

# How Not to Upgrade Windows 10

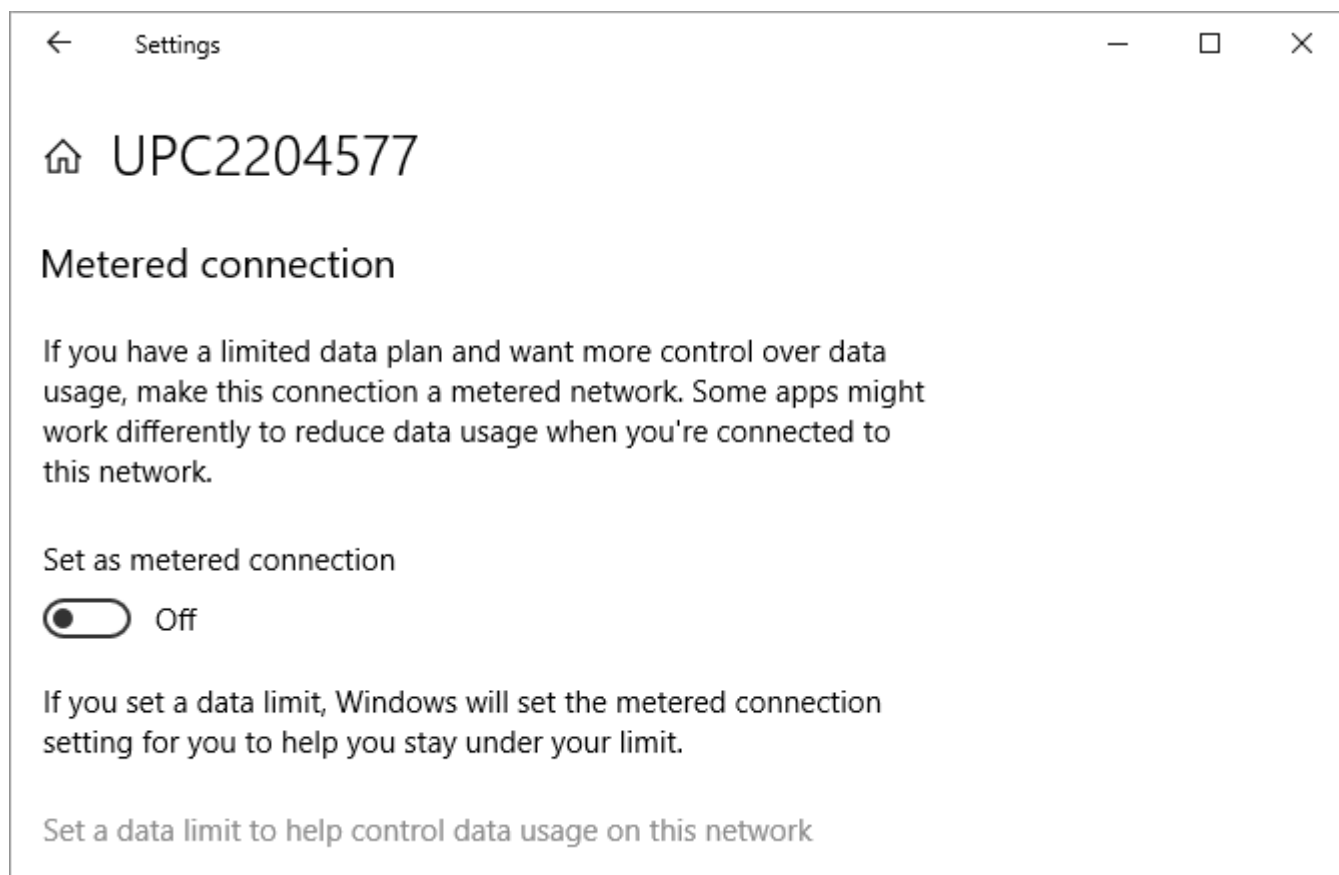
[Not upgrading to the latest version of Windows 10](#) remains a sensible choice. You'll maximize your time on a stable installation and avoid bugs. Whether you can temporarily delay the Windows 10 October 2018 Update depends on your Windows edition.

## Windows 10 Home

As a Home user, you can [temporarily disable Windows Update](#) by setting your internet connection to metered.

[7 Ways to Temporarily Turn Off Windows Update in Windows 10](#) [7 Ways to Temporarily Turn Off Windows Update in Windows 10](#) Windows Update keeps your system patched and safe. In Windows 10 you're at the mercy of Microsoft's schedule unless you know hidden settings and tweaks. So, keep Windows Update under control. [Read More](#)

Go to **Start > Settings > Network & Internet > Wi-Fi**, select the network you're connected to, and switch the slider under **Set as metered connection** to **On**. This path now also works for **Ethernet** connections. As soon as you connect to an unmetered Wi-Fi or LAN network, Windows Update will start downloading updates again.



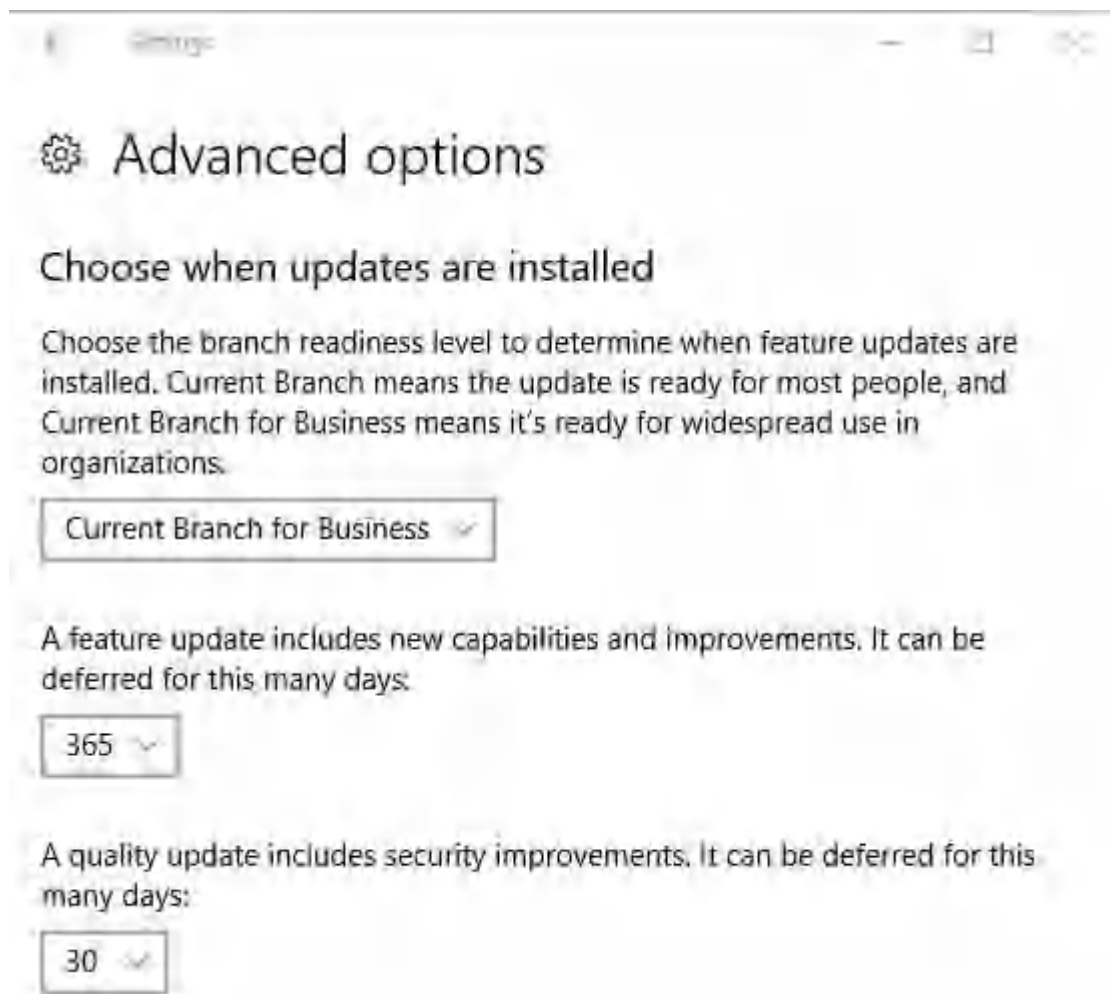
Unfortunately, this is just a temporary workaround. Though it could take many weeks, you should prepare for the impending upgrade that Windows Update will eventually drop on you.

## Windows 10 Pro, Education, and Business

If you're on one of these Windows 10 editions, you have the luxury of temporarily deferring feature updates.

To **pause updates** completely for up to 35 days, head to **Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update > Advanced options** and under **Pause Updates**, move the slider into the **On** position. Note that once updates resume, you will have to install the latest updates before you can pause Windows Update again.

To **defer updates**, stay in the **Advanced options** window. Under **Choose when updates are installed**, select for how many days you want to defer the feature update; the maximum is 365 days. Unless you don't want to receive security updates, select zero days for quality updates.



**Did the update download, but you're not ready to install, yet?** You can postpone it once more for one week. Go to **Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update** and select **Restart options**. Here you can schedule a time and date for the pending update, up to 7 days in the future.