

MAU, THE PEOPLE'S UPDATER









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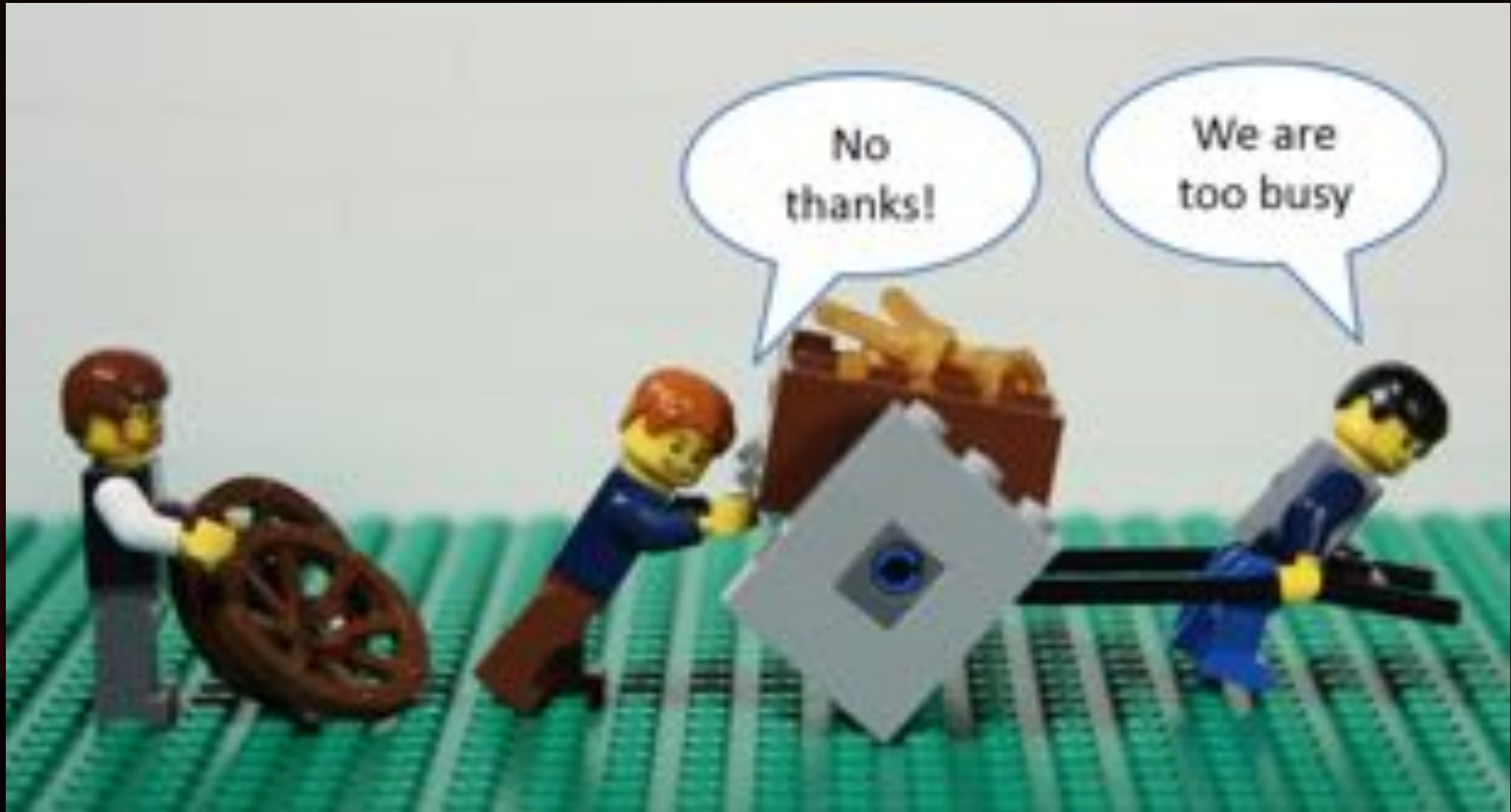
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Check for Updates

MAU WILL WATCH OVER THEM...



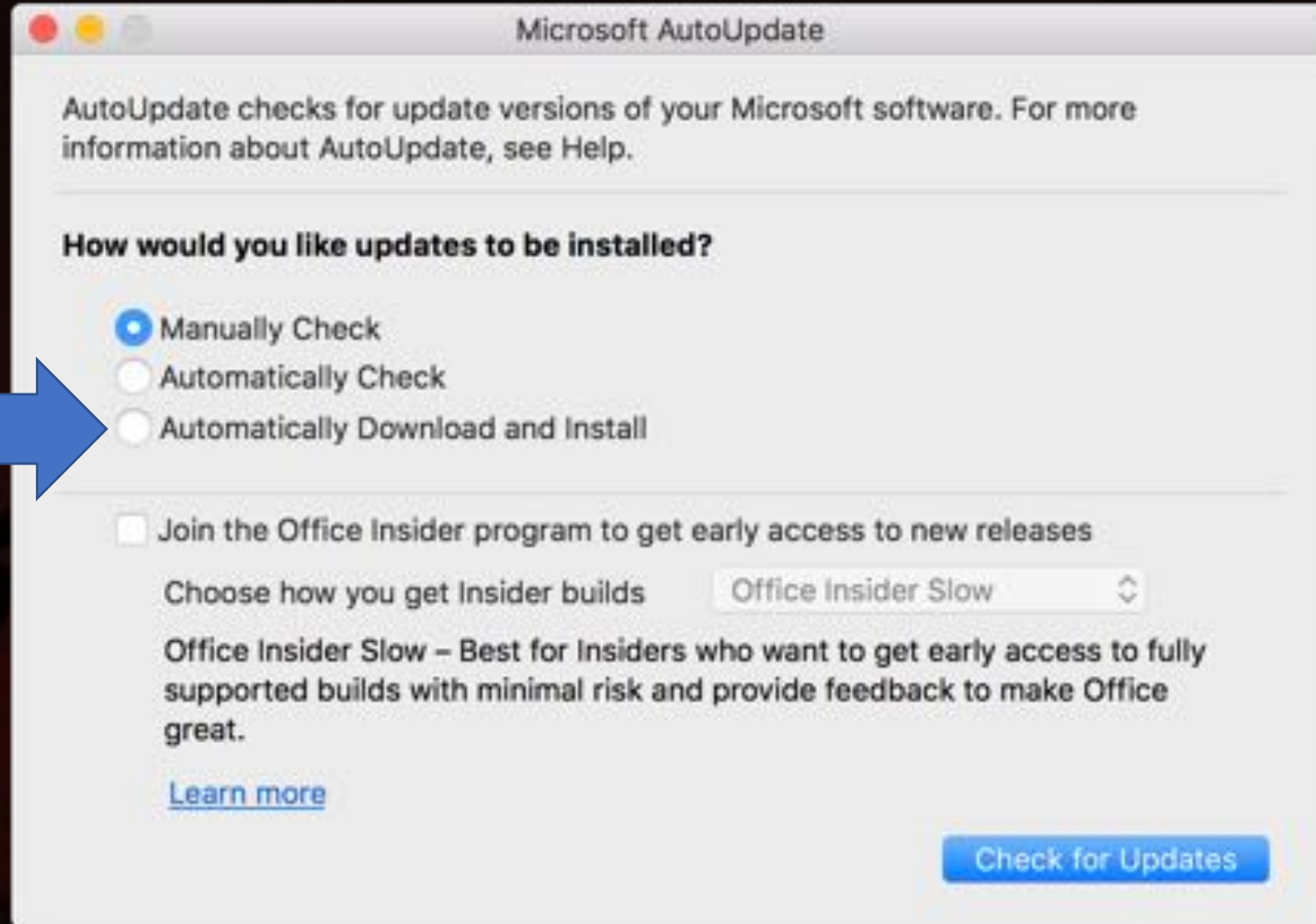
USERS - THE STRUGGLE IS REAL



+ Microsoft Outlook.app	15.13.1	3
+ Microsoft Outlook.app	15.14	2
+ Microsoft Outlook.app	15.19.1	79
+ Microsoft Outlook.app	15.23.16061100	3
+ Microsoft Outlook.app	15.25.16081700	8
+ Microsoft Outlook.app	15.26.16091000	11
+ Microsoft Outlook.app	15.27.16101000	24



UPDATES FOR ALL!



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THE FLIP SIDE...



tvsutton 14:47

Hooray, another closed-source daemon you have no insight into and which can run arbitrary code downloaded from \$vendor



elios 14:47

And runs with elevated privileges, otherwise it couldn't install updates



tvsutton 14:48

And which might accidentally
because "b" just happens to



Mike Stok @MikeStok · 13 Feb 2016

@backblaze I'm shocked, shocked that Adobe software is causing problems for innocent people 🙄. I'm really happy with Backbone 😊



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Mike Stok @MikeStok · 13 Feb 2016

@backblaze thanks autocorrect 🙄. I meant I'm a really happy Backblaze customer.



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<https://www.backblaze.com/blog/adobe-creative-cloud-update-bug/>

INGREDIENTS

- MAU Client*
 - Installer Package
 - Preferences — `com.microsoft.autoupdate2`
 - Configuration Profile
 - defaults write to `/Library/Preferences` or `~/Library/Preferences`
- MAU Caching Server (maucache)
 - A web server (OS agnostic)
 - MAUCacheAdmin
 - <https://github.com/pbowden-msft/MAUCacheAdmin>



RESOURCES

- <https://macadmins.software/docs/>
 - What's New in Microsoft AutoUpdate 3.8
 - Deploying a MAU Caching Server
- #microsoft-office and #mau4 > MacAdmins Slack
 - Paul Bowden > @pbowden



rquigley 21:14

Awesome news from the [#microsoft-office](#) team. Nice to have those guys



dvbguru 22:39

[@pbowden](#) proolly getting sick of hearing this but you guys are the shit



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boggling! There is more to be done in the New Year and I for one enjoy this community immensely! Thank you! I found pbowden's GitHub and that Remove2011 script was just wonderful.



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wandrewrobinson 07:38

[@pbowden](#): Thanks for all you and your colleagues do for the community here.

<http://talkingmoose.net/2015/11/meeting-paul-bowden/>

PITFALLS



MAU CACHING SERVER - MIME TYPES



Dialog box titled "Edit MIME Type" with a blue header bar containing a question mark icon and a red close button (X).

File name extension:

MIME type:

Buttons: OK, Cancel



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MAU CLIENT - CURRENT USER DIDN'T INSTALL IT?



```
/System/Library/Frameworks/CoreServices.framework/Frameworks/LaunchServices.framework/Support/lsregister \
-R -f -trusted -v "/Library/Application Support/Microsoft/MAU2.0/Microsoft AutoUpdate.app"
```

```
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-R -f -trusted -v "/Library/Application Support/Microsoft/MAU2.0/Microsoft \
AutoUpdate.app/Contents/MacOS/Microsoft AU Daemon.app"
```

Script for Jamf Pro Login Policy: <https://gist.github.com/neilmartin83/4e704a0c627453ca216d413c2ae43182>

MAU CLIENT - CURRENT USER DIDN'T INSTALL OFFICE?

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
  <key>Applications</key>
  <dict>
    <key>/Applications/Microsoft Excel.app</key>
    <dict>
      <key>Application ID</key>
      <string>XCEL15</string>
      <key>LCID</key>
      <integer>1033</integer>
    </dict>
    <key>/Applications/Microsoft OneNote.app</key>
    <dict>
      <key>Application ID</key>
      <string>ONMC15</string>
      <key>LCID</key>
      <string>1033</string>
    </dict>
  </dict>
</dict>
```

ProTip™: Check out the postinstall scripts in the Office installer pkg!



neilmartin83 21:48

[@pbowden](#) if one were to put the keys for an app in a profile and that app isn't on the system, would MAU also just ignore it (but perhaps log that it's removed the Application as it's in the preference domain)?



pbowden 21:50

[@neilmartin83](#) it would just ignore it

MAU CLIENT - WON'T UPDATE THYSELF

Jamf Pro Extension Attribute - MAU Installed:

```
#!/bin/sh
if [ -e /Library/Application\ Support/Microsoft/MAU2.0/Microsoft\ AutoUpdate.app ]; then
    echo "<result>Yes</result>"
    exit 0
else
    echo "<result>No</result>"
fi
exit 0
```

<https://gist.github.com/neilmartin83/e7635e337627697115c0232c5e195907>

Jamf Pro Extension Attribute - MAU Version:

```
#!/bin/sh

MAUVers=$(defaults read /Library/Application\ Support/Microsoft/MAU2.0/Microsoft\ AutoUpdate.app/Contents/Info CFBundleVersion)

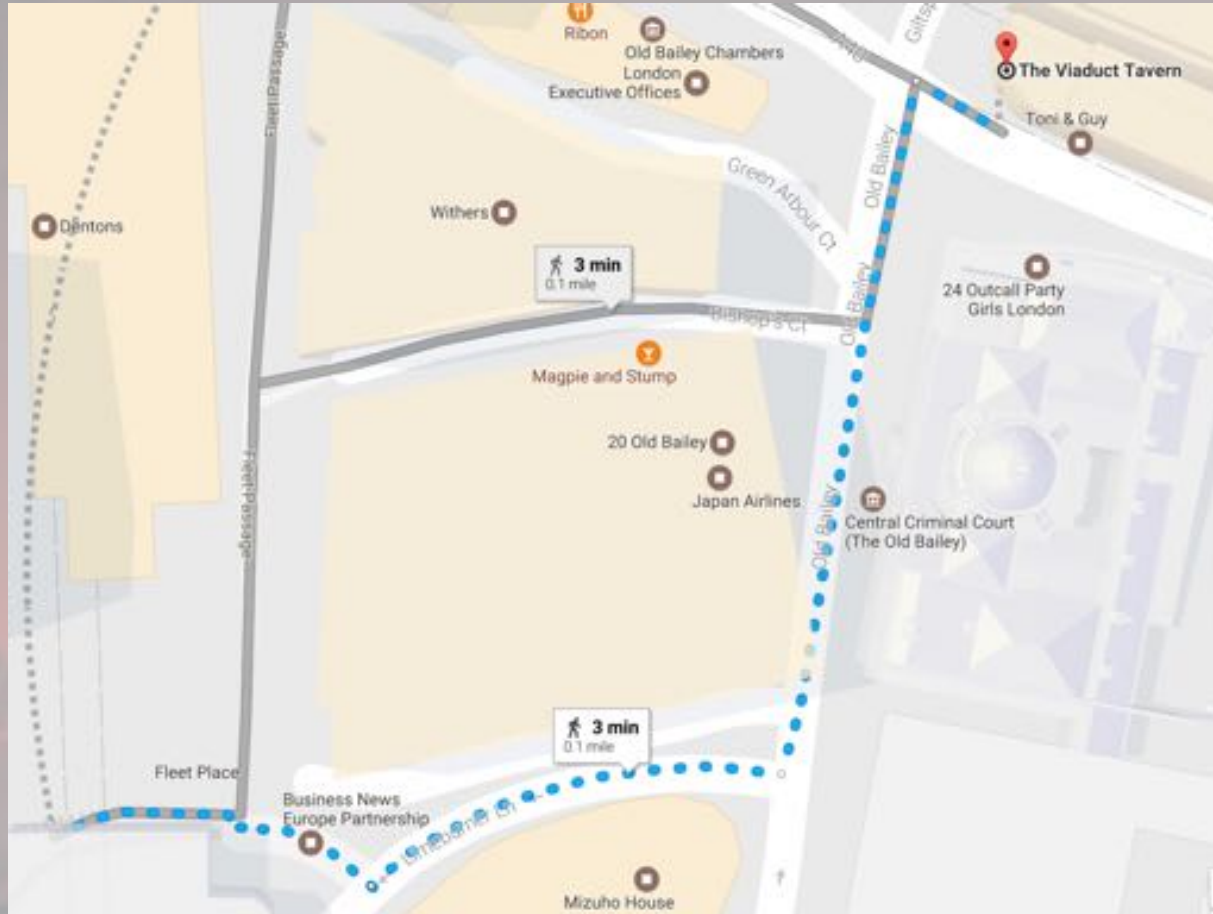
echo "<result>$MAUVers</result>"
```

<https://gist.github.com/neilmartin83/c9f80dc324e7f705b54bb13ce0a25ce5>

CHEERS!



TO THE PUB!



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