How do I update my university Windows computer to make sure it is not vulnerable to the Peyta Ransomware attack?

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If a Windows computer has the latest security updates, the computer is not vulnerable. If a Windows computer has been turned off or not on the university network for some time, it may be at risk.

To manually install security updates - follow these steps. If off-campus, connect to the VPN first.

**Windows 7**

1. Open the **Control Panel**
2. Click **System and Security**

**Windows 10**

1. Type **Control Panel** in the search box in the bottom left toolbar
2. Click on **Control Panel**
3. Click **System and Security**
4. Click **Configuration Manager** at the bottom of the list

Adjust your computer’s settings

- **System and Security**
  - Review your computer's status
  - Save backup copies of your files
  - Backup and Restore (Windows 7)
  - Find and fix problems
- **Network and Internet**
  - View network status and tasks
  - Choose homegroup and sharing
- **Hardware and Sound**
  - View devices and printers
  - Add a device
  - Adjust commonly used mobility
- **Programs**
  - Uninstall a program
  - Get programs

4. Click **Configuration Manager** at the bottom of the list
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4. Click **Action** tab.

5. Click **Action** tab.

6. Click **Machine Policy Retrieval & Evaluation Cycle**, click **Run Now**, and then click **OK**.
5. Click Machine Policy Retrieval & Evaluation Cycle, click Run Now and then OK

6. This message will show, click OK

7. Let the scan run, it will identify the updates that are needed

8. Follow the prompts to install updates, install immediately

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- What software has been verified to work with Windows 10?
- How do I remove the search box from the task bar in Windows 10 (version 1909)?
- How do I request my University computer to be upgraded to Windows 10?
- How do I fix a shortcut to a Google Drive shared folder?