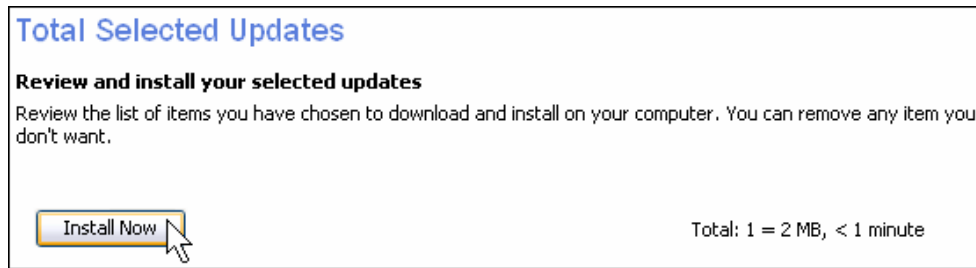
3. Click the **ADD button** adjacent to each update that you wish to install.



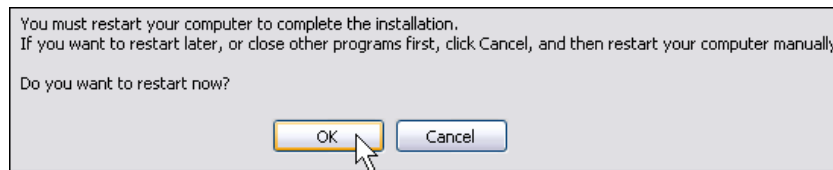
4. Click the **Review and install updates hyperlink** after adding all updates that will be installed on the computer.



5. Click the **INSTALL NOW button** to confirm the installation of all the updates. Users can see the total download size of the updates and the approximate time it will take to download the updates.



6. Once the update process is completed, *Windows Update* may prompt users to **reboot** the computer to complete the installation process. It is strongly recommended that this suggestion is followed.



Note:

Windows Update is one of the three steps that help ensure computers are protected. The other two are using an Internet firewall and using up-to-date antivirus software.

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