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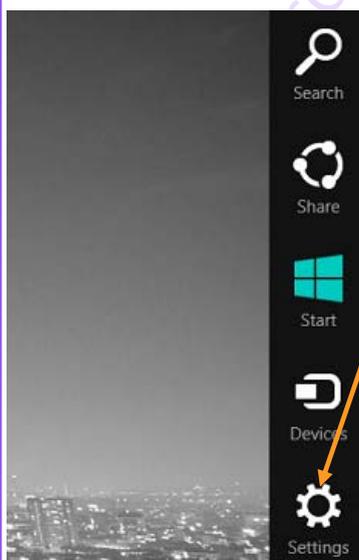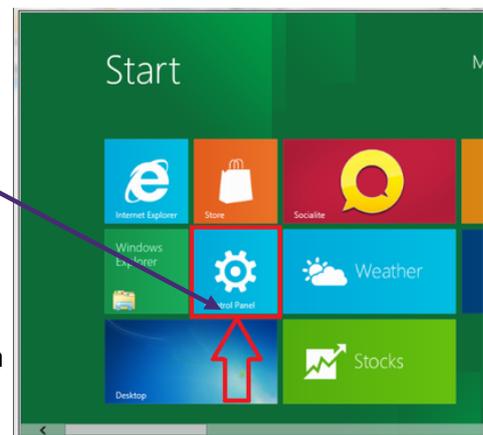## Websites ~ PC help and advice ~ Bug fixes

WINDOWS UPDATES - WINDOWS 8

It's vital to ensure that your computer is updated as soon as important patches are released by Microsoft. Some of these updates will fix specific problems (eg. preventing your machine from freezing) or give you some new features, but many of the updates are for security issues. If you don't allow or force your machine to install updates you are greatly increasing the chances of your machine being affected by serious malware problems including viruses.
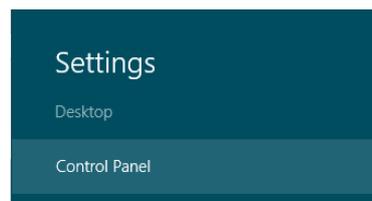
Generally these updates will be installed automatically or your computer will prompt you when it's time to do something with them. However, it's important to make sure that Windows has been set to do auto updates.

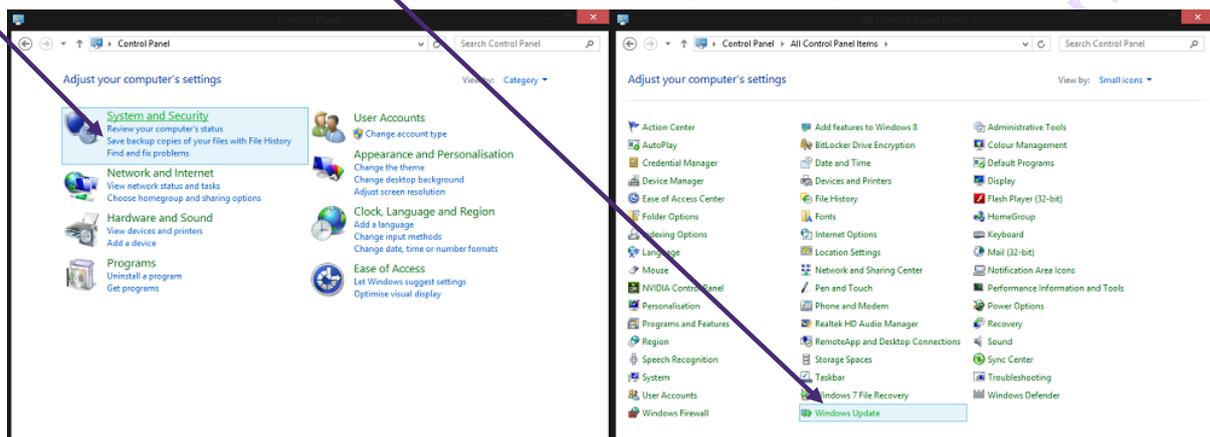Here's how to check the setting under **Windows 8**.

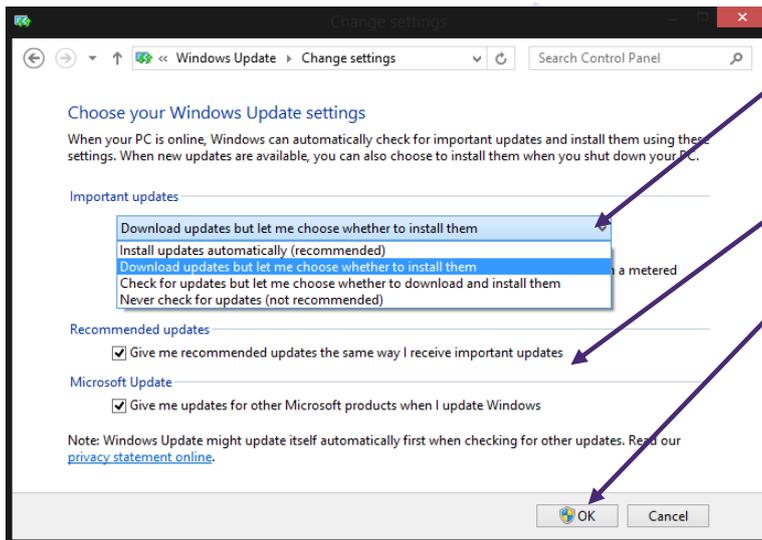From the main Start page, click on the "**Control Panel**" tile.

If you haven't got a tile, then open the Charms Bar by moving the mouse pointer to the right-hand edge of the screen IN DESKTOP view or swiping in from the right if you have a touchscreen. Then click on the "**Settings**" icon, and choose "**Control Panel**" .

What you get next depends on your setting. Either click on "**System and Security**" and hit '**turn automatic updating on or off**' under the **Windows Update** section. Alternatively, click "**Windows Update**" and choose '**change settings**' on the left-hand side.
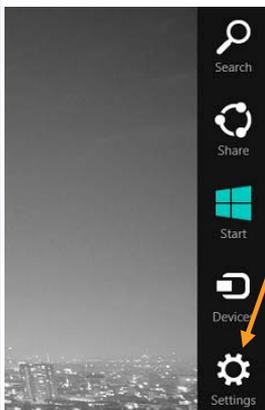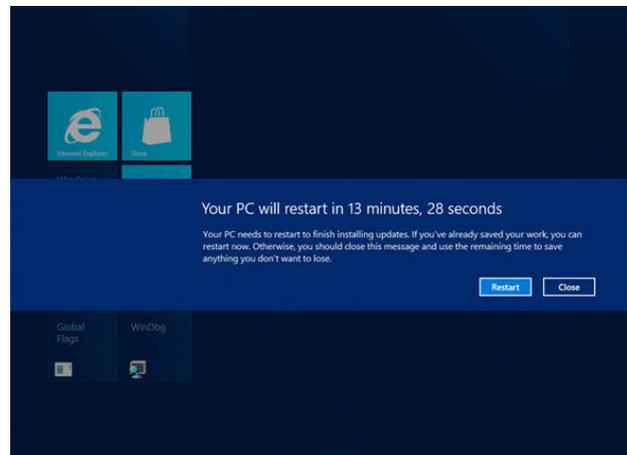
WINDOWS UPDATES INSTRUCTIONS P2

Under **Important updates**, choose the option that you want (either the first or second option).

Put ticks in the next two boxes then click on the **OK** button.
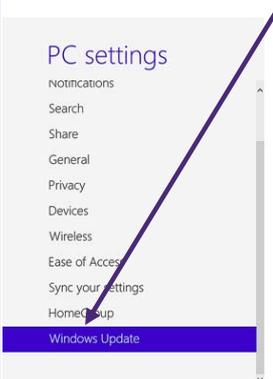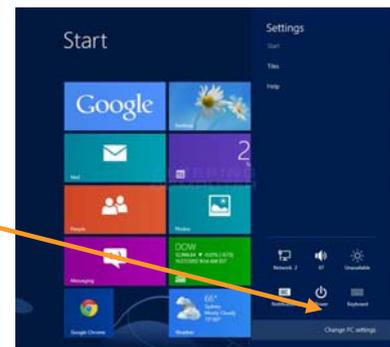
You may be asked for an admin password or to confirm your choice

Microsoft updates are generally released on the second Tuesday of each month, so your machine should pick them up the next time you log in from Wednesday onwards. If you have chosen the default 'Install updates automatically' option, you may be alerted that the machine needs a restart. Make sure you save your work and let the machine restart.

If you see any messages like these, please select the **shut down** option rather than sleep/standby etc, and allow the machine to fully install the updates.

If you want to check whether there are any updates waiting, open the Charms Bar, by moving the mouse pointer to the right-hand edge of the screen or swiping in from the right if you have a touchscreen. Then click on the "**Settings**" icon, and choose "**Change PC settings**" at the bottom.

Next click on **Windows Update**, then click on "**Check for updates now**" in the right hand pane, and wait for the check to run.

If there are some updates needed, follow the instructions which will appear. If there aren't any, the message will be **Windows is up to date** and you can close this screen down.