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Thread: [I cannot download windows updates for Windows Vista](#)

PixelatedBacon - August 11, 2016, 8:00 am

Hi, today I tried to download windows updates on my Windows Vista computer and it doesn't download.

Zorori - August 11, 2016, 10:10 am

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mrnapolean1 - August 11, 2016, 8:42 pm

(Aug 11, 2016 10:10 AM)Furfag Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) end of life for vista was a little over 4 years ago, there are no more updates

Not true. [According to this Microsoft page](#) Extended support for vista doesn't end until 4-11-2017.

OP: Follow these directions.

1. Login as an Administrator
2. Hit Windows key and r to bring up the Run dialog
3. type services.msc and hit enter
4. Find windows update and right click, select Properties.
5. In the middle of the box that popped up you should see some buttons; Start, Stop, Pause, Resume. Click the Stop button
6. After the service has stopped browse to this folder: C:\Windows\SoftwareDistribution
7. Select everything and right click and select Copy.
8. Go to your Desktop and create a folder. Name it whatever you like
9. Open this new folder and right click and click on Paste.
10. Go back to SoftwareDistribution and select everything and right click and select Delete. Click on Yes to any UAC prompts that may come up
11. There should be nothing in C:\Windows\SoftwareDistribution.
12. Go back to services and on Windows update click on Start.
13. Go to Windows update and give it a few hours. Windows Update is rebuilding its Database so give it some time.

The problem "should" be solved now.

Zorori - August 11, 2016, 10:35 pm

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mrnapolean1 - August 12, 2016, 6:05 am

(Aug 11, 2016 10:35 PM)Zorori Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) so essentially end of life was not actually end of life huh

Main feature updates have ceased. The only thing in Vista that's being patched now is security vulnerability's. Vistas lifecycle status is what I call Life Support.

Yin Yang - August 12, 2016, 6:06 am

Why would you even bother with Vista? It's just as shitty as 8. I'd recommend to going to win7. It's my favorite one and it's simple to use.