

Updating The Windows Operating System

Introduction

Keeping Windows 11 updated helps your computer stay secure, stable, and up to date with the latest fixes and improvements.

Details

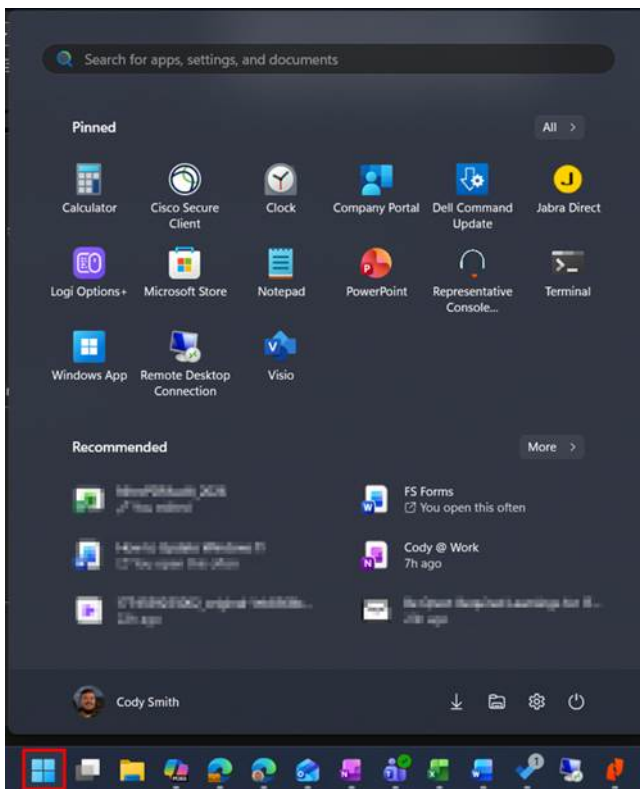
Important:

Before you begin:

- Save your work.
- Make sure your device is connected to the internet.
- If you are using a laptop, keep it plugged into power during the update

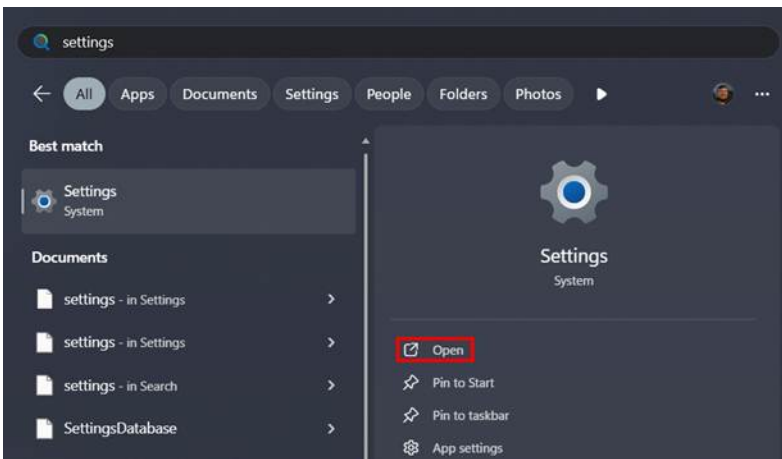
Step 1: Open the Start Menu

Click the **Start** button on your taskbar.



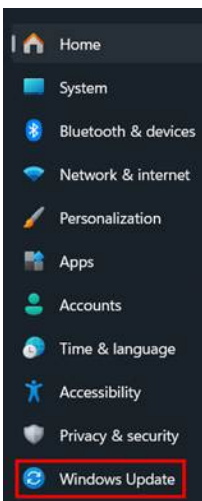
Step 2: Open Settings

Click **Settings** or **Open**.



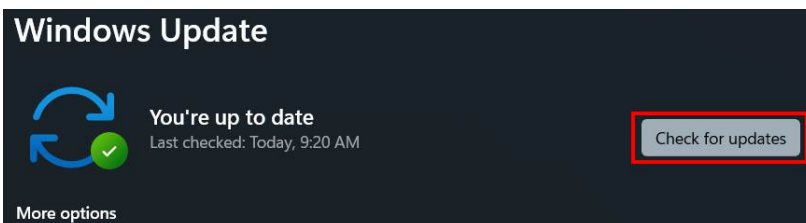
Step 3: Open Windows Update

In the Settings window, click **Windows Update** from the left-hand menu.



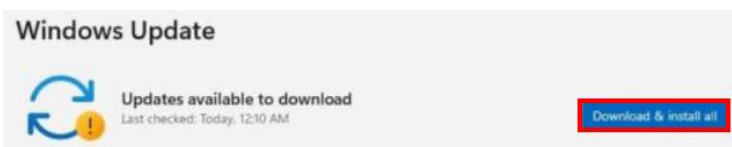
Step 4: Check for Updates

Click **Check for updates**.



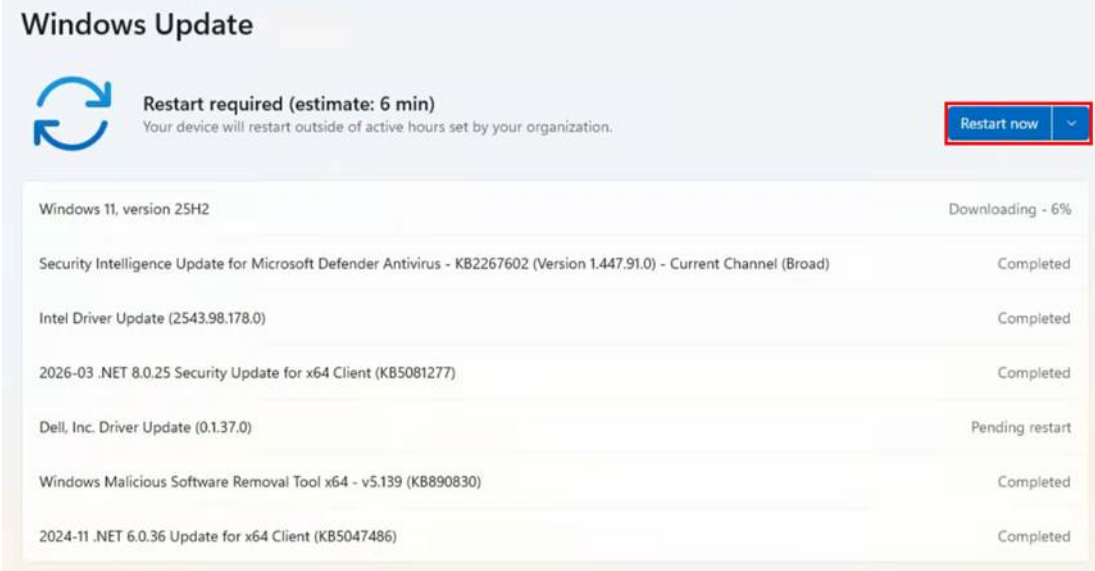
Step 5: Download and Install Updates

If updates are available, click **Download & install**.



Step 6: Restart if Prompted

If Windows asks you to restart, **wait for all items to finish downloading** then click **Restart now** to complete the update.



The screenshot shows the Windows Update window. At the top, it says "Restart required (estimate: 6 min)" with a note: "Your device will restart outside of active hours set by your organization." A "Restart now" button is visible in the top right corner. Below this, a list of updates is shown with their progress:

Update Name	Status
Windows 11, version 25H2	Downloading - 6%
Security Intelligence Update for Microsoft Defender Antivirus - KB2267602 (Version 1.447.91.0) - Current Channel (Broad)	Completed
Intel Driver Update (2543.98.178.0)	Completed
2026-03 .NET 8.0.25 Security Update for x64 Client (KB5081277)	Completed
Dell, Inc. Driver Update (0.1.37.0)	Pending restart
Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool x64 - v5.139 (KB890830)	Completed
2024-11 .NET 6.0.36 Update for x64 Client (KB5047486)	Completed

Quick Click Path

Start → **Settings** → **Windows Update** → **Check for updates** → **Download & install** → **Restart now** if prompted.

Helpful Information

- Updates may take some time depending on your internet connection and the size of the update.
- Some updates require a restart before installation is complete.

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Revision History

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