



### **Disabling Windows automatic updates**

On Windows machines running process critical software, we recommend turning off automatic updates. You can do this using two local group policy settings. To configure them, run gpedit.msc.

On Windows 10 and server operating systems, navigate to:

Computer Configuration, Administrative Templates, Windows Components, Windows Update. Set "Configure Automatic Updates" and "Allow Automatic Updates immediate installation" to disabled.

On Windows 11, navigate to the following and set both to disabled.

Computer Configuration, Administrative Templates, Windows Components, Windows Update, Legacy Policies, "Allow Automatic Updates immediate installation."

Computer Configuration, Administrative Templates, Windows Components, Windows Update, Manage end user experience, "Configure Automatic Updates."

Then reboot or manually force a group policy update. Note, this does not prevent updates from being applied manually. Updates can always be applied manually by using the links in Windows Settings or running downloaded setup files from Microsoft. For AVEVA software, it is recommended to check the compatibility of updates at Security Central on the AVEVA support website,

<https://softwaresupportsp.aveva.com/#/securitycentral>