How to Disable Automatic Update in Adobe Reader DC

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Adobe has updated his free "Acrobat Reader" for viewing, printing and annotating PDF's to "Adobe Reader DC", where "DC" means "Document Cloud". The Acrobat Reader DC gives you the ability to work with PDF documents in any desktop or mobile device

if you 're connected to <u>free Adobe Document Cloud</u> services. Adobe Reader DC is set to be automatically updated (if your device is

connected to the Internet), to ensure that cloud and desktop features and functionality remain synchronized and compatible. For that reason, Adobe, doesn't give the user the ability – through the program's interface – to choose how the new updates will be delivered to the computer or to totally disable the Adobe Reader DC automatic updates.

In this tutorial you 'll find detailed instructions on how to totally disable or turn off Adobe Reader DC Automatic Updates.

How to disable Adobe Acrobat Reader DC Automatic Updates.

Step 1. Disable Adobe Acrobat Update Task.

The first step to disable the Automatic Update in Adobe Reader is to disable the 'Adobe Acrobat Update Task' in Task Scheduler. To do that:

- 1. At the search box, type: task scheduler
- 2. Open Task scheduler



3. Click at Task Schedule Library at the left and then, at the right pane, **right click** at the **Adobe Acrobat Update Task** at select **Disable**.

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	Name: Adobe Acrobat Update Task
	Location:
	Author: Adobe Systems Incorporated
	Description: This task keeps your Adobe Reader and Acrobat applications up to date with the lates enhancements and security fixes

4. Close Task Scheduler and continue to the next step.

Step 2. Disable Adobe Acrobat Update Service.

The next step is to disable the Acrobat Update service, by using one of the methods below:

- <u>Method 1. Disable Adobe Acrobat Reader DC Automatic Update</u> <u>through Services.</u>
- <u>Method 2. Disable Adobe Reader DC Automatic Updates through</u> <u>Registry.</u>

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Method 1. Disable Adobe Acrobat Reader DC Automatic Update through Services.

Simultaneously press Windows + R keys to open run command box.
 In run command box, type: services.msc and press Enter.

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3. Double click to open "Adobe Acrobat Update Service" properties (AdobeARMservice).

- 4. Set the **Startup type** to **Disabled**.
- 5. Click **OK** and **restart** your computer.



- After following the above steps, Adobe Reader DC will not download and install updates automatically.

If you want to download and install new updates manually, then, from
 Adobe Reader's DC menu, choose: Help > Check for Updates. *

* Note: If you want to also remove the **Check for Updates** option, from the Adobe Reader's DC menu, then follow the steps mentioned at the end of this article.

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Method 2. Disable Adobe Reader DC Automatic Updates via Registry.

- 1. Open Windows *Registry Editor*. To do that:
- 1. Press the Windows + R keys to load the Run dialog box.
- 2. Type regedit and press Enter.

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2. At the left pane, navigate to this key: HKLM\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Adobe\Adobe ARM\Legacy\(product name)\(product code)

e.g. *HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\Adobe\Adobe ARM\Legacy\Reader\{AC76BA86-7AD7-1033-7B44-AC0F074E4100}*

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Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\Adobe\Adobe\Adobe ARM\Legecy\Reader\{AC768A86-7AD7-1033-7844-AC0F074E4100} 3. At the right pane double click at **Mode** value* and at the Value Data box, change the value data from **3** to **0** (zero).

Mode possible values:

- **0**: Do not download or install updates automatically.
- 2: Automatically download updates but let the user choose when to install them.

3: Automatically download and install updates. (Default value)

4: Notify the user downloads are available but do not download them.



4. Close Registry Editor and restart your computer.

- From now on, Adobe Reader DC will not download and install updates automatically but you can always install the new updates manually, by choosing the **Check for Updates** option in Adobe Reader's DC main menu. (Help > Check for Updates) *

* Note: If you want to remove also the **Check for Updates** option, then follow the steps below.

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Extra: Remove the "Check for Updates" option from Adobe Reader's menu.

– If you want to remove the "Check for Updates" option from the "Help" menu, then:

1. Launch Registry Editor again and navigate to this key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Adobe\Acrobat Reader\DC\FeatureLockDown

2. Right click at an empty space on the right pane and select **New** > **DWORD (32-bit) Value.**



5. **Close** Registry Editor and **Reboot** your computer.

That's it! Let me know if this guide has helped you by leaving your comment about your experience. Please like and share this guide to help others.