

# How do I update my computer? (Windows)

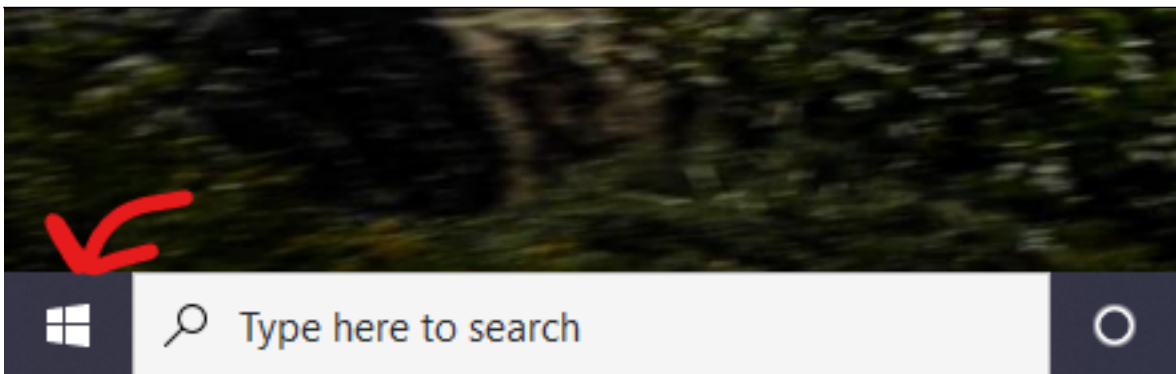
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Keeping your computer up to date will keep your device secure and also ensure that it can operate as quickly and efficiently as it can. Updates on computers running Windows are performed by the Windows Update service that is installed on your device. Normally this is performed in the background at regular intervals while you are using your device. However, there are instances where updates cannot be performed. This can be when the device is turned off or is performing another critical function preventing the updates from running. Over time this can create a queue of updates that can cause your device to slow down when it finally has an opportunity to download and install these updates.

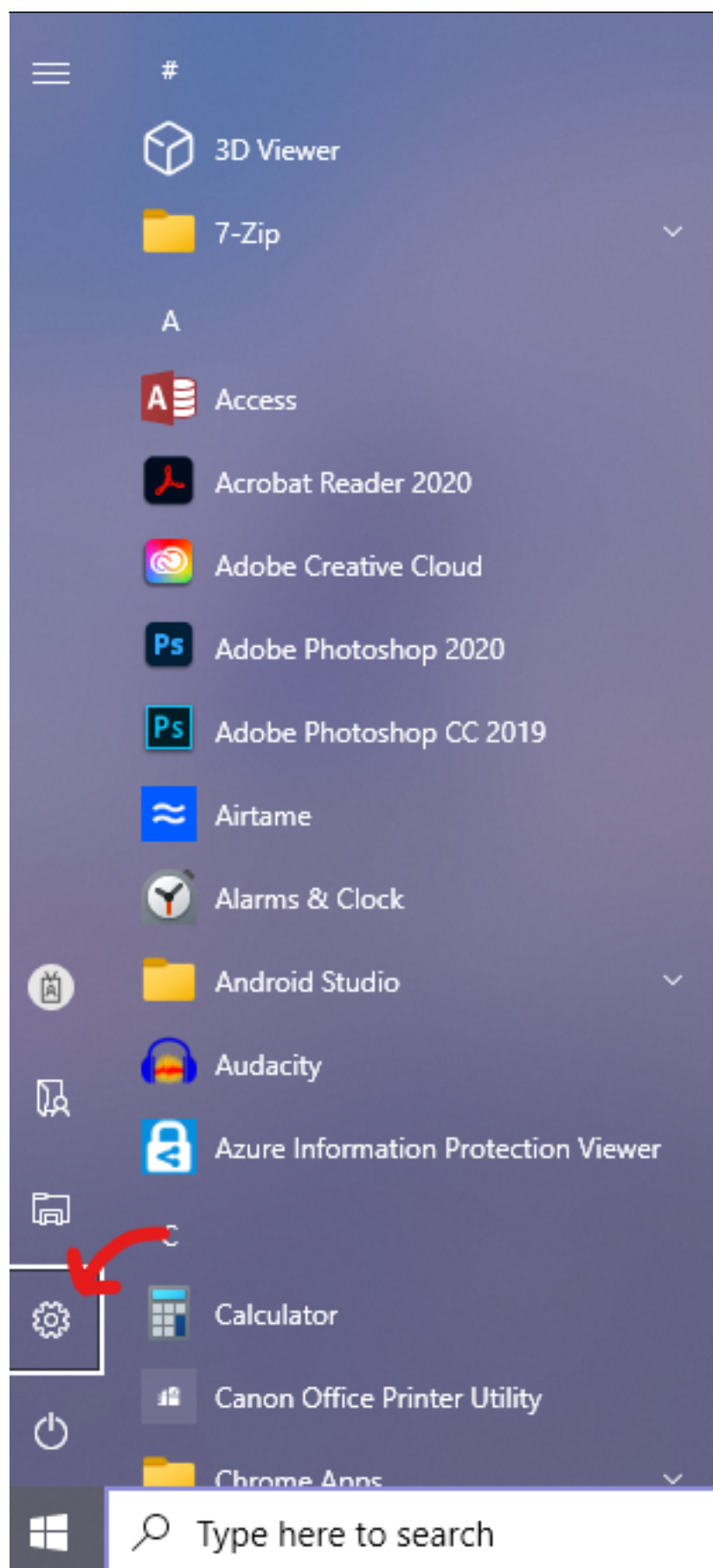
In cases where your device may have been slowed down due to update backlog, we recommend manually running Windows Update. This will force any updates that are pending to download and install at that moment.

## Running Windows Update

- Click on the **Start Menu** button at the bottom-left of the screen



- Click on the **Settings** button (gear icon)



- In the Settings window, click "**Update & Security**"

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## Windows Settings

Find a setting



### System

Display, sound, notifications, power



### Devices

Bluetooth, printers, mouse



### Phone

Link your Android, iPhone



### Network & Internet

Wi-Fi, airplane mode, VPN



### Personalization

Background, lock screen, colors



### Apps

Uninstall, defaults, optional features



### Accounts

Your accounts, email, sync, work, other people



### Time & Language

Speech, region, date



### Gaming

Xbox Game Bar, captures, Game Mode



### Ease of Access

Narrator, magnifier, high contrast



### Search

Find my files, permissions



### Privacy

Location, camera, microphone



### Update & Security

Windows Update, recovery, backup

- Click the button labelled "**Check for Updates**"

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# Windows Update

\*Some settings are managed by your organization

[View configured update policies](#)



You're up to date

Last checked: Today, 9:51 AM

Check for updates

[Check online for updates from Microsoft Update](#)

[View optional updates](#)

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The message above the button may state "**You're up to date**", but it is possible there may still be updates waiting to install.

- Updates may begin installing. You can close this window and continue using your device normally if needed

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Updates available

Last checked: Today, 9:51 AM

Security Intelligence Update for Microsoft Defender Antivirus - KB2267602 (Version 1.367.1158.0)

**Status:** Installing - 0%

[View optional updates](#)

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- Some updates may require older updates to be installed first before they can complete. This may also mean multiple reboots may occur or be needed

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