

## A Safe Way to Control Windows 10 Updates

The task of patching Windows 10 with updates is a big change from Win7. One aspect of Win10 updating is superior: the updates are cumulative, so you need only the most recent update to get fully patched — handy when setting up a new PC, rebuilding Windows, or upgrading from an older OS.

On the other hand, Win10 — especially the Home edition which most of us have— offers fewer options than Win7 and Win8 for controlling whether and when updates are installed.

Win10 Home users have very few options for delaying updates. But they can use a trick — tell Windows that you're on a low-bandwidth, metered Internet connection.

Microsoft knows that there are Windows users accessing the Net via cell-based connection or even dialup. To help prevent big updates from blowing through ISP data caps, Win10 includes the **Set as a metered connection** option (go to Windows key + I, then Network & Internet, finally Wi-Fi and click on Advanced Options). Note, however, that if your PC doesn't have a wireless router, the **Wi-Fi** menu option won't appear.

Under a metered connection, only priority updates will be downloaded. Presumably, "priority" updates are typically security patches.