

[How To] Disable Windows Update Manually

MSI suggests keeping the system up-to-date as the latest Windows builds include security and feature updates to provide a better experience for the users.

However, under certain conditions, some Windows Updates have to be stopped. This article will demonstrate on how to disable automatic updates in Windows and allow the system to stay at current driver and component versions. These updates can still be manually enabled when necessary.

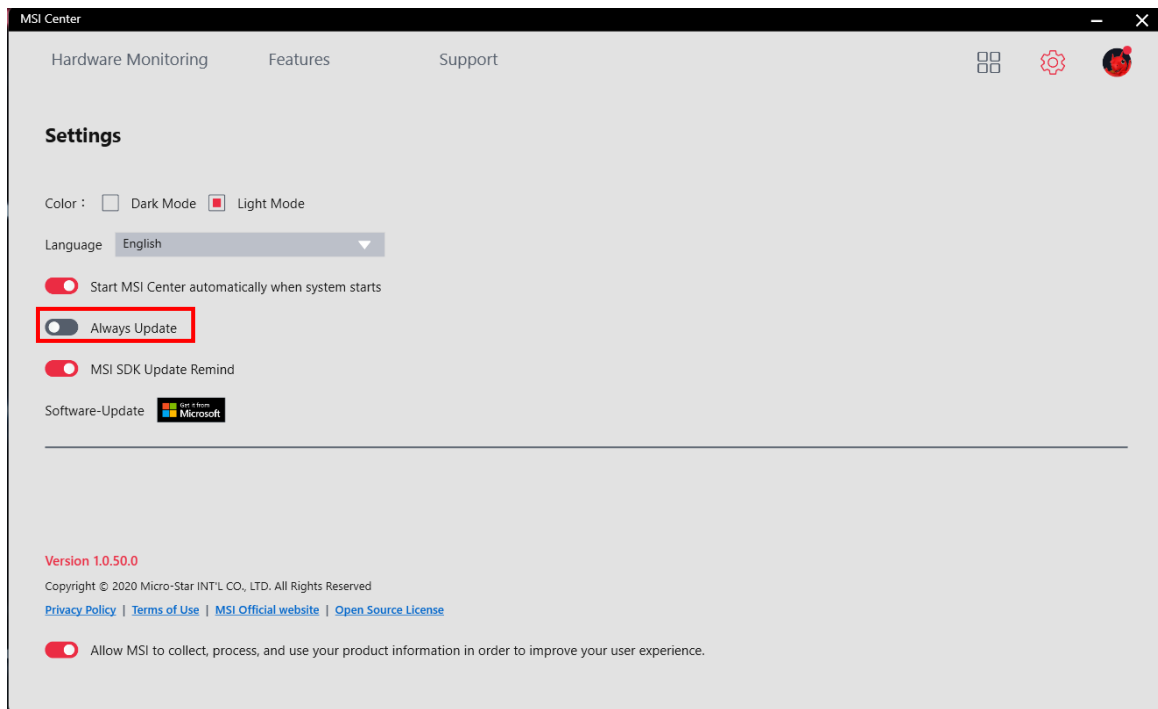
Refer to the following methods to disable Windows Update.

- [Disable Automatic Windows Updates in MSI Center/MSI Center Pro](#)
- [Disable Automatic Windows Updates in System Settings](#)
- [Disable Automatic Updates with Registry](#)
- [Disable Automatic Updates Permanently with Group Policy \(For Windows 11 Pro only\)](#)

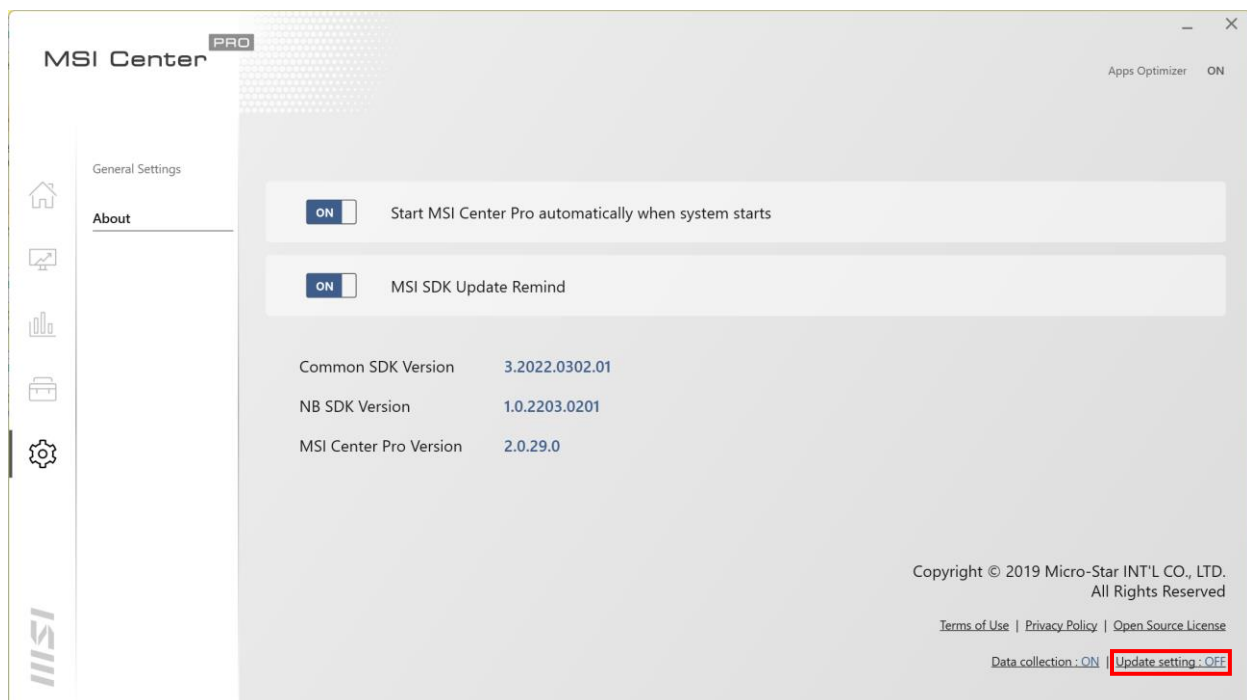
Note: The settings and instructions shown in this guide are only short-term solutions for users who encounter issues after specific Windows Updates until the fix is released.

I. Disable Automatic Windows Update in MSI Center/MSI Center Pro

- In MSI Center > Setting, disable “Always Update” to temporarily stop Windows updates.

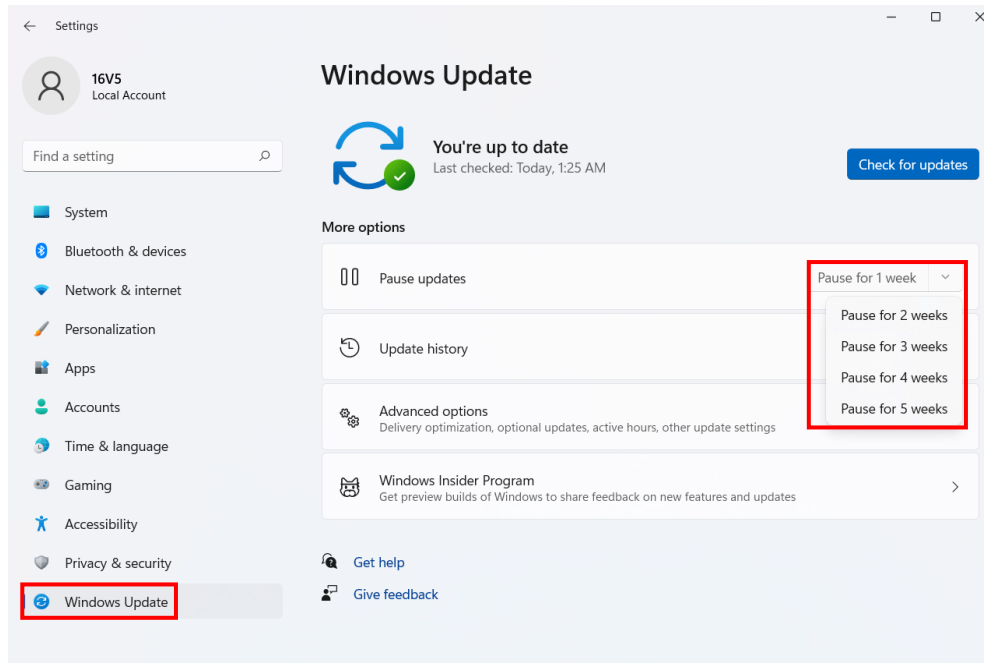


- In MSI Center Pro > Setting > About, switch “Update setting” to Off to disable Windows Updates.

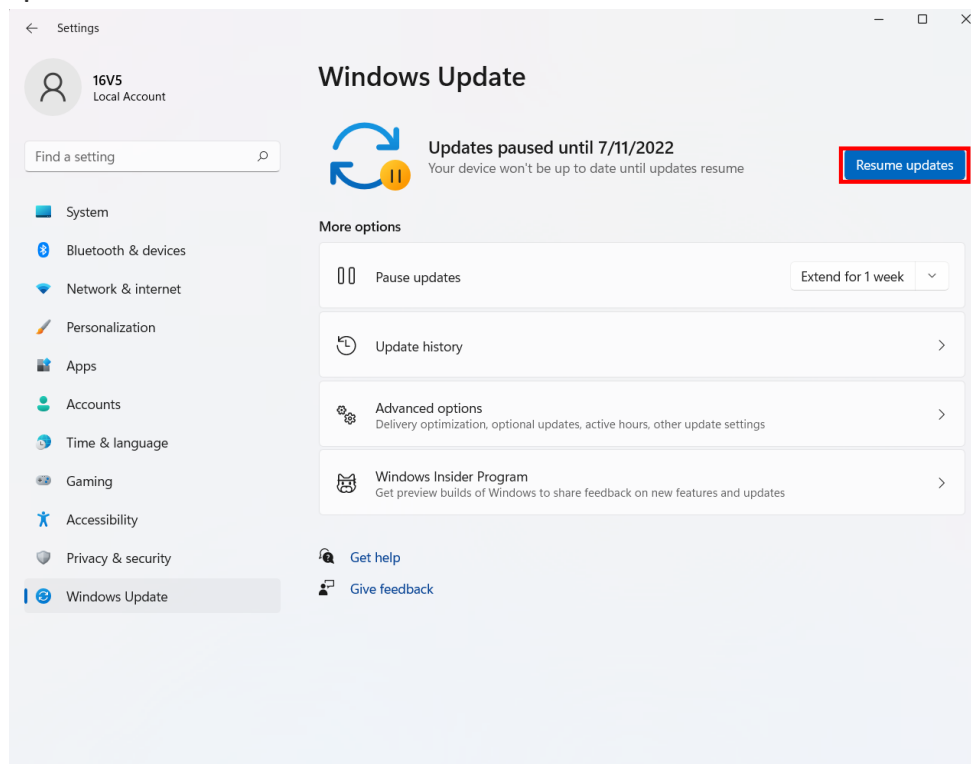


II. Disable Automatic Windows Update in System Settings

1. Open Windows Settings, then go to Windows Update.
2. To pause the updates, select the preferred week duration in Pause Updates. They can be paused for up to a maximum of five weeks.

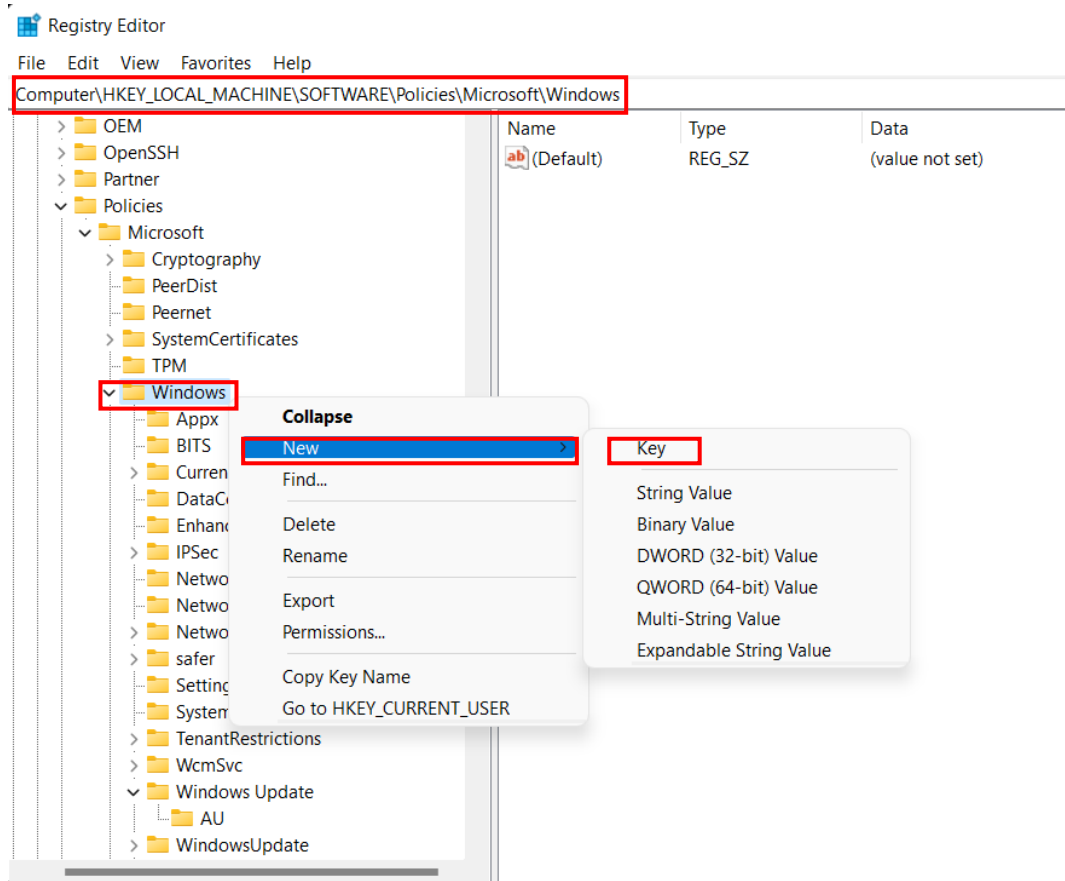


3. To resume the updates at any time within the paused period, just click on the Resume Updates button.

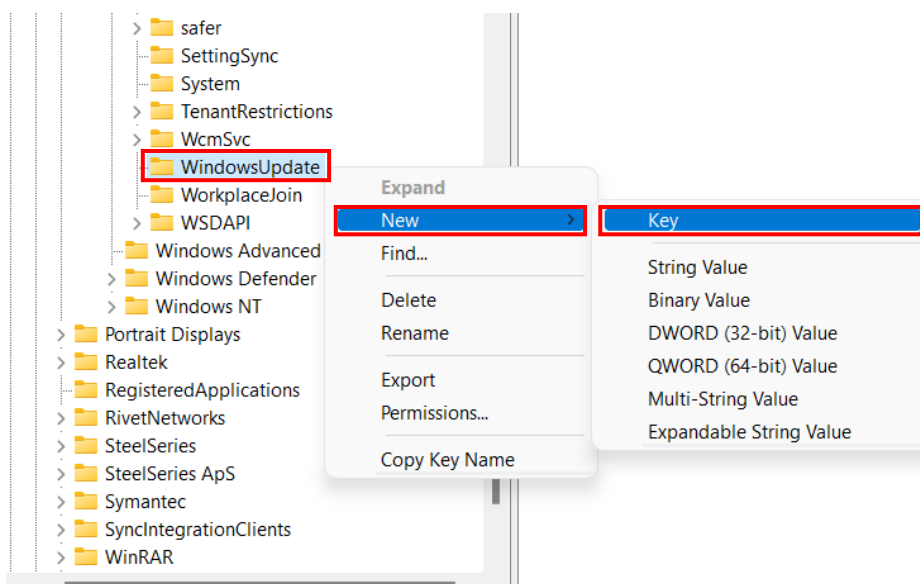


III. Disable Auto Updates with Registry

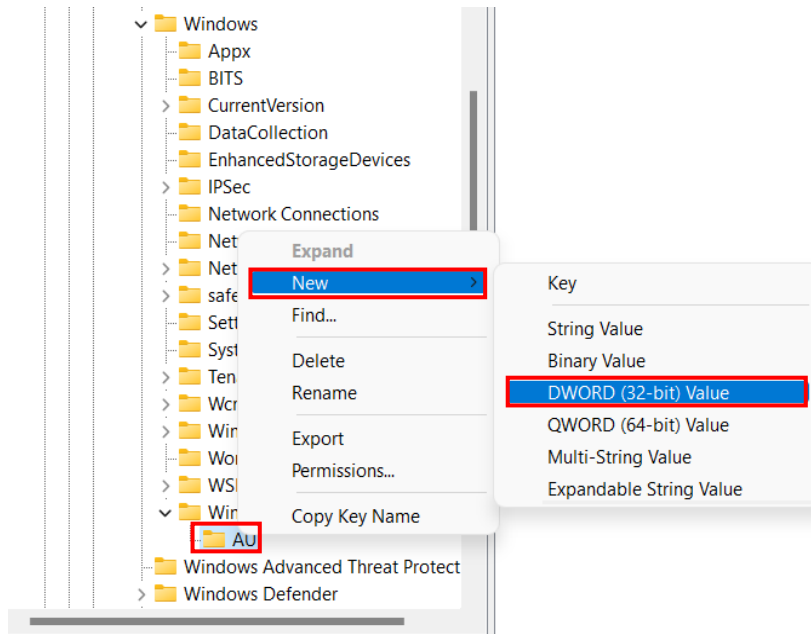
1. Click on Start, then search for “regedit” to open the Registry Editor.
2. Navigate to the following:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows
3. Right-click on the Windows folder, select New > Key.



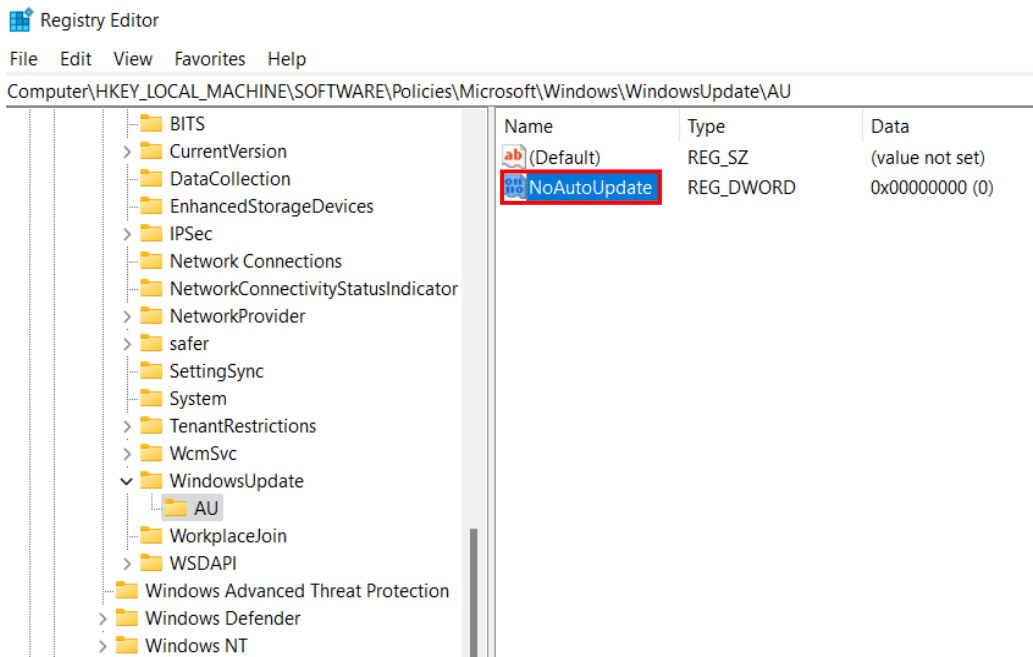
4. Name the folder as “WindowsUpdate”, then press Enter.
5. Create a new submenu under WindowsUpdate and name it “AU”.



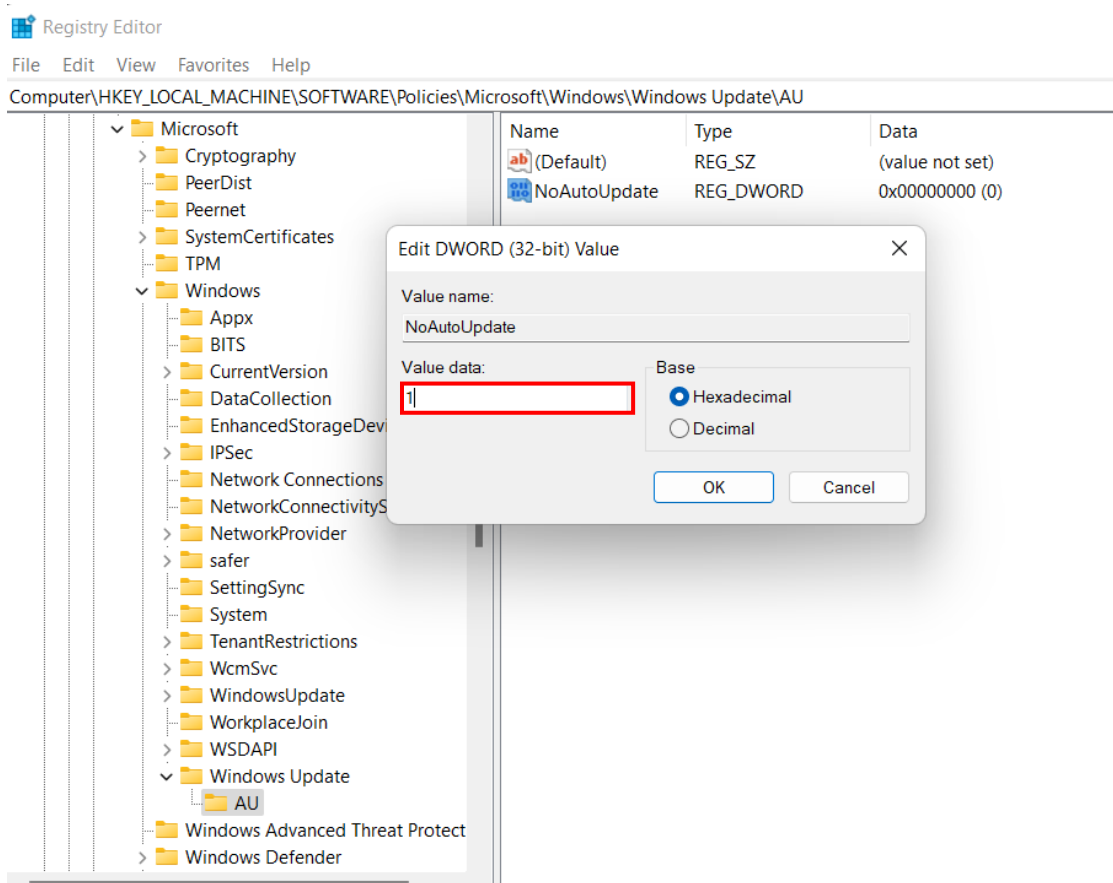
6. Right-click on AU > New > DWORD (32-bit) Value.



7. Name it as “NoAutoUpdate” and press Enter.

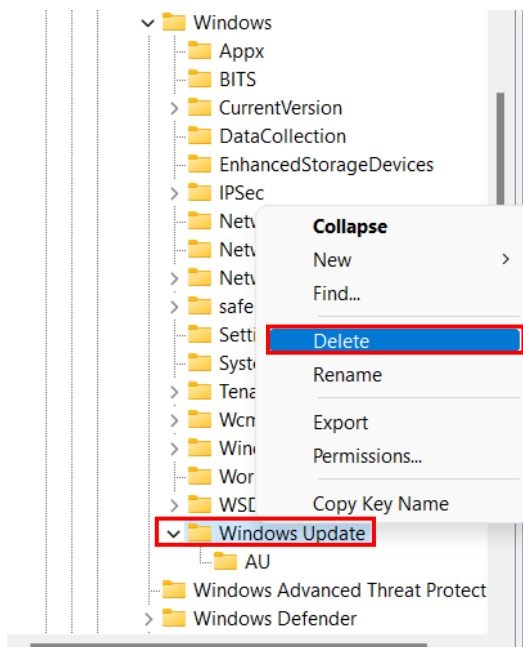


8. Double-click on it and change the value from 0 to 1.



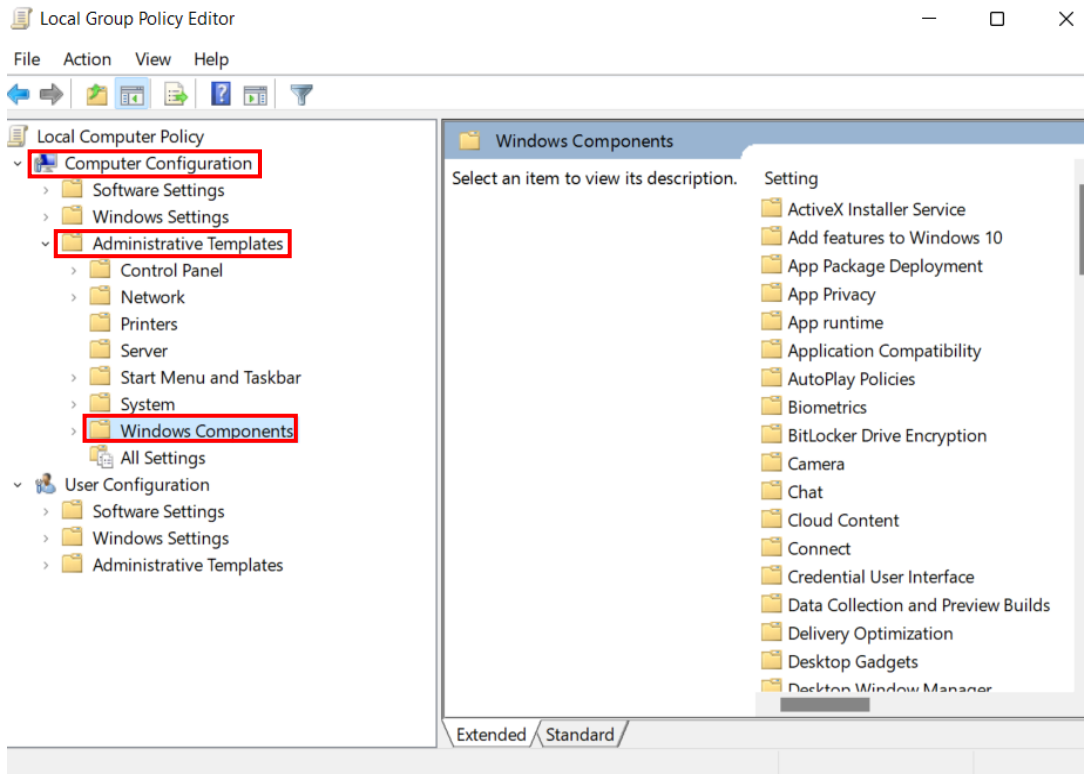
9. Click on Ok, then restart the device.

10. To resume Windows Updates, repeat steps 1 and 2, then delete the WindowsUpdate key. Restart to apply changes.

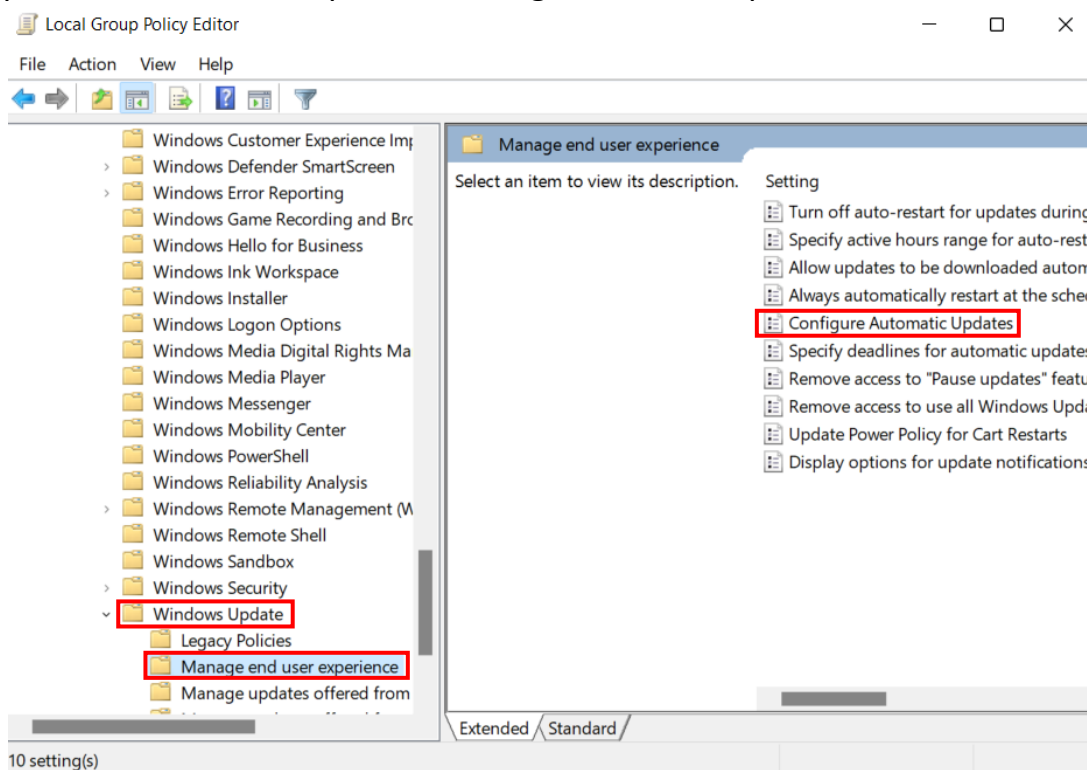


IV. Disable Automatic Updates Permanently with Group Policy (for Windows 11 Pro only)

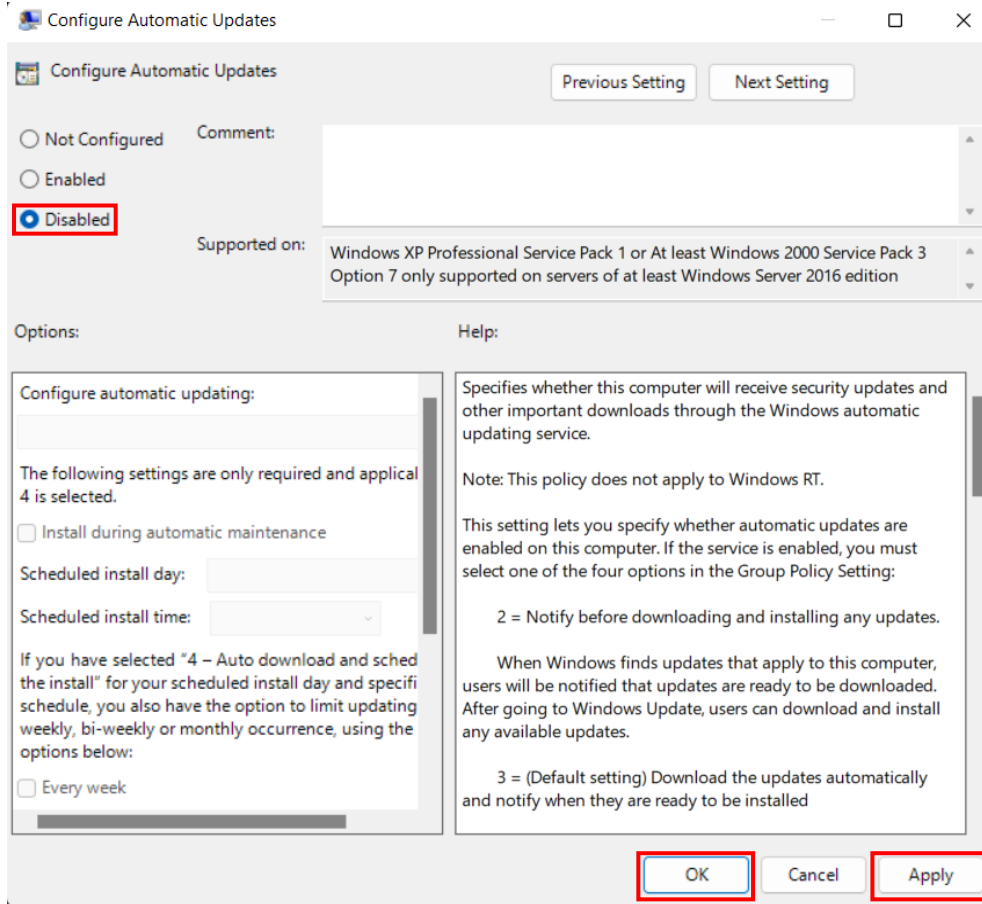
1. Click on Start, then search for “gpedit.msc” to open Local Group Policy Editor.



2. Navigate to: Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Windows Update > Manage end user experience.



3. Double-click on Configure Automatic Updates, then select “Disabled”.



4. Apply the changes and click on OK to close the window.

5. To resume the updates at any time, just click on the Check for updates button in Windows Update.

