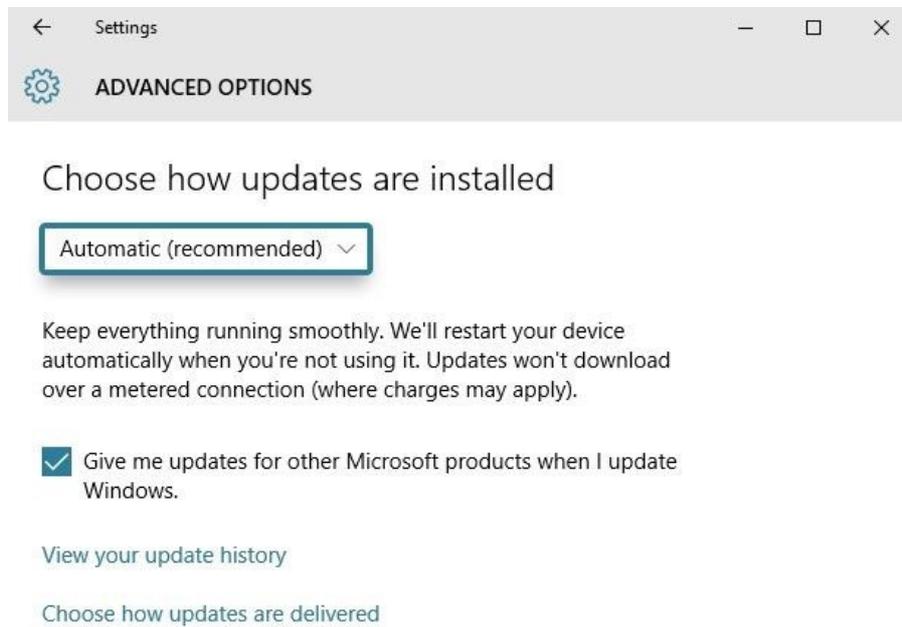


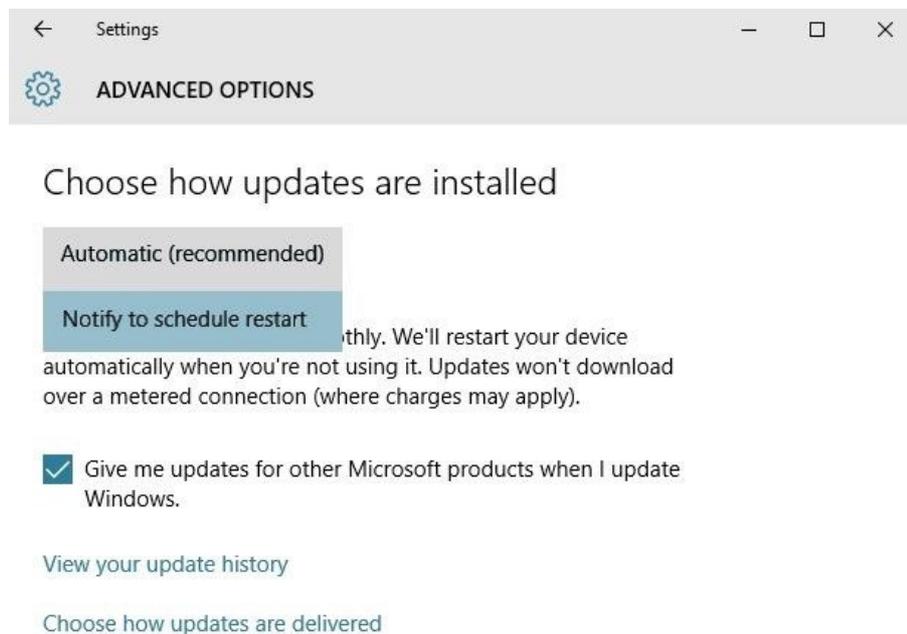
Disable Automatically-Applied Updates

On the subject of updates, Windows 10 now automatically applies updates by default, which is a nice feature on the surface. The downside here, though, is that while they say it'll only restart your device while you're not using it, I can personally attest that this is not always true.



So if you don't want to run the risk of losing unsaved data when Windows decides it needs to update itself, head to *Settings*, then *Update & Security*, and select the "Advanced options" entry again. From here, click the drop-down menu directly beneath the "Choose how updates are installed" header.

Finally, set this option to "Notify to schedule restart." This will ensure that Windows at least gives you a warning before restarting itself to apply updates.



If you experience any issues with Windows restarting multiple times in an attempt to apply the same broken update, be sure to check out our article on disabling automatic updates on Windows 10.

Disable 'Getting to Know You' Features

Another disturbing feature that is meant to streamline your Windows 10 experience is called "Getting to know you." This one logs your typing history, saves recordings of your voice, collects information from your contacts, calendar, and even your handwriting—all in the name of giving you a more personalized experience with Cortana.

In addition to options for the "Getting to know you" feature, each of these last 4 sections will be dealing with options in Windows 10's *Privacy* menu—so open your Start menu and launch the Settings app, then select "Privacy" to begin.

From here, select the "Speech, inking & typing" category in the left-hand menu, then click "Stop getting to know me" to take back a bit of privacy.

