

Tips to avoid faulty, problematic Windows updates

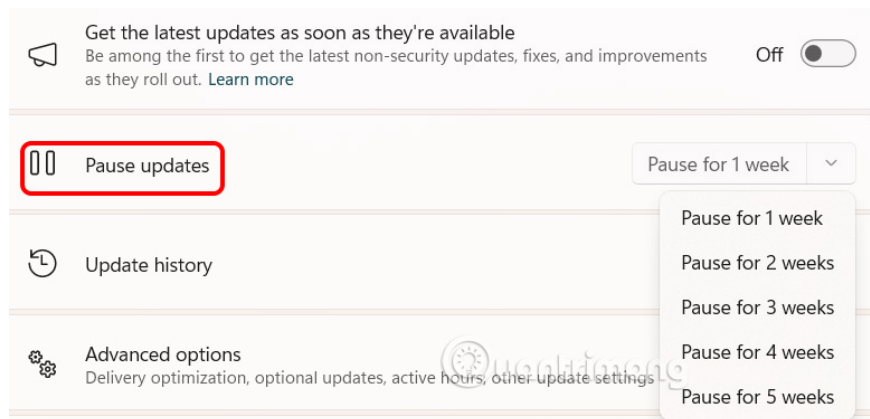
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Microsoft regularly releases Windows updates to introduce new features and fix problems. However, sometimes Windows updates can cause errors, compatibility issues, or even slow down your system. Here are some tips to avoid faulty Windows updates.

Pause updates

When a Windows update is available, you should wait about 2 weeks or more to check feedback from other users and see if any serious issues are reported.

Open **Settings** , then click on **Windows Update** and look to the side. In **Pause Updates** , **select the time you want to delay the update** . After pausing, Windows will not automatically install the update, reducing the risk of errors.



Track information for each Windows update

The Windows Release Health Dashboard provides information for each update, listing known issues, bugs, and fixes associated with the latest Windows updates. By checking this page, you can see if a particular update breaks important features or causes serious problems.

Summary	Originating update	Status	Last updated
<p>Non-admins might receive unexpected UAC prompts when doing MSI repair operations</p> <p>This issue can affect apps that use Windows Installer (MSI), such as Autodesk AutoCAD or Office Professional Plus 2010.</p>	<p>OS Build 22621.5768 KB5063875 2025-08-12</p>	<p>Resolved KB5065431</p>	<p>2025-09-09 10:07 PT</p>
<p>Reset and recovery operations on some Windows versions might fail</p> <p>An out-of-band update is currently being developed to address this issue.</p>	<p>OS Build 22621.5768 KB5063875 2025-08-12</p>	<p>Resolved KB5066189</p>	<p>2025-08-19 15:12 PT</p>
<p>Upgrades to some versions of Windows might fail with error 0x8007007F</p> <p>Certain upgrade paths of Windows server and client were affected; this issue has now been resolved.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Resolved</p>	<p>2025-08-18 18:59 PT</p>
<p>Parental consent may not show for some browser versions with web filtering on</p> <p>Children may not be able to use some browsers when web filtering is on, and Activity reporting is off in Family Safety</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Mitigated</p>	<p>2025-07-24 16:24 PT</p>

Backup data before updating

Updates can cause unexpected problems or corrupt your data, so you should back up important computer data before installing any major update to ensure you can restore it if something goes wrong.

Create a system restore point

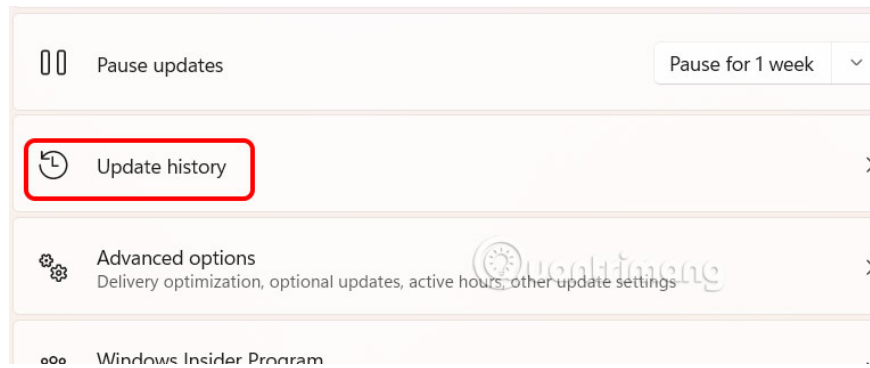
While backing up important data helps protect your computer files, it doesn't completely eliminate the risk of an update affecting your system to the point where you'll have to reinstall Windows. To avoid this hassle, use System Restore Points, which create a snapshot of your Windows settings in a healthy state that you can restore if something goes wrong.

1. Instructions for creating a backup and restore point (Restore Point)

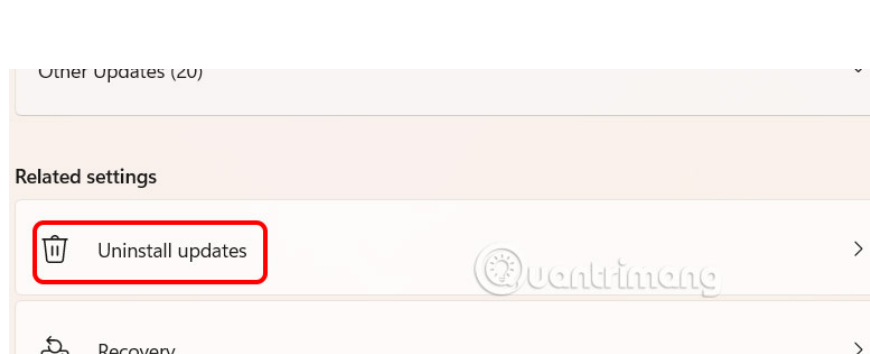
Uninstall a faulty Windows update

If the update causing the problem only affects a few features, you can simply uninstall it to go back to the previous version.

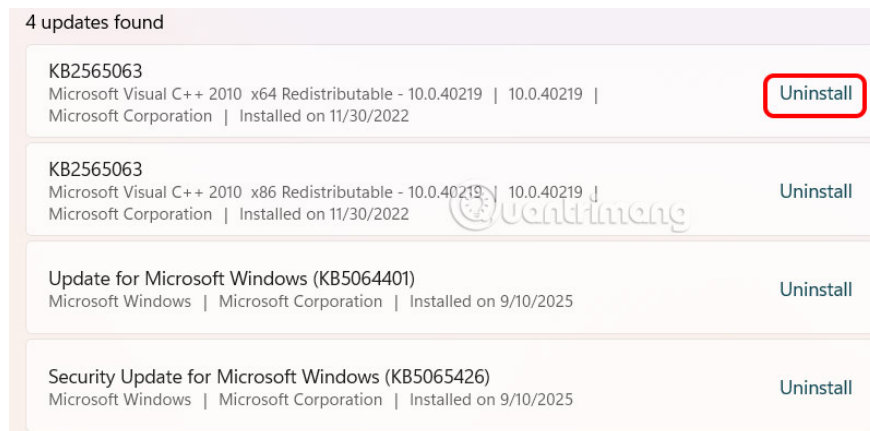
You open Settings and **select Windows Update** , then we **continue to select Update History** to see the history of updates performed.



Scroll down and **tap Uninstall Updates** and select the update you want to remove.



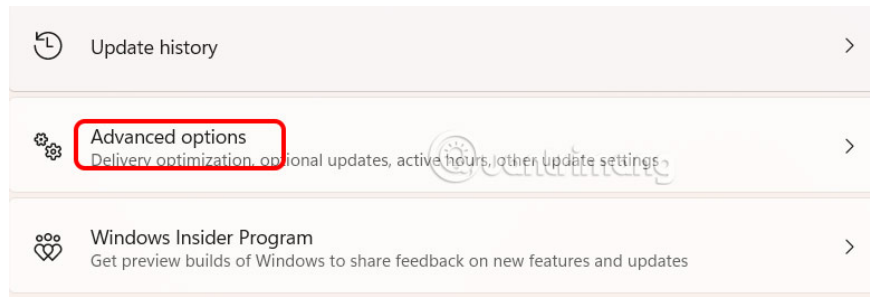
We select the update and **click Uninstall** to uninstall this update.



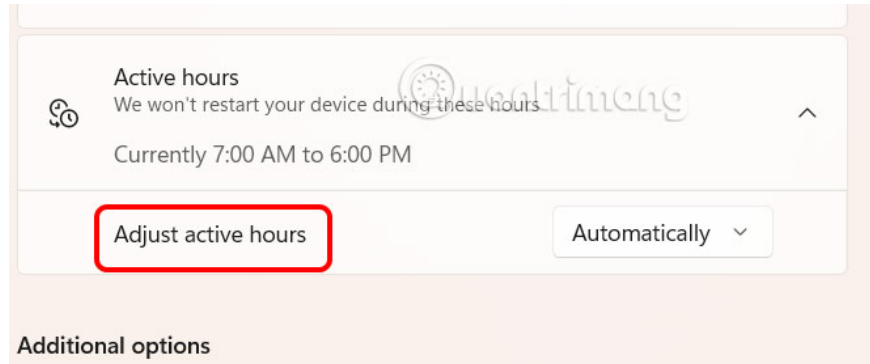
Set Windows Active Hours

Even with all precautions taken, an update can still fail, forcing you to restore factory settings and disrupting your work. To avoid this, we recommend setting up Active Hours.

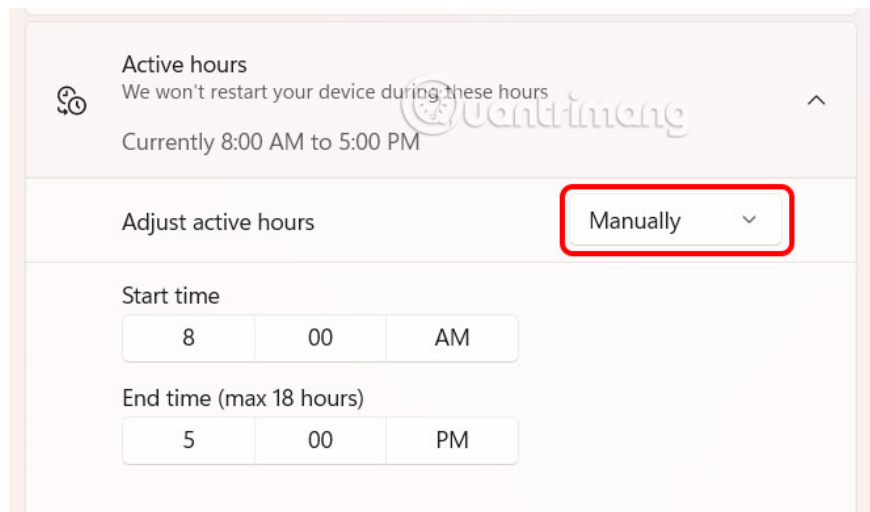
You access Windows Update then scroll down **and select Advanced Options** .



Then you will see **the Active Hours section** to adjust. You **switch to Manually** and set the time to match your working hours.



During this time, Windows will not restart or interrupt your work, ensuring your workflow is not interrupted.



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