

AutoPatcher User Guide Instructions

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Introduction

How many times did you have to leave your computer, after a format, to download the updates you had before it? How many times did you have to go do something else, leaving your friend's computer download the load of updates with their poor little dial-up modem? How many times have you wished for the updates to be portable from one computer to another and not require but a few mouse clicks to install?

If you're the "computer guy" of the pack, no doubt the answer to the above questions was "I've lost count"! And if you have one or two computers you should consider yourself lucky as well. Think of what would happen if you had to update ten or twenty computers daily!

Is there any way to avoid all this trouble?

Besides the updates one finds on Windows Update (which are not portable), Microsoft also issues special updates (called administrative updates or network install updates), which do not require an Internet connection present during the installation process. The user however will have to answer to a series of (for the most part identical) questions. Even this can be an annoyance since it requires the user's presence for quite some time.

The solution!

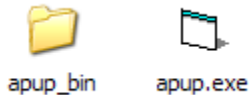
AutoPatcher is based on the functionality of these special updates, automating their installation process. This way, with only a few mouse clicks and two minutes of your time, AutoPatcher is able to continue with the installation of the items you selected. In short, AutoPatcher combines the advantage of both Windows Update (presentation and description of updates and automated installation), and the special administrative updates (portability and installation without the need of an Internet connection).

The following guide assumes that you have already downloaded the latest AutoPatcher Updater client. If you have not, please visit the below link in order to attain the latest version.

AutoPatcher Downloads: <http://www.autopatcher.com/downloads/>

Step 1 - Run AutoPatcher Updater – apup.exe

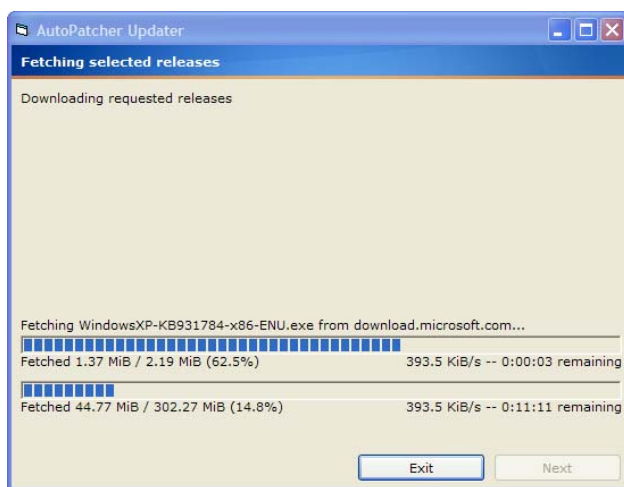
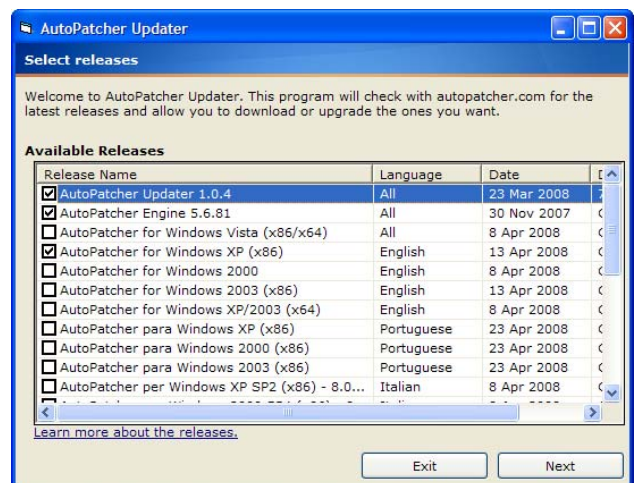
AutoPatcher relies on AutoPatcher Updater or apup.exe in order to download all updates from Microsoft and all modules from the AP server. Likewise whenever you want to update your version of AutoPatcher to the most update-to-date release, run apup.exe



Note: according to apup version, certain extra files may be present as well, like shortcuts to generate logs (hit_this_to_generate_a_log_file_for_apup.cmd) or even certain extra files. If you have any doubts about any file or even about apup usage, please check our forums. We will be glad to help.

Step 2 – Choose which AutoPatcher Releases to Download

Upon running apup.exe you will be presented with a list of AutoPatcher releases that you have the option of downloading. By default, AutoPatcher updater, AutoPatcher Engine, and the Windows operating system you are running will be checked. See the table on the next page for a list of releases available for AutoPatcher.



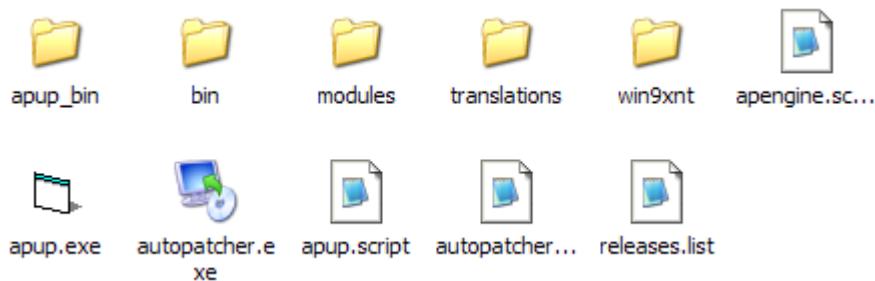
Choosing “Next” will begin the download process. Depending on your download speed and the pack(s) you have chosen, the download will take awhile.

As of April 2008, AutoPatcher contains the following releases: *Subject to change at anytime

Release	Language	Description	Size
AutoPatcher Updater	ANY	Search for any updates for the AutoPatcher Updater Checked by default	700KiB
AutoPatcher Engine	ANY	Search for any updates for the AutoPatcher Engine Checked by default	2.7MiB
AutoPatcher for Vista x64/x86	ANY	All updates for Microsoft Vista x64 and x86	+ 80MiB
AutoPatcher for Windows XP x86	ENU PTG PTB ITA	All updates for Microsoft Windows XP x86	+ 300MiB
AutoPatcher for Windows 2000	ENU ITA PTG	All updates for Microsoft Windows 2000	+ 210MiB
AutoPatcher for Server 2003 x86	ENU PTG	All updates for Microsoft Windows 2003 x86	+ 140MiB
AutoPatcher for Windows 2003/XP x64	ENU	All updates for Microsoft Windows 2003 and XP x64	+ 360MiB
DirectX Add-on Pack	ANY	DirectX Download for AutoPatcher. Pack will work for any Windows version beginning with 2000	+ 69MiB
DotNet Add-on Pack	ANY	Downloads DotNet Packs for Windows Includes DotNet 1.1, 1.1sp1, 2.0 sp1 for Win 2K, and 3.5	+ 254MiB
Extras Add-on Pack	ANY	Misc add-ons to make your OS complete	+ 80MiB
Office Add-on Pack	ANY	Misc add-ons to make your Office experience complete	+ 114MiB
AutoPatcher for Office 2007	Windows = ANY Office = ANY	All updates for Office 2007 and viewers	+ 60MiB
AutoPatcher for Office 2003	Windows = ANY Office = ENU	All updates for Office 2003 and viewers	+ 320MiB
AutoPatcher for Office XP/2002	Windows = ANY Office = ENU	All Updates for Office 2002 and viewers	+ 235MiB
SP1 Add-on Pack for Office 2007	Windows = ANY Office = ENU	Service Pack 1 add-on pack for Office 2007	+ 480MiB

Step 3 – Run AutoPatcher – autopatcher.exe

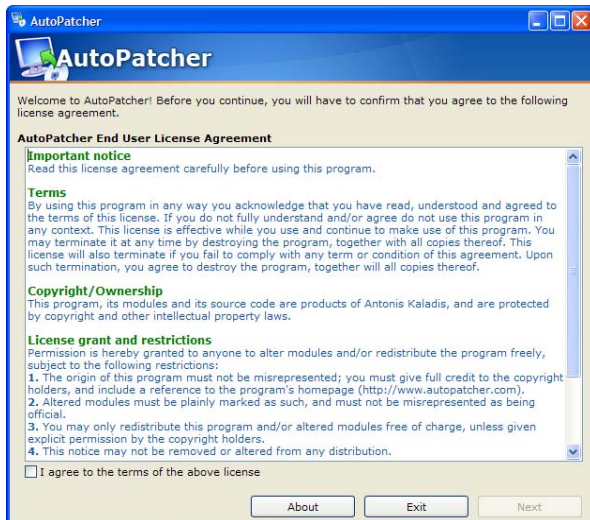
You now have all the files to run AutoPatcher on your computer. At this time, you may burn all the files and folders below to a CD/DVD or flash drive to update multiple computers. When you are ready to proceed, run autopatcher.exe.



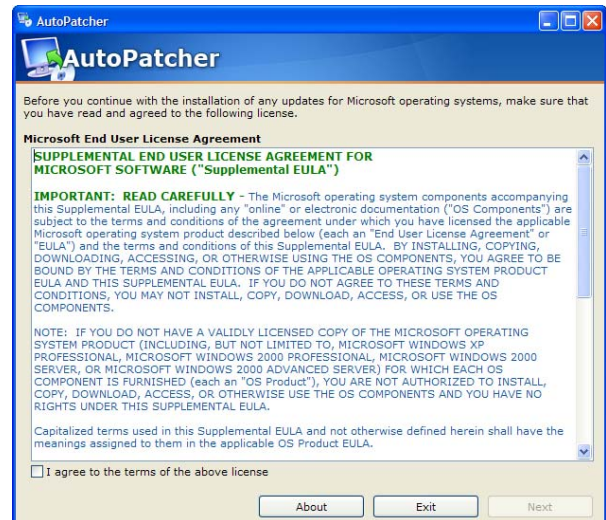
Note – Make sure to copy/burn all folders and files when migrating AutoPatcher to removable media.

Step 4 – End User Agreements

Upon running AutoPatcher, you will be presented with the end user license agreement for both AutoPatcher and Microsoft. If you agree to the terms of the EULA, check “I agree to the terms of the above license” and then “Next”.



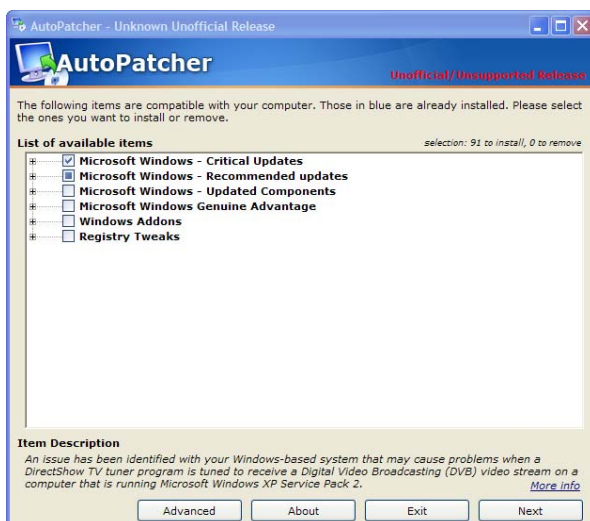
AutoPatcher End User Agreement



Microsoft End User License Agreement

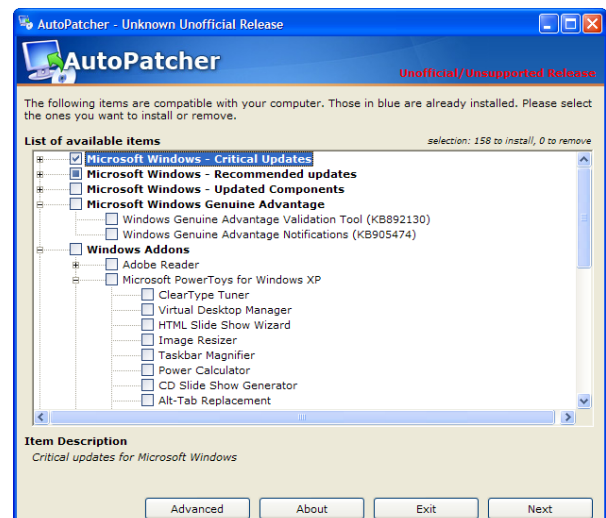
Step 5 – Choose Updates and Install

AutoPatcher will then scan your computer and display all updates that are applicable. Please note that not all updates that were downloaded previously will be displayed. When you are ready to install, click on “Next”.



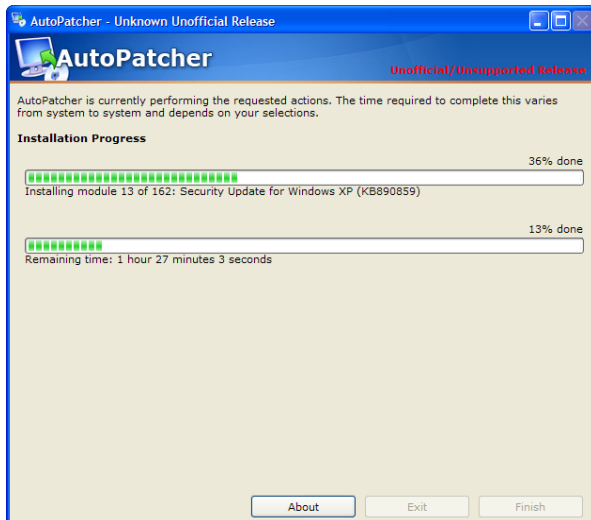
Note – To choose additional/remove updates, expand the menus by pressing “+”. Afterwards, checkmark the updates that you would like to install. Likewise, remove the checkmark if you don’t want to install an update.

Note - By default, critical Microsoft updates will be marked for install,

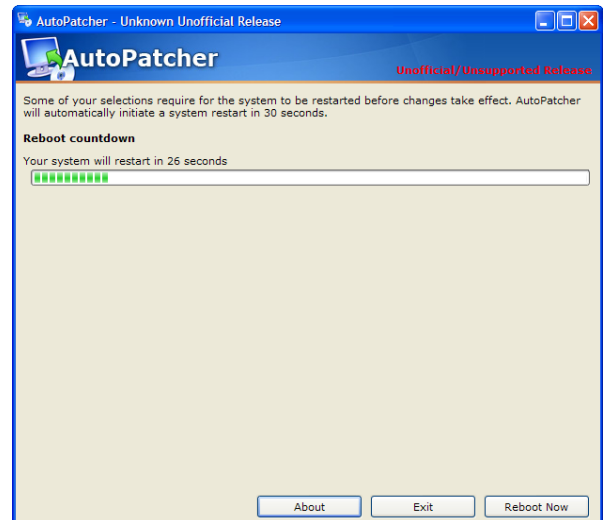


Step 6 – Wait... Wait... Wait... Then Reboot

You will be presented with the progress of AutoPatcher installing your updates. Feel free to leave your computer while AutoPatcher installs the updates. Depending on the amount of updates you have chosen, this may take more than an hour to install. If a reboot is required, AutoPatcher will give you 30 seconds to cancel.



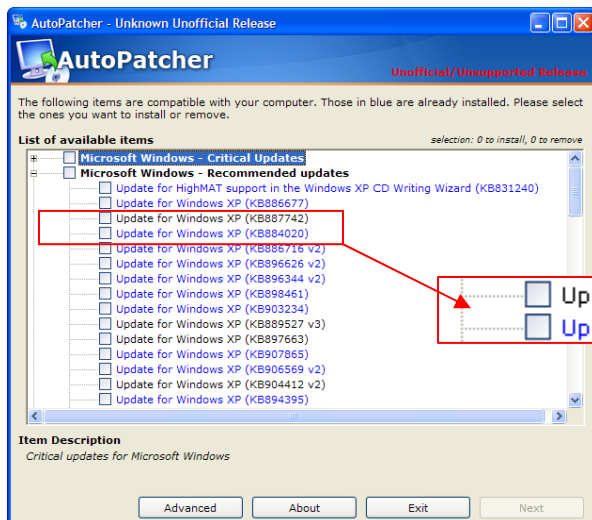
Installation Progress Screen



Reboot Countdown. Press “Abort” to Cancel

Step 7 – Run AutoPatcher Again – autopatcher.exe

Some updates require certain prerequisites before installing. In order to ensure that you have all updates, run AutoPatcher again.



Note

Updates in Blue – Detected by AutoPatcher as already installed
Updates in Black – Detected by AutoPatcher as not installed

For Additional Resources:

- [F. A. Q.](#) – Frequently asked questions / common issues
- [AutoPatcher Forums](#) - For all other questions/issues not answered in the FAQ