

# Why shouldn't auto-update automatically be updated in Chrome?

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## Chrome updates have no errors

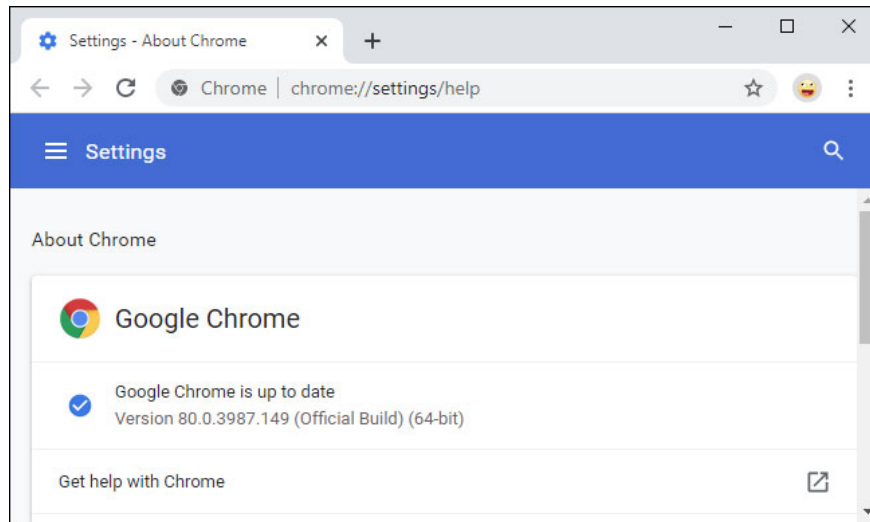
Google Chrome was originally released in 2008. Now, after more than a decade, it's hard to show an example of a serious Chrome update bug that caused the problem. (Meanwhile, the Windows 10 operating system has had some notable update errors in the past few years.)

Chrome updates will come and go automatically. Google regularly updates Chrome with the main new version every 6 weeks and smaller updates fix security holes, as well as many other issues that occur more frequently. Chrome constantly updates itself and keeps you safe. Most people will almost never notice these updates.

These browser updates also do not cause any inconvenience. Unlike Windows Update on Windows 10, Chrome doesn't interfere by forcing you to reboot. Chrome automatically updates itself in the background. If you leave Chrome open for a while, Chrome may ask you to restart the browser when the opportunity arises, rather than automatically restarting and interrupting you.

Google Chrome has caused a data corruption error on some Macs, disabled the **System Integrity Protection feature** (this is an important security feature). That's the worst thing that ever happened and nothing like it appeared on Windows.

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So, is Chrome perfect? Of course not! Like all web browsers, Chrome has a lot of bugs that make you worry. But those issues are not related to updates. Security holes are the real concern.

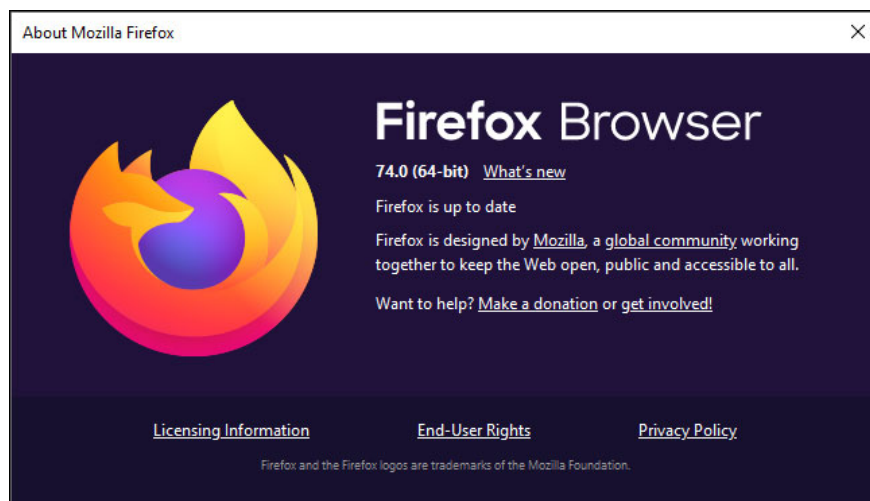
Modern browsers are complex and security holes are often found in them. Google and other browser developers regularly release updates to fix vulnerabilities found by researchers or block Zero-day exploits.

Without these security patches, you'll have to use the vulnerable Google Chrome browser. A malicious website that you open in Chrome may be able to compromise the browser and install malware on a PC.

Security patches protect you from this and Chrome regularly installs them. Disabling automatic updates prevents Chrome from installing security patches, putting you at serious risk.

There is no way for you to be reminded when you have Chrome updates and install them manually. The updates will take place automatically or not at all.

## If you do not want automatic updates of Chrome



If you don't want automatic Chrome updates, it's best to use a different browser

Let's say you really don't want to use automatic updates of Chrome. For any reason, you may want to manually approve updates, get fewer updates, or remove Google Updater from your computer.

If that's what you want, you should switch to another browser. Here are some good, more flexible alternatives to Chrome:

1. To manually approve browser updates, you can switch to **Mozilla Firefox** . Firefox automatically installs updates by default, but you can choose to have Firefox prompt you when updates are available and decide whether you agree to them. In Firefox, go to **Menu> Options> General** . In the **Allow Firefox to section** , select **Check for updates but let you choose to install them** .
2. For less frequent new feature and interface updates, you can choose Mozilla Firefox ESR instead. This release receives major updates every 42 weeks instead of 6 weeks, but Mozilla always updates the security updates.
3. If you're looking for a browser like Chrome without using the Google Updater, try the new Microsoft Edge. It is based on the same open source Chromium code that makes up the Chrome platform (even available for Mac and Linux). Edge automatically updates itself like Chrome, but uses Microsoft's updater, not Google. Other Chrome-based browsers, including the Brave Browser, use Chrome-style automatic updates to keep users safe.

Whichever browser you choose, make sure to keep it up to date with the latest security patches. It is very dangerous to continue using an outdated browser, full of security holes.

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