

How to change the download folder Windows Update in Windows 10

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When Windows 10 April 2018 Update is about to be ready and Microsoft will release via Windows Update, more and more machines will be upgraded in the next few days. Both Microsoft and users are happy, of course, not taking into account errors.

Basically, the process of transferring from Windows 7 to Windows 10 is that Windows Update automatically downloads the necessary files, then unzip, perform the upgrade. But for PCs with limited memory or a full C drive, this will be a problem.

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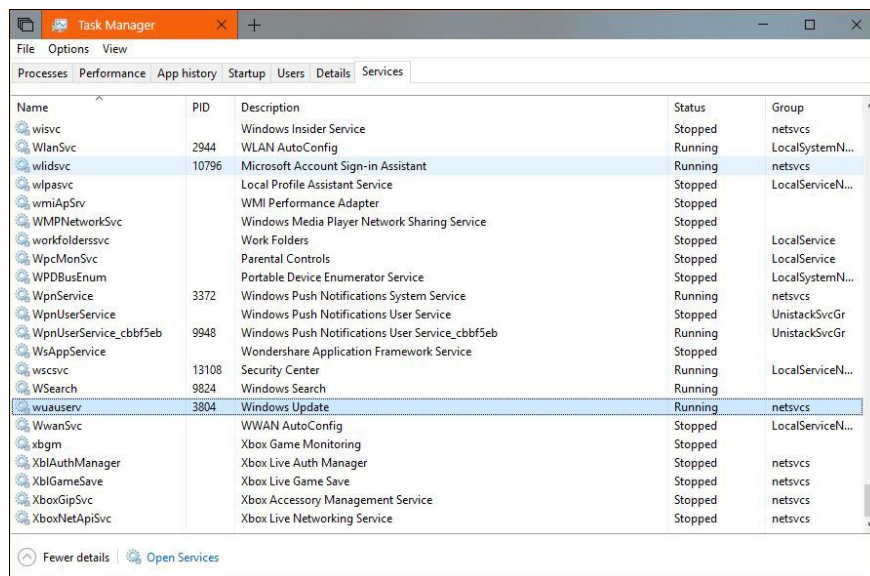
Cannot download the file and cannot upgrade Windows 10 April 2018 Update. So another solution is to move the address to save the files to a folder, or even to another drive.

Of course this is not easy and Microsoft does not give any specific instructions. Changing the Windows Update download address may affect the stability of the system, so if you follow this guide, be sure to make a copy of the data.

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First, suspend the Windows Update service by opening **Task Manager > Services** and right-clicking on **wuauerv** and choosing **Stop**. Do the same with **BITS** service .



Stop necessary services

Next, delete the **SoftwareDistribution** folder in **C:> Windows** drive . Remember to do this you need administrative rights. Once deleted, you need to create a path between the old and new folders. Open the Command Prompt and type the following command (the new folder section will automatically type according to your wishes).

```
mklink / J SoftwareDistribution D: NewUpdateFolder
```

Then restart the wuauerv and BITS services on Task Manager, then the new update will automatically be downloaded to the new folder.

If the above steps are too complicated, you can create a BAT file. Open a new text folder, paste the following lines and save, and convert the extension from TXT to BAT. Then run it with administrator privileges.

```
net stop wuauerv
net stop bits
if exist C: WindowsSoftwareDistribution rmdir / S / QD: WindowsSoftwareDistribution
rmdir / S / QD: SoftwareDistribution
if not exist D: SoftwareDistribution mkdir D: NewUpdateFolder
CD / DC: Windows
mklink / J SoftwareDistribution D: NewUpdateFolder
net start wuauerv
net start bits
```

Do not forget to back up the data before doing the steps above to return to the original configuration if in the process where there are errors. If you have any problems, please check whether you have administrative rights, turn off Windows Update services, and provide the new address name correctly.

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