

## Approving Microsoft Patches for Installation

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By default, patches are set to be **Not Approved**. If you don't approve a patch, it remains as **Not Approved**, which means it is effectively put on hold or ignored. In this case, the update will remain in the default list of available updates, but will not be installed.

You can approve the installation of updates for all the computers in your network or for different approval groups.

In the patches list, you can research what new Microsoft updates are available and approve them for use at your customer sites.

To see a description of the patch approval statuses that you can search on, see [Viewing an Overview of Microsoft Patch Management](#).

1. In Service Center, click **Patch Management > Patch Approval**.
2. To filter the patch list to display the patches you want to see, click the **Advanced**

**Filtering** icon  and do any of the following:

- Choose an option in **Products and Classifications**.
- Choose an option in **Patch Supersedence**.
- Choose an option in **Release Date**.
- Type a patch name or part of a patch name in **Title Contains**.
- Choose a patch status in **Status**.
- Choose an approval status in **Approval**.
- Choose a group in **Approval Group**.

You can combine these filters to focus the list of patches. For example, if you choose a group in **Approval Group** and the status of **Not Approved** in **Approval**, you see a list of patches that have not been approved for that Approval Group. Or, if you choose the group **All Computers** in **Approval Group** and the status **Needed** in **Approval**, you see all the patches that are needed for a certain approval group.

3. Click **Apply**.
4. Do one of the following:
  - To select one patch at a time, select the check box of each patch for which you want to change the default approval setting.
  - To select all patches, select the check box in the column header.
5. Click **Change Approvals**.
6. Do one of the following:
  - To approve the update for all computers, from the **Approval** list select **Install**.
  - To approve the update for a specific approval group, in the **Approval** column, click the link and select **Install** from the list.
7. Do one of the following to set when the patch should be installed (Install has been selected from

the Approval list):

- To not set a deadline, ensure **None** is showing beside **Deadline**.  
Depending on how often the agent policy is set to check for updates (the default is every 22 hours), the device will install a patch when it checks into update services and gets the instruction to do so. The deadline is used to force the patch to be installed by a certain time in the event that the **Notify for Download and Notify for Install** or the **Auto Download and Notify for Install** option button is selected in the patch policy and the local user on the box delays the operation when the notification pops up.
- To set a deadline but let users determine patch installation time, click **None** and ensure the **Use client settings to determine patch installation time** is selected and click **OK**.
- To set a deadline but specify a patch installation time, click **None** and select the **Install patch by the selected date and time**. Then select the date and time and click **OK**.

You can set a deadline in the past to force immediate installs.

#### 8. Click **OK**.

The patches are dealt with in the order that they appear on the **Patch Approvals** page. If any patches require you to accept or decline an **End User License Agreement (EULA)**, you will be prompted before the patch is approved for installation. For example, you want to approve these patches:

1. 7548456
2. 7589456 (EULA)
3. 7656585
4. 7636958 (EULA)
5. 7785483

If these patches are all selected and set for approved, then a, c and e would get approved, and then you would be prompted to accept the EULA for b and then d. If you decline the EULA for a patch, the patch is ignored in this round and put back in the "Not Approved" list. You will be re-prompted to accept or decline the EULA if you want to approve the patch at another time.

#### See Also

- [Declining Microsoft Patches](#)
- [Approving Microsoft Updates for Removal](#)
- [Automatically Approving Microsoft Patches for an Approval Group](#)

## Figures

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