Windows 11 Application Update Strategy – Patch My PC, WinGet, and Microsoft Store

Category: Windows 11 / System Maintenance
Purpose: Automate updates for third-party Windows applications
Target Audience: Home users, power users, IT professionals
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Overview

Keeping third-party Windows applications up to date is critical for **security, stability, and performance**, but manually checking each vendor is inefficient and error prone.

Patch My PC Home Updater is a **free, lightweight utility** that automatically scans for outdated applications and updates them silently in the background. It complements Windows Update and Microsoft Store auto-updates by handling **non-Store desktop applications**.

This guide documents how to install, configure, and automate Patch My PC Home Updater on **Windows 11**.

What Patch My PC Home Updater Does

Patch My PC Home Updater focuses on **third-party application patching**, not Windows itself.

Key Capabilities

- Scans installed applications for outdated versions
- Updates supported apps automatically or on demand
- Supports **silent installs** (no pop-ups)
- Uses **Windows Task Scheduler** for automation
- Can install or uninstall supported apps
- Portable (no traditional installer required)

What It Does *Not* Do

- Does **not** update Microsoft Store apps
- Does **not** manage Windows Updates
- Only updates applications included in its supported catalog

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Supported Application Types (Examples)

Patch My PC supports hundreds of popular applications, including:

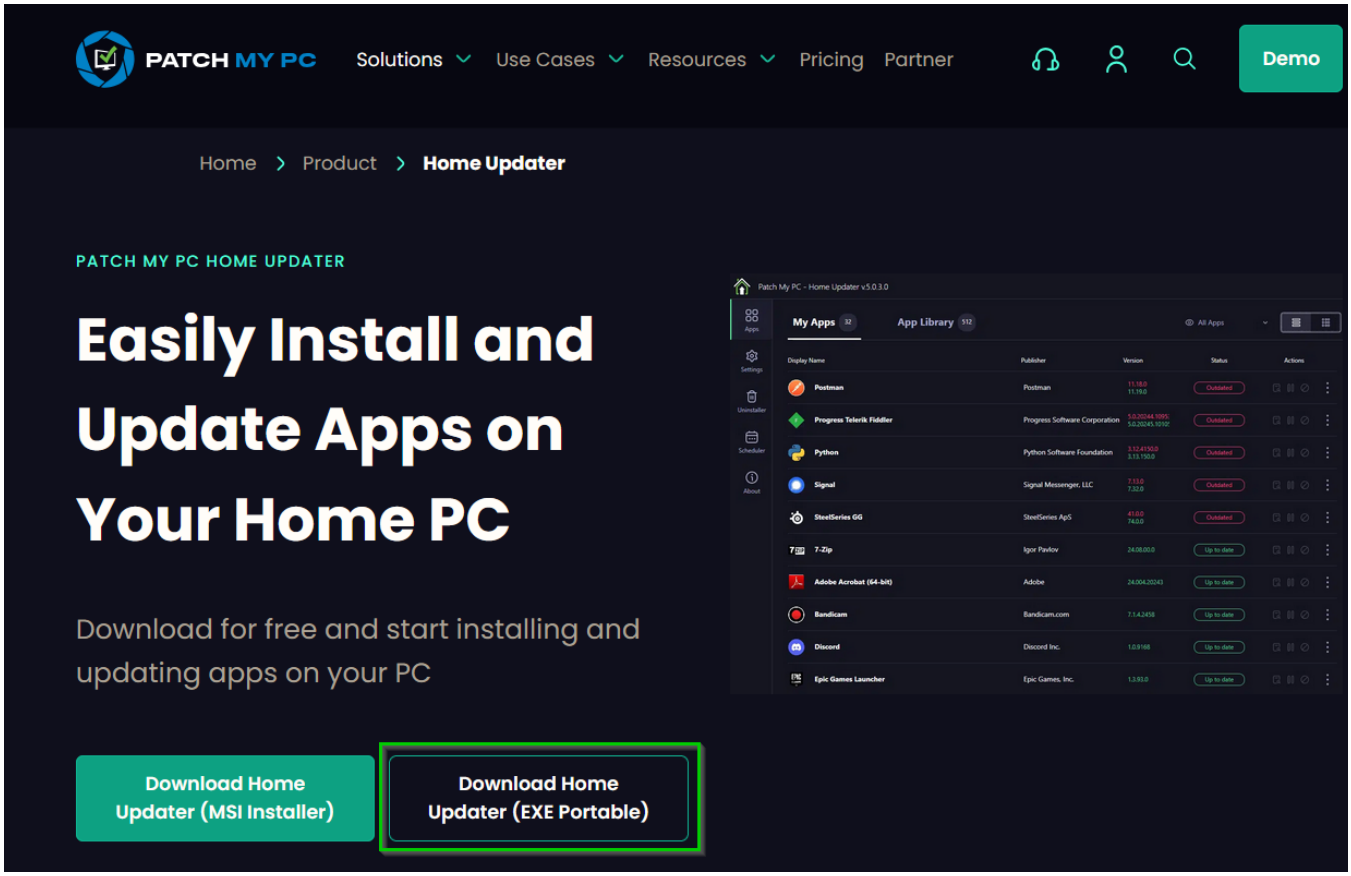
- Browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Edge)
- Media tools (VLC, 4K Video Downloader)
- Utilities (Notepad++, 7-Zip)
- VPN clients (Proton VPN)
- Vendor tools (Raspberry Pi Imager)

Applications like **Battle.net, Steam, Discord**, and GPU drivers are intentionally excluded since they handle their own updates internally.

Installation

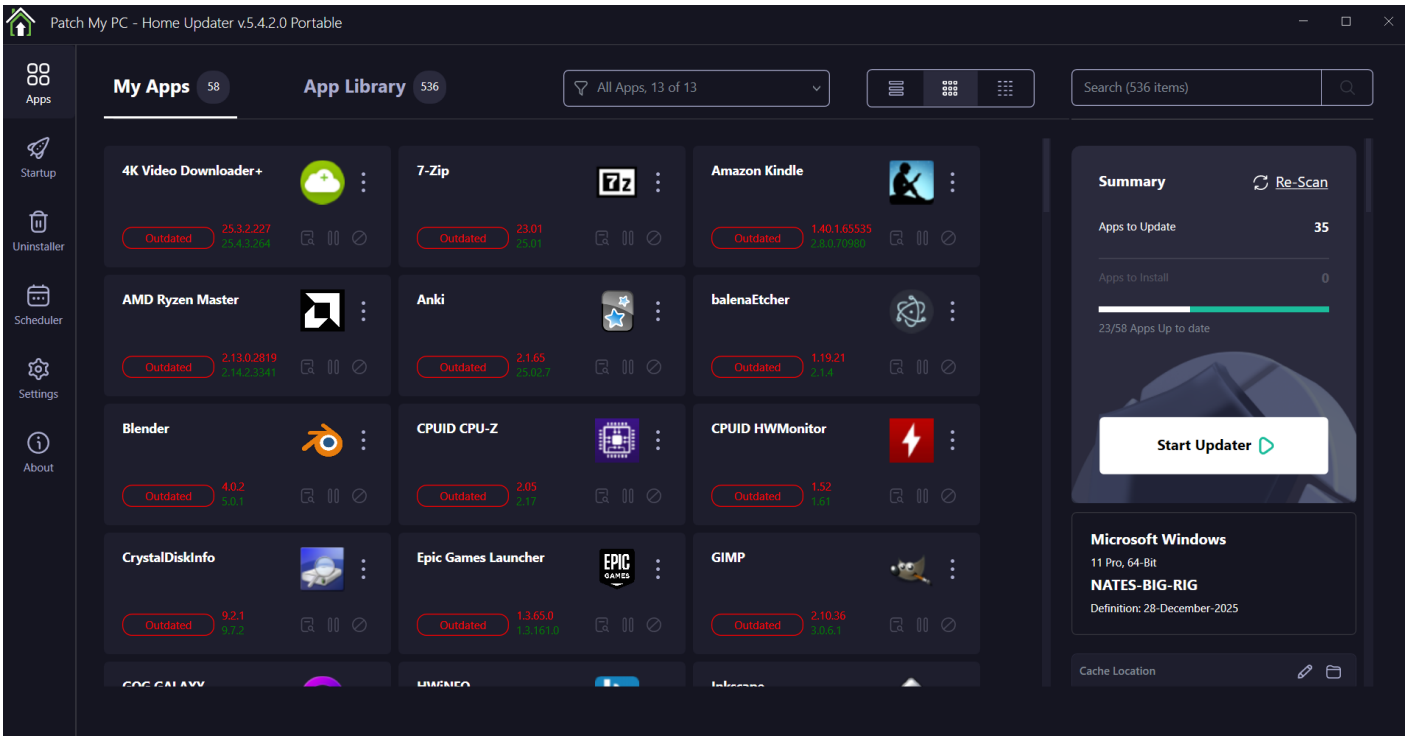
1. Download Patch My PC Home Updater from the official site:

   https://patchmypc.com/home-updater



2. Run `PatchMyPC.exe` (run as administrator for best functionality)
3. No installation wizard, no account, no ads

The application will immediately scan your system.

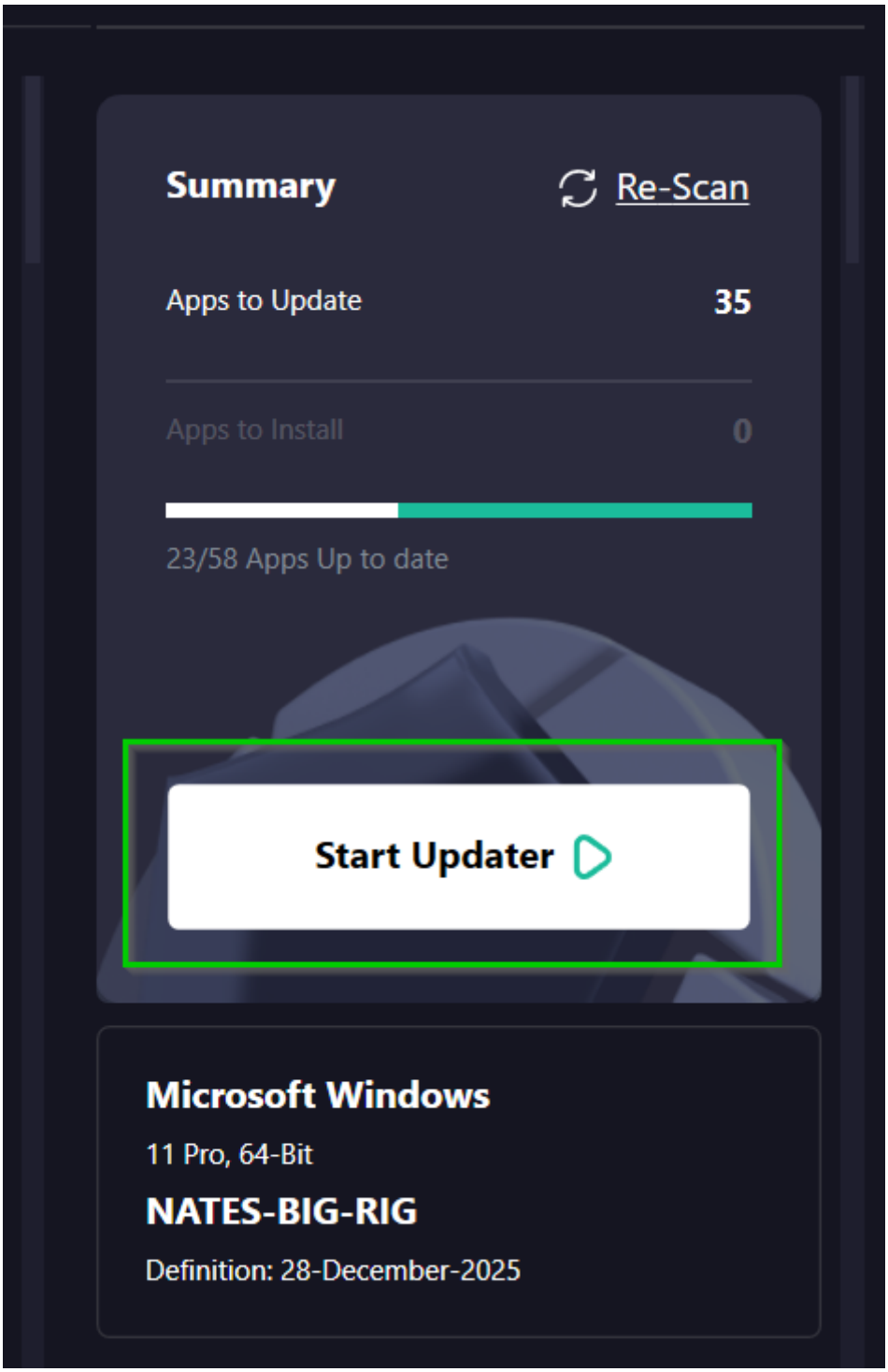


Initial Update Baseline

On first launch:

- Outdated apps appear **in red**
- Up-to-date apps appear **in green**

Click **Perform Updates** once to bring all supported apps fully up to date.
This establishes a clean baseline before enabling automation.



Recommended Configuration

Open **Settings** (gear icon) and apply the following:

Safety Settings

- Create restore point before updating
- Skip updates if an app is currently running

Silent Operation

- Enable silent updates
- Suppress reboot prompts
- Disable post-install auto-launch

Cleanup

- Delete installers after installation

These settings ensure updates run **quietly and safely in the background**.

Application Selection

Under **Settings → Applications**:

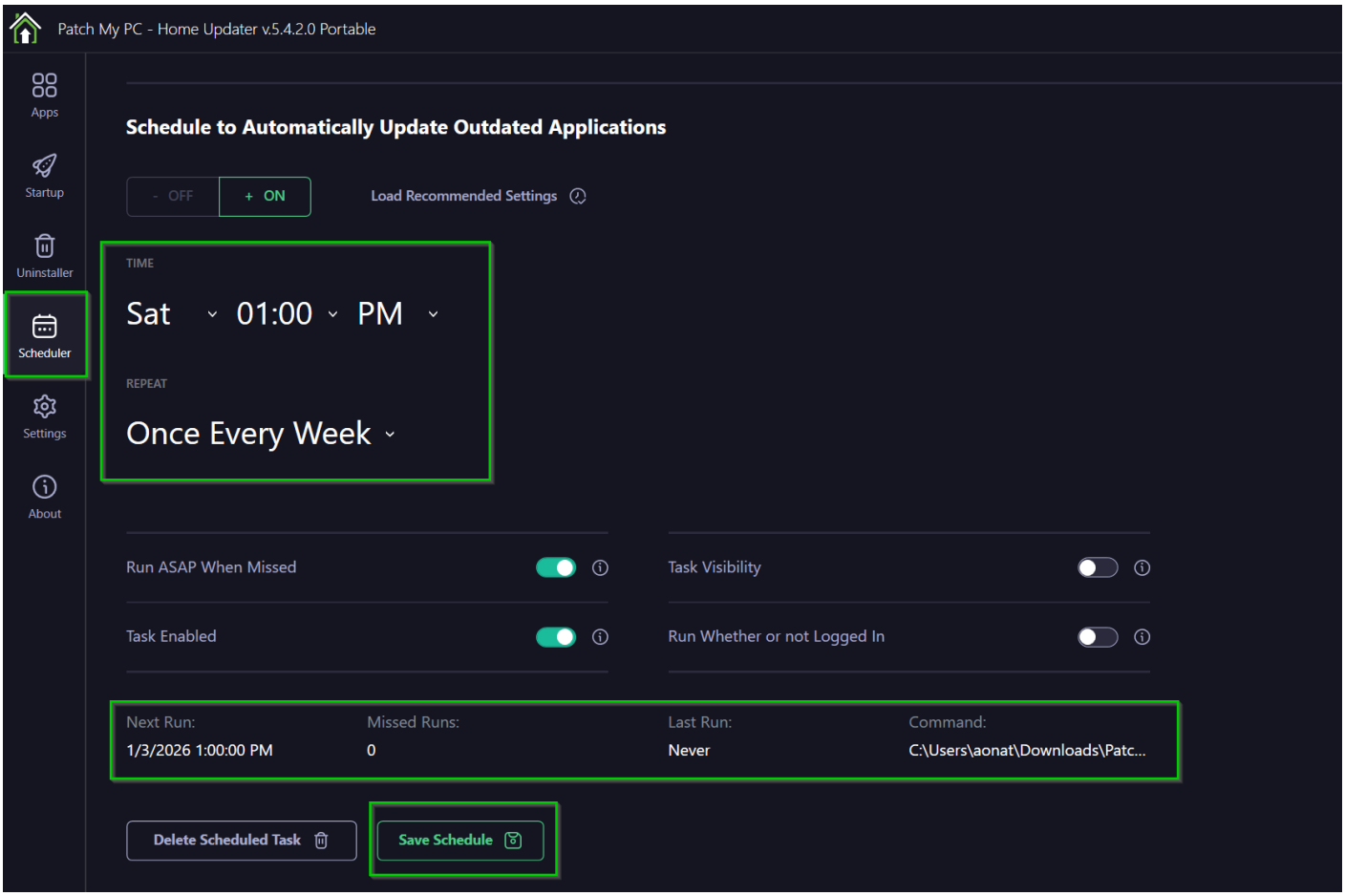
- Review the supported app list
- Uncheck any apps you prefer to update manually
- Leave common utilities and browsers enabled

This gives you granular control over what Patch My PC manages.

Automatic Scheduling (Core Feature)

Patch My PC uses **Windows Task Scheduler** for automation.

1. Go to **Settings → Scheduling**
2. Enable **Automatically update applications**
3. Recommended schedule:
   - Frequency: Weekly
   - Day: Sunday
   - Time: Early morning (e.g., 3:00 AM)



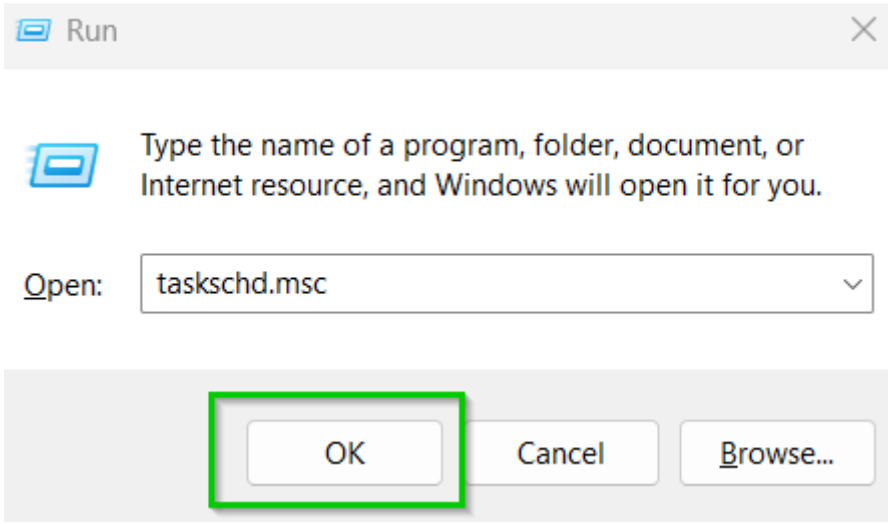
Once enabled, Patch My PC will run automatically without user interaction.

Verifying the Scheduled Task (Optional)

To confirm the task exists:

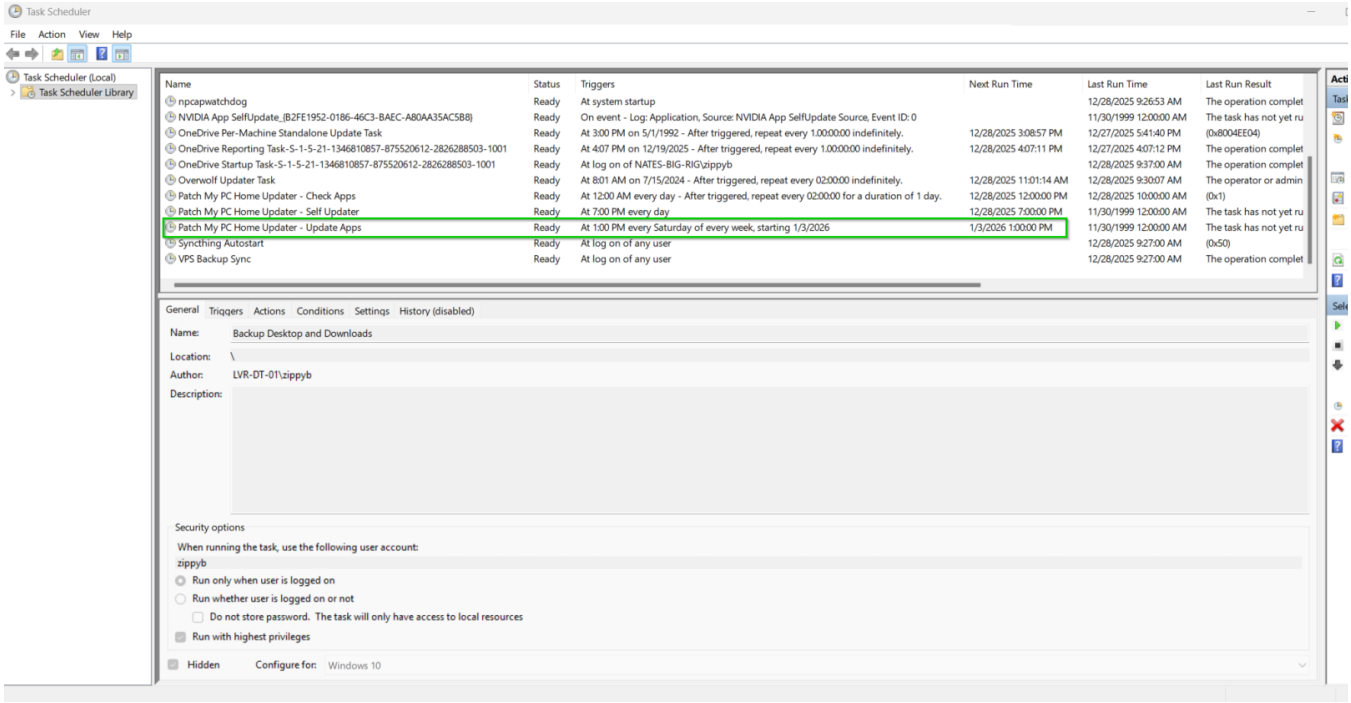
1. Press **Win + R**
2. Run:

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taskschd.msc
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3. Navigate to:

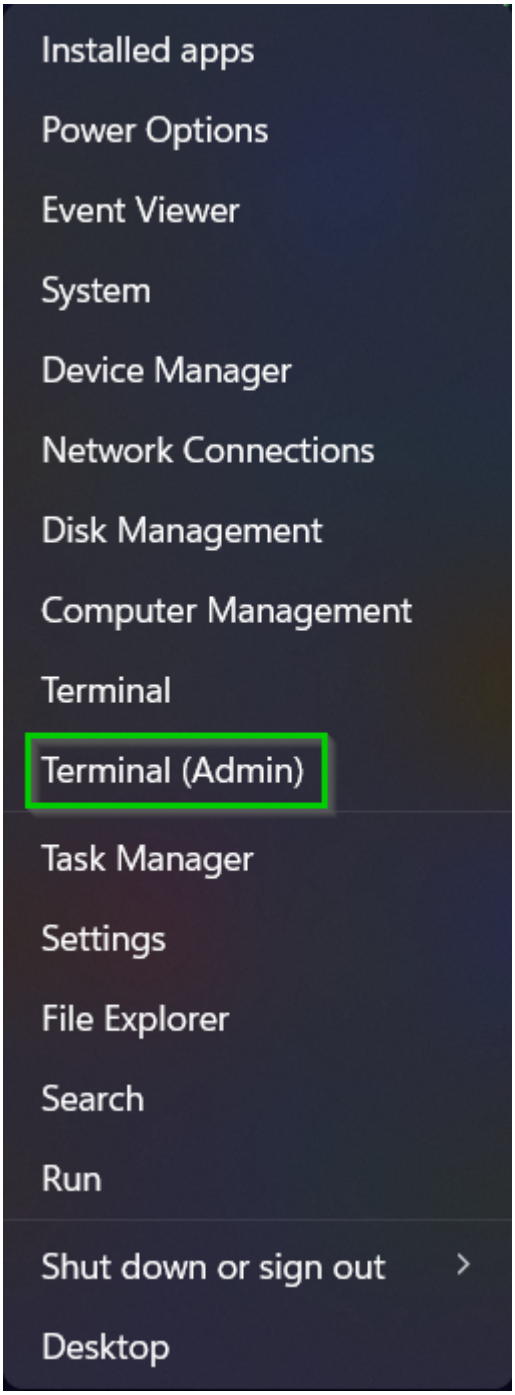
   Task Scheduler Library → Patch My PC



Recommended Companion: WinGet

For broader application coverage, **Patch My PC Home Updater pairs effectively with WinGet (Windows Package Manager)**. While Patch My PC focuses on common third-party desktop applications, WinGet excels at managing developer tools, command-line utilities, and Microsoft-maintained packages.

Right click start button > Run Terminal as administrator



WinGet Command

Run this once to create the folder, then run the WinGet command.

Create Folder

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New-Item -Path "C:\Logs" -ItemType Directory -Force
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PS C:\Users\aonat> New-Item -Path "C:\Logs" -ItemType Directory -Force

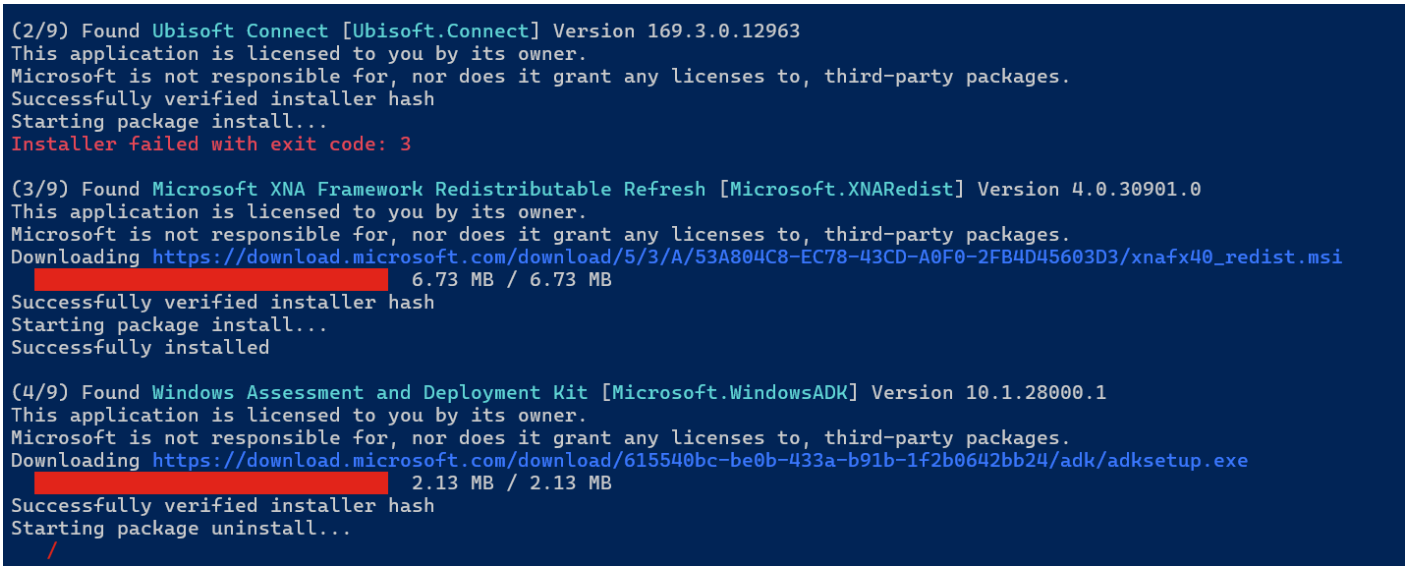

    Directory: C:\


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Then run this command

```
winget upgrade --all
```

This will show everything happening in the terminal window:



Note Ubisoft connect failed because it sux and it probably needs a game to be launched before updating

To run silently and just record to the log file we can run this:

```
winget upgrade --all --silent --accept-package-agreements --accept-source-agreements >> C:\Logs\winget.log 2>&1
```

Optional (.ps1 script for better logging)

If you want the log to include timestamps and also capture errors cleanly:

Copy the code below in NPP and save as a .ps1 file

```
New-Item -Path "C:\Logs" -ItemType Directory -Force
"==== $(Get-Date) ====" | Out-File -FilePath "C:\Logs\winget.log" -Append -Encoding utf8
winget upgrade --all --silent --accept-package-agreements --accept-source-agreements 2>&1 | Out-File -FilePath "C:\Logs\winget.log" -Append -Encoding utf8
```

This command updates all supported WinGet-managed applications silently and is well-suited for automation through Task Scheduler and also provides a log file at C:\Logs\ for any errors.

Best Practice Update Coverage

A layered approach provides the most reliable results:

- **Patch My PC** - Browsers, utilities, media tools, VPN clients
- **WinGet** - Developer tools, CLI utilities, Microsoft-maintained packages
- **Microsoft Store** - Store applications (auto-updates enabled)

These tools operate independently, do not conflict, and together provide near-complete application update coverage on Windows 11.

Security & Reliability Notes

- Patch My PC is widely trusted in both home and enterprise environments
- Uses vendor-provided installers with no repackaging
- No account creation or telemetry tracking required
- Optional system restore points provide rollback protection during updates

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Final Notes

Patch My PC Home Updater significantly reduces manual maintenance while improving overall system security and reliability.

When combined with **WinGet automation** and **Microsoft Store auto-updates**, it creates a **fully automated, low-maintenance application update strategy** suitable for both home labs and professional Windows 11 environments.

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