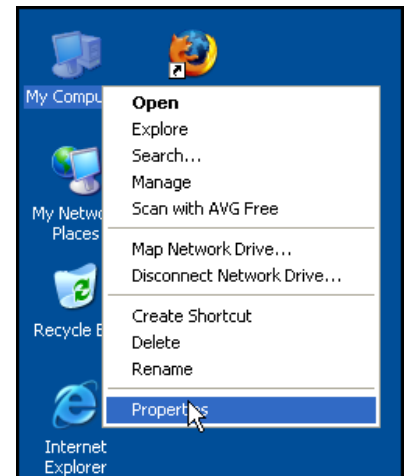


Windows XP: Automatic Updates

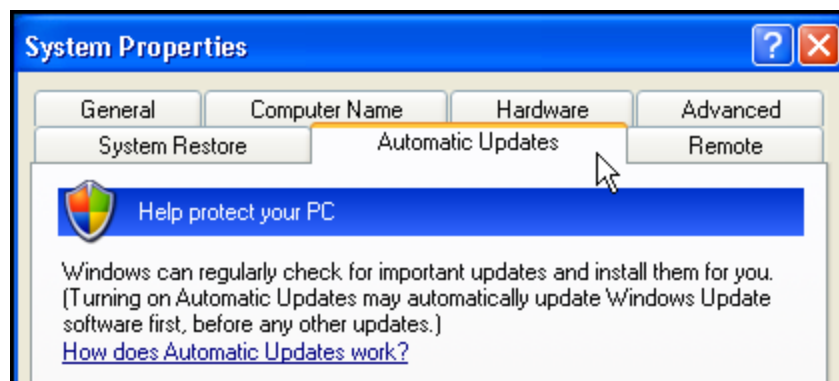
One of the better features that have been introduced in *Windows XP* is Automatic Updates. The Automatic Updates feature in *Microsoft Windows XP* notifies you when critical updates are available for your computer. You can also specify the schedule that *Windows* follows to install updates on your computer. Once *Microsoft Update* is activated on *Windows XP* machines, *Windows* and *Office* critical updates will be installed based on that computer's setting.

Activating Automatic Updates

1. Right-click the **My Computer shortcut** on the *Windows Desktop*. Select the **PROPERTIES** submenu item.

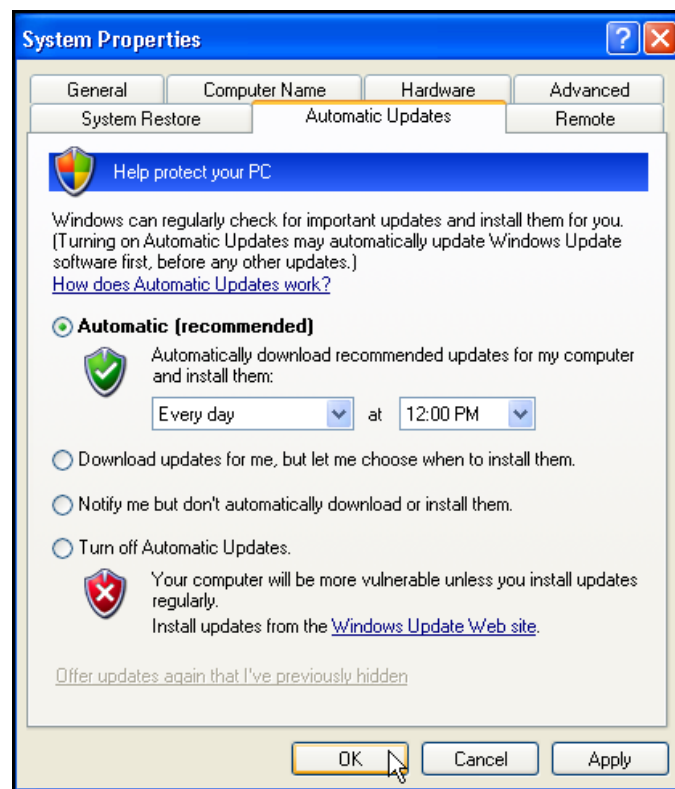


2. Click the **AUTOMATIC UPDATES** tab. Users can also get to this screen by clicking the **AUTOMATIC UPDATES** icon located in the Control Panel.



3. Users have four options for Automatic Updates:
 - a. Automatically download and install updates on a schedule set by the user.
 - b. Automatically download updates, but let the user install them at any time. This option will place a globe in the system tray that will notify the user.
 - c. Inform the user that there are updates available for download. This option will also place a globe in the system tray that will notify the user.
 - d. Turn off Automatic Updates.

4. Ideally, users should choose **Option A** if they have a high-speed Internet connection. This will ensure installation of critical updates. Low-bandwidth users may want to choose **Option C**. If **Option B or C** is selected, users need to make sure they download and install updates when notification is provided by Windows. Typically, users ignore this notification allowing their machines to become vulnerable. So, make sure you know which option is selected and what that selection requires of the end user.



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