

# How to stop Firefox update notifications?

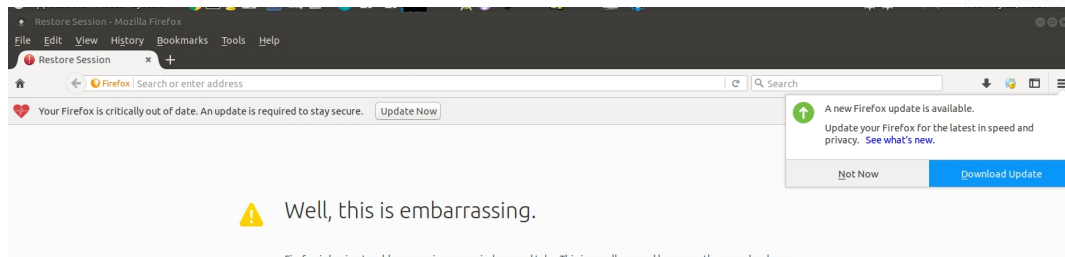
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Anyhow, Firefox keeps alerting me about updates. I have turned the updates off, in about:preferences but Firefox keeps bugging me with notifications like these:

and this:



I don't want to keep getting bothered by notifications, how do I make them stop?

None of the former **about:config** Configuration changes work nowadays to control update behaviour

This should completely disable the Updates messages in Firefox as per today:

## Method 1 - Registry change (Windows)

- Create the following Registry Key:  
HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Policies\Mozilla\Firefox
- Create inside, a 32-Bit DWORD DisableAppUpdate, with value 1.
- Restart Firefox.

The following can be saved as a .reg file to apply this change:

```
Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Policies\Mozilla\Firefox]
"DisableAppUpdate"=dword:00000001
```

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Or execute the following line in an elevated command prompt/PowerShell:

```
reg ADD HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Mozilla\Firefox /v DisableAppUpdate /t REG_DWORD /d 1
```

### /f **Method 2 - Policies.json (Windows / Linux / Mac / Others)**

- Create the folder distribution at the same place the Firefox executable is located (i.e. in Windows: C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\distribution).
- [Edit: Under MacOS, create the distribution folder under `${APPS}/Firefox.app/Contents/Resources` where `${APPS}` is the directory you installed Firefox in. This is usually `/Applications`, but the Firefox app can be installed in other locations (matter of taste mostly).]
- Create inside, a file `policies.json` with this text:

```
{  "policies": {    "DisableAppUpdate": true  } }
```

- Restart Firefox.

Now under **about:preferences** under Updates, the following label should appear: Updates disabled by your system administrator. and under **about:policies** .

Other policies can be modified in this way. Check the [GitHub](#) link and the **about:policies** section.

If you ever, ever want the original behavior, just undo these steps.