

FOR ALL UNIVERSITY OWNED EQUIPMENT:

How University Computing Manages Critical and Security Updates from Microsoft

University Computing maintains a local Windows Software Update Service (WSUS) server to facilitate distribution of Microsoft updates. The WSUS host frequently synchronizes its content with Microsoft, ensuring that the latest updates will be available to WestConn. Microsoft regularly releases updates on the second Tuesday of every month. UC will perform basic testing of these updates for one week. If no problems are discovered during this time, the WSUS server is then configured to make these patches available to all WestConn XP computers.

When to Check for Updates

Because of the release schedule mentioned above and the week-long testing conducted by UC, it is generally a good idea to force your computer to update itself anytime after the third Tuesday of each month. Please see the section on **How to Force a Computer to Apply Updates**.

How to Force a Computer to Apply Updates

The following steps will cause your university-owned computer to check with WestConn's WSUS server for any pending updates.

- Click on the Start button and select Run...
- Type **wuauclt /detectnow** and click on OK
- The computer will download the updates in the background*
- After about 5 - 10 minutes, click on the Start menu and select "Shutdown"
- If there are pending updates, you will see an option to **Install updates and shutdown**
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While the computer is shutting down, it will display how many updates need to be applied and how many it has accomplished. Depending on the number of updates available, this may take anywhere from 5 minutes to about an hour.