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Auto-update for ABR 8.6 for Windows

Overview

We are planning to enable Auto-update for Admin By Request 8.6 for Windows on **November 3rd 2025**.

That means the roll-out will happen steadily over the month of November, starting with some of our smaller customers and ending up with the largest ones, for customers that have Auto-update enabled.

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Browser Extension Setting

Admin By Request (ABR) for Windows Version 8.6 introduces a new Browser Extension designed to streamline the elevation process for downloaded installers. When a non-administrator downloads an executable from Chrome, Edge, or Firefox, the extension triggers a system tray toast notification, allowing the file to be elevated and run directly - without navigating to the Downloads folder.

This feature is enabled by default upon installing Version 8.6 and installs a lightweight browser extension that does not collect data or interfere with other extensions; it simply subscribes to browser file download events.

If you would prefer not to use this functionality, you can disable it in the portal:

Endpoint Privilege Management > Settings > Windows Settings > Lockdown > RUN AS ADMIN

The screenshot shows the 'Windows Workstation Global Settings' interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Authorization, Endpoint, Lockdown (highlighted), Malware, App Control, and Emails. The main content area is titled 'Windows Lockdown' and has tabs for ADMIN RIGHTS, RUN AS ADMIN (selected), ADMIN SESSION, SUPPORT ASSIST, OWNER, and INTUNE. Under the 'Run As Admin Lockdown' section, there are four toggle switches: 'Deny elevating system files' (ON), 'Deny system file subprocesses' (ON), 'Deny PIN code unlock' (OFF), and 'Disable browser notifications' (OFF). The 'Disable browser notifications' toggle is highlighted with a red box. Below these toggles is a 'Save' button. To the right, an 'About Run As Admin Lockdown' section provides detailed descriptions for each setting.

Windows Workstation Global Settings
Settings here are the global settings for all endpoints. You can overrule settings for certain domain users or computers under the sub settings menu. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us [here](#).

ADMIN RIGHTS | **RUN AS ADMIN** | ADMIN SESSION | SUPPORT ASSIST | OWNER | INTUNE

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Run As Admin Lockdown

Deny elevating system files ☒ ON
Deny system file subprocesses ☒ ON
Deny PIN code unlock ☐ OFF
Disable browser notifications ☐ OFF

Save

About Run As Admin Lockdown

Deny elevating system files prevents the user from starting any file from the System32 directory with administrative privileges, such as cmd.exe or regedit.exe. You can define exceptions under App Control -> Pre-approve.

Deny system file subprocesses blocks subprocess of system files.

Deny PIN code unlock removes the option to use a PIN code to unlock a blocked application.

Browser notifications enable a browser extension for Chrome, Edge and Firefox that will ask the end user to run an executable download (.exe) when complete. If this setting is ON, users will have to go to the Downloads folder and run it manually. Browser notifications require version 8.6+.

IMPORTANT

If you don't want to use this feature, set *Disable browser notifications* to ON in the portal **before** installing any 8.6.2+ endpoints and before the auto-update process starts updating to version 8.6.

Keep in mind that auto-update will begin updating Windows endpoints to version 8.6 on **3 November 2025** and continue throughout the month of November. See the next section for details on disabling auto-update.

Auto-update Setting

The *Auto-update* setting controls whether or not ABR software updates are pushed to your clients over the Internet, in a similar way to Windows Update. Endpoint software updates are **less than 3 megabytes** in size and are typically pushed in bulk four to eight weeks after general availability.

If you would prefer not to use auto-update, you can turn it off in the portal:

Settings > Tenant Settings > Auto-Update > WINDOWS WORKSTATION

Tenant Settings
Settings here are global tenant settings on top of all other settings.

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Windows Auto-Update

Internet Auto-update (recommended)

Auto-update over the Internet ☒ ON

We are updating endpoints to version 8.5

Save

About Internet Auto-update

Internet updates pushes endpoint software updates to clients the same way as Windows Update. Endpoint software updates are less than 3 megabytes in size and will typically be pushed in bulk four to eight weeks after general availability. You can freely update clients while having internet updates on. Only clients with a lesser version than the current internet push version will be hit by the bulk endpoint software updates.

From **November 3rd**, this will advise updates are underway to **version 8.6**. However, no auto-updates will be done in your tenant if you have *Auto-update over the Internet* set to OFF.

Of course, if you turn the setting ON, auto-updates will start from that time.