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TIP # 30

What are Windows Updates and why do I need to do them?

Answer:

Windows updates are very important. As Microsoft finds out about vulnerabilities in the Windows Operating System (i.e. Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7), they create patches to repair these vulnerabilities. They distribute these patches through Windows Updates. If you do not do the updates, you are leaving yourself open to viruses and spyware that could be prevented.

Although Anti-virus and Anti-spyware programs are important, doing your Windows updates are equally important.

Windows XP no longer has new patches. The final patch for XP was Service Pack 3. Vista and Windows 7 will continue to have updates. Typically Vista and Windows 7 are set up to download updates automatically. If you would like to check or need to set up automatic updates, click on the following link to microsoft:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/downloads/windowsupdate/learn/windowsvista.mspx>

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