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Adobe has updated its free version of Acrobat Reader so users can tweak (view, print and annotate) PDF on Adobe Reader DC version, in which DC stands for 'Document Cloud'. Acrobat Reader DC provides users the ability to work with PDF documents on any computer or mobile device version if users connect to the free Adobe Document Cloud service.

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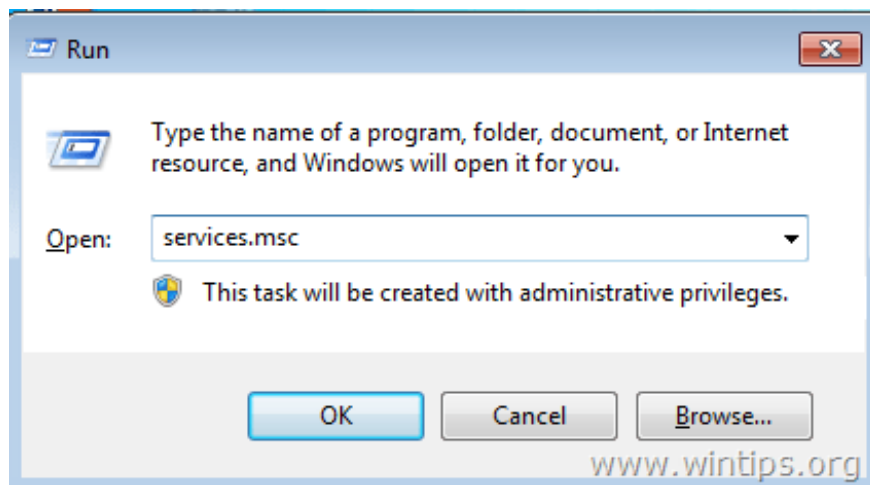
For that reason, Adobe does not provide users with these features through the program's interface - but the solution is to let users update to new versions. If you do not want to, you can disable automatic Adobe Reader DC updates.

In the article below, Network Administrator will show you how to disable automatic updating of Adobe Reader DC on your computer.

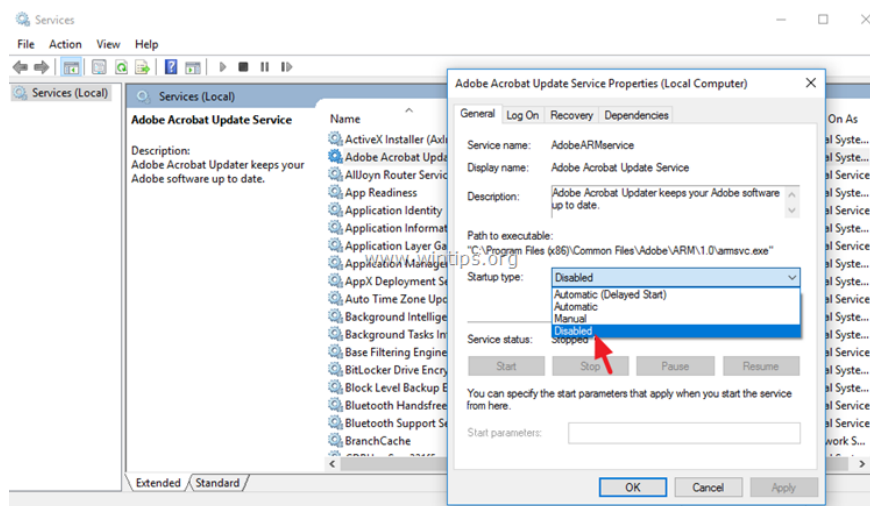
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### 1. Disable automatic Adobe Reader DC updates via Services

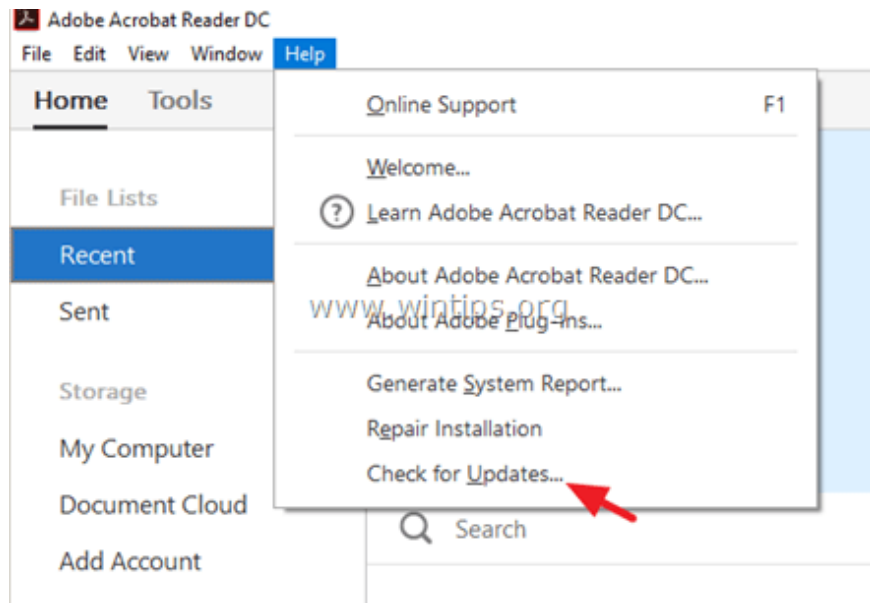
1. Press the **Windows + R** key combination to open the Run command window.
2. On the Run command window, type **services.msc** there and press **Enter** to open the Services window.



3. Double-click **Adobe Acrobat Update Service** to open the Adobe Acrobat Update Service Properties window (AdobeARMeService).
4. On the Properties window, set **Startup type to Disabled**.
5. Click **OK** and restart your computer.



- After completing the above steps, Adobe Reader DC will not automatically download and install automatic updates.
- If you want to download and install new updates manually, access the Adobe Reader DC Menu, then select **Help => Check for Updates**.



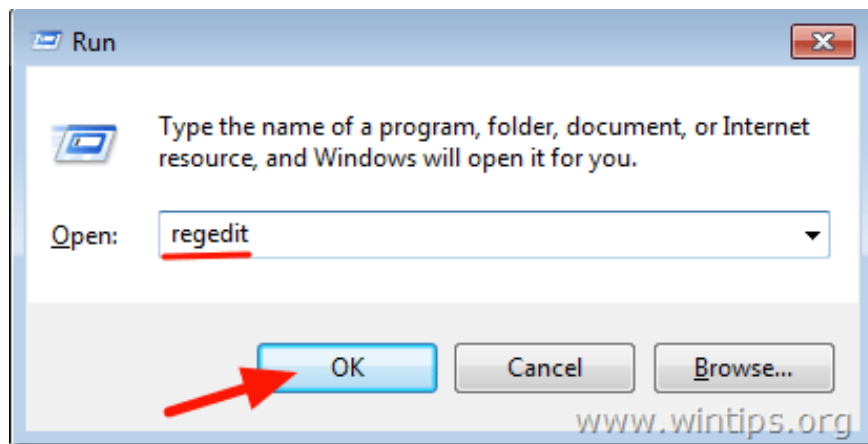
**Note:**

Alternatively, if you want, you can also remove the **Check for Updates** option from the Adobe Reader DC Menu, refer to the steps at the end of the article.

## 2. Disable automatically updating Adobe Reader DC through the Registry

1. First open the Windows Registry Editor window. To do this thing:

- Press **Windows + R** key combination to open the Run command window.
- Enter **regedit** in the Run command window and press **Enter** .



**Important note** : Before taking steps to edit the Registry, the first step should be to back up the Registry to avoid a bad situation. To back up the Registry:

- a. From the Main Menu, access **File** and select **Export** .

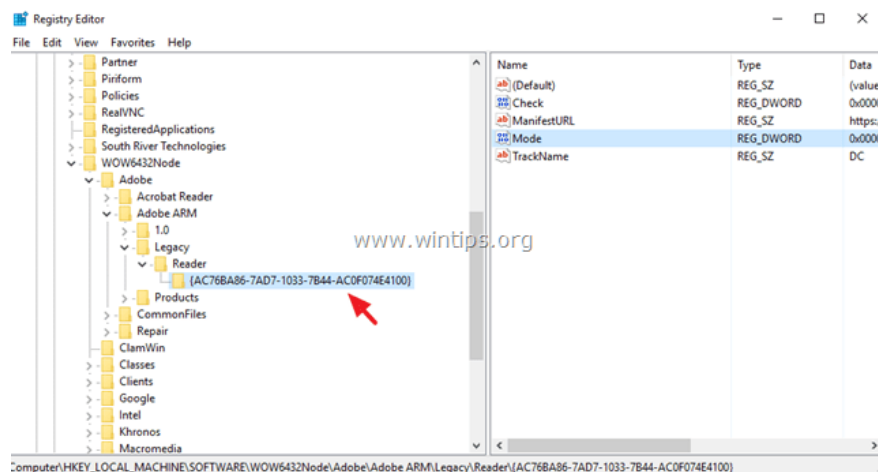
b. Select the location to save the file (such as the Desktop), put a name for the file (such as RegistryBackup) and then click **Save** .

2. In the left pane, navigate to the key:

HKLMSOFTWAREWow6432NodeAdobeAdobe ARMLegacy (product name) (product code)

Eg:

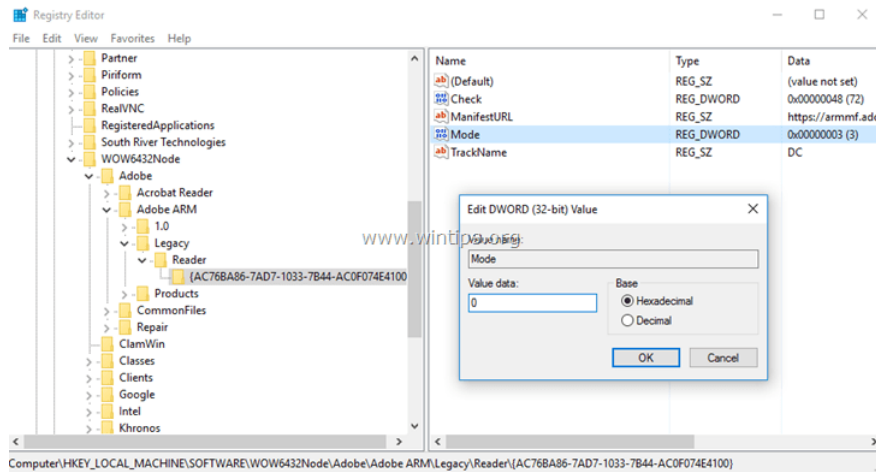
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3. In the right pane, double-click the value named **Mode** , then in the **Value Data** frame, change the value from **3** to **0** .

Available **Mode** Values:

- 0** : Do not download or install automatic updates.
- 2** : Automatically download updates but allow users to choose when to install.
- 3** : Automatically download and install updates (default value).
- 4** : Notify users of available updates but do not download those updates.



4. Close the Registry Editor window and restart your computer.

- From now Adobe Reader DC will not automatically download and install automatic updates.

- If you want to download and install new updates manually, access the Adobe Reader DC Menu, then select **Help => Check for Updates** .

### 3. Remove the Check for Updates option from the Adobe Reader Menu

- If you want to remove the Check for Updates option from the Help Menu, follow the steps below:

1. Open the Windows Registry Editor window again:

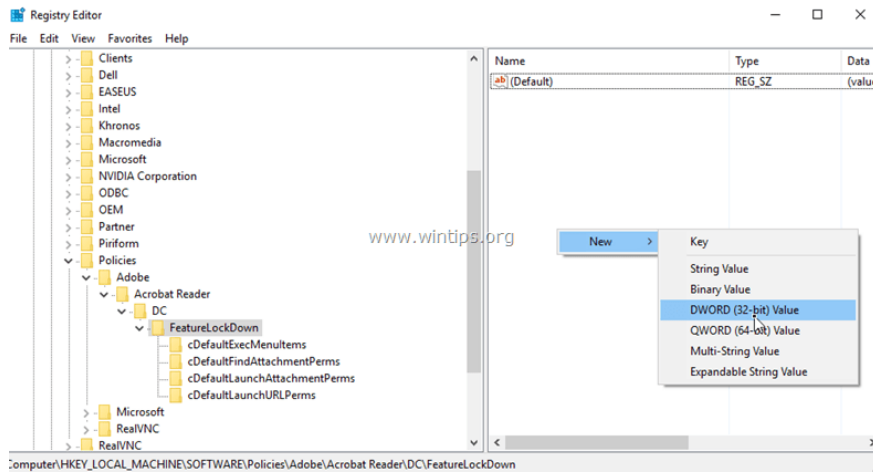
- Press **Windows + R** key combination to open the Run command window.

- Enter **regedit** in the Run command window and press **Enter** .

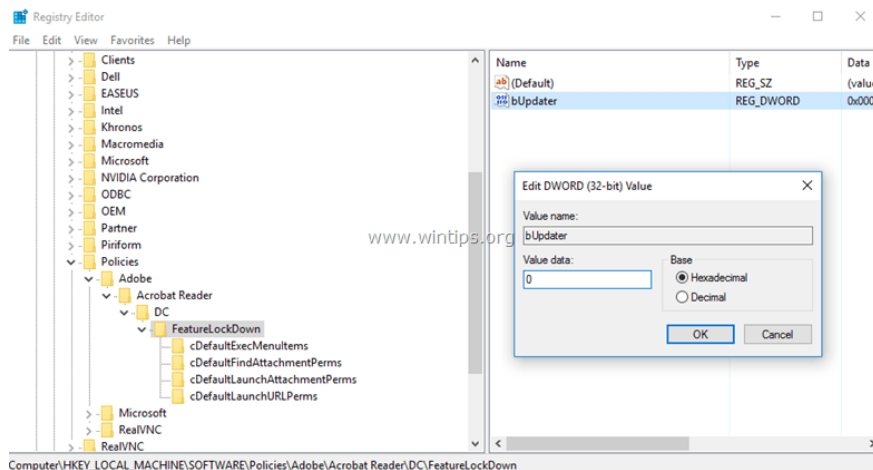
On the Registry Editor window, navigate to the key:

`HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINESOFTWAREPoliciesAdobeAcrobat ReaderDCFeatureLockDown`

2. Right-click any space in the right pane, then select **New => DWORD (32-bit) Value** .



3. Name this new value: **bUpdater** .



4. Double-click value bUpdater and set the value in the Value Data frame to **0** .

5. Finally close the Registry Editor window and restart your computer.

### Refer to some of the following articles:

1. Instructions for inserting a PDF file into Excel spreadsheet
1. Instructions for creating a PDF file from multiple image files on Windows
1. You want to print text, data in Microsoft Excel. Not as simple as Word or PDF! Read the following article!

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