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Thread: [\[Socialites\] Remove telemetry updates for Windows 7 and 8.1](#)

SUI-3183372 - October 25, 2016, 3:10 pm

A lot of people complain about the privacy nightmare which is Windows 10. A lot of those same people don't realize that a lot of those very intrusive updates also got rolled out for Win7/8. Below is code that you can run on your computer to uninstall/remove these updates.

Copy and paste into notepad, save as a .cmd. Run as admin.

Code @echo off

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echo Uninstalling KB3075249 (telemetry for Win7/8.1)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3075249 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3080149 (telemetry for Win7/8.1)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3080149 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3021917 (telemetry for Win7)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3021917 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3022345 (telemetry)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3022345 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3068708 (telemetry)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3068708 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3044374 (Get Windows 10 for Win8.1)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3044374 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3035583 (Get Windows 10 for Win7sp1/8.1)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3035583 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB2990214 (Get Windows 10 for Win7)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2990214 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB2952664 (Get Windows 10 assistant)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2952664 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3075853 (update for "Windows Update" on Win8.1/Server 2012R2)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3075853 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3065987 (update for "Windows Update" on Win7/Server 2008R2)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3065987 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3050265 (update for "Windows Update" on Win7)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3050265 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB971033 (license validation)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:971033 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB2902907 (description not available)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2902907 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB2976987 (description not available)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2976987 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB2976978 (compactibility update for Windows 8.1)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:2976978 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3102810 (update for "Windows Update")
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3102810 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3112343 (Windows Update Client for Windows 7)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3112343 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3135445 (Windows Update Client for Windows 7)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3135445 /quiet /norestart
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echo Uninstalling KB3123862 (Windows Update Client for Windows 7)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3123862 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3081954 (Telemetry Update for Windows 7)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3081954 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3139929 (Get Windows 10 update for MSIE)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3139929 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3138612 (Windows Update Client for Windows 7)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3138612 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3138615 (Windows Update Client for Windows 8.1)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3138615 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3150513 (Compatibility Update (another GWX) for Windows 7/8.1)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3150513 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3133977 (buggy update)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3133977 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3139923 (Another GWX for Windows 7/8.1)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3139923 /quiet /norestart
echo Uninstalling KB3173040 (Another GWX for Windows 7/8.1)
start /w wusa.exe /uninstall /kb:3173040 /quiet /norestart
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KB2505438

Slow performance in applications that use the DirectWrite API on a computer that is running Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008 R2

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2505438>

Although it claims to fix performance issues, it often breaks fonts

KB2670838

Platform update for Windows 7 SP1 and Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2670838>

Windows 7 Only (breaks AERO functionality and gives you blurry fonts on some websites)

The EVIL Update, breaks AERO on Windows 7 and makes some fonts on websites fuzzy, Windows 7 specific update only, do not install IE10 or 11 otherwise it will be bundled with them, IE9 is the max version you should install

KB2952664

Compatibility update for upgrading Windows 7

This update helps Microsoft make improvements to the current operating system in order to ease the upgrade experience to the latest version of Windows.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2952664>

Windows 10 Upgrade preparation

Get Windows 10 assistant

KB2976978

Compatibility update for Windows 8.1 and Windows 8

This update performs diagnostics on the Windows systems that participate in the Windows Customer Experience Improvement Program. These diagnostics help determine whether compatibility issues may be encountered when the latest Windows operating system is installed. This update will help Microsoft and its partners ensure compatibility for customers who want to install the latest Windows operating system.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2976978>

Windows 10 Upgrade preparation

KB2977759

Compatibility update for Windows 7 RTM

This update performs diagnostics on the Windows systems that participate in the Windows Customer Experience Improvement Program. These diagnostics help determine whether compatibility issues may be encountered when the latest Windows operating system is installed. This update will help Microsoft and its partners ensure compatibility for customers who want to install the latest Windows operating system.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2977759>

Windows 10 Upgrade preparation

KB2990214

Update that enables you to upgrade from Windows 7 to a later version of Windows

update that enables you to upgrade your computer from Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (SP1) to a later version of Windows.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2990214>

Get Windows 10 for Win7

Windows 10 Upgrade preparation

KB3021917

Update to Windows 7 SP1 for performance improvements

This update performs diagnostics in Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (SP1) in order to determine whether performance issues may be encountered when the latest Windows operating system is installed. Telemetry is sent back to Microsoft for those computers that participate in the Windows Customer Experience Improvement Program (CEIP). This update will help Microsoft and its partners deliver better system performance for customers who are seeking to install the latest Windows operating system.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3021917>

Telemetry for Win7

Windows 10 Upgrade preparation + Telemetry

KB3022345

Update for customer experience and diagnostic telemetry

This update introduces the Diagnostics and Telemetry tracking service to in-market devices. By applying this service, you can add benefits from the latest version of Windows to systems that have not yet been upgraded. The update also supports applications that are subscribed to Visual Studio Application Insights.

This update has been replaced by the latest update for customer experience and diagnostic telemetry that was first released on June 2, 2015. To obtain the update, see 3068708 Update for customer experience and diagnostic telemetry.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3022345>

Telemetry

KB3035583

Update installs Get Windows 10 app in Windows 8.1 and Windows 7 SP1

This update installs the Get Windows 10 app, which helps users understand their Windows 10 upgrade options and device readiness.

This update applies to Windows 8.1 or Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (SP1) and Internet Explorer 11 (IE11).

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3035583>

Windows 10 upgrade preparation

KB3068708

Update for customer experience and diagnostic telemetry

This update introduces the Diagnostics and Telemetry tracking service to existing devices. By applying this service, you can add benefits from the latest version of Windows to systems that have not yet upgraded. The update also supports applications that are subscribed to Visual Studio Application Insights.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3068708>

Telemetry

KB3075249

Update that adds telemetry points to consent.exe in Windows 8.1 and Windows 7

This update adds telemetry points to the User Account Control (UAC) feature to collect information on elevations that come from low integrity levels.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3075249>

Telemetry

KB3080149

Update for customer experience and diagnostic telemetry

This package updates the Diagnostics and Telemetry tracking service to existing devices. This service provides benefits from the latest version of Windows to systems that have not yet upgraded. The update also supports applications that are subscribed to Visual Studio Application Insights.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3080149>

Telemetry

KB971033

Update for Windows Activation Technologies

There is an update available to the activation and validation components in Windows Activation Technologies for Windows 7.

Windows Activation Technologies helps you confirm that the copy of Windows 7 that is running on your computer is genuine. Additionally, Windows Activation Technologies helps protect against the risks of counterfeit software. Windows Activation Technologies in Windows 7 consists of activation and validation components that contain anti-piracy features.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/971033>

Windows Activation Technologies

KB3044374

Update that enables you to upgrade from Windows 8.1 to Windows 10

Update that enables you to upgrade from Windows 8.1 to a later version of Windows

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3044374>

KB3075853

Windows Update Client for Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2: August 2015

Update that contains some improvements to Windows Update Client in Windows 8.1, Windows RT 8.1, or Windows Server 2012 R2

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3075853>

update for "Windows Update" on Win8.1/Server 2012R2

KB3065987

Windows Update Client for Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2: July 2015

update that contains some improvements to Windows Update Client in Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (SP1) or Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1. This update is incompatible with Windows Server Update Services (WSUS) servers without the hardening update 2938066

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3065987>

update for "Windows Update" on Win7/Server 2008R2

KB3050265

Windows Update Client for Windows 7: June 2015

General improvements are made to support upgrades to a later version of Windows.

This update installs a new Group Policy object that enables you to block upgrades to the latest version of Windows through Windows Update.

Microsoft is making Windows 10 available for free for one year from the date of availability to Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 customers for non-Enterprise editions. If you have Windows 7 or Windows 8.1 Pro deployed in your organization, Windows 10 will be offered to you. Computers that have this Group Policy object enabled will never detect, download, or install an upgrade to the latest version of Windows.

You can configure this Group Policy object by using Group Policy (if the update is installed and if you use the updated WindowsUpdate.admx file by copying the file from where the editing policy is located). You can also do this by going to Computer Configuration > Policies > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Windows Update, double-clicking Turn off the upgrade to the latest version of Windows through Windows Update, and then clicking Enabled.

Policy path Computer Configuration / Administrative Templates / Windows Components / Windows Update

Policy setting Turn off the upgrade to the latest version of Windows through Windows Update (enabled or disabled)

To suppress this offer through the registry, set the following registry key:

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate

DWORD: DisableOSUpgrade = 1

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3050265>

update for "Windows Update" on Win7

KB2902907

description not available

KB2976987

description not available

TheWHO? - October 25, 2016, 4:00 pm

Thanks for this tutorial, I am sure lots of people can benefit from this.

Plague - October 25, 2016, 4:28 pm

Thanks for this.

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

Zayzo - October 25, 2016, 6:59 pm

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Zayzo - October 25, 2016, 8:35 pm

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SUI-3183372 - October 25, 2016, 9:01 pm

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I use Linux on a laptop, but I'm a computer science major that requires a lot of work on Windows, I work for a bank using applications made for Windows, and I'm too big of a gamer for my own good. A vast majority, like 98% of my time, is on Windows. That can not be changed.

Privacy is still a big deal to me, and obtaining an acceptable level of privacy on Windows is very possible, and I believe I've done so.

Mi2414 - October 25, 2016, 9:04 pm

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Interesting read mate, I know it's not a 100% method but I haven't noticed any issues so far with it. I currently use a VM with Linux most of the time though.

SUI-3183372 - October 17, 2017, 12:35 am

I've begun working with the Socialites usergroup to better maintain my privacy threads and push out updates sooner. This thread should be updated in the upcoming days to help remove more telemetry updates.