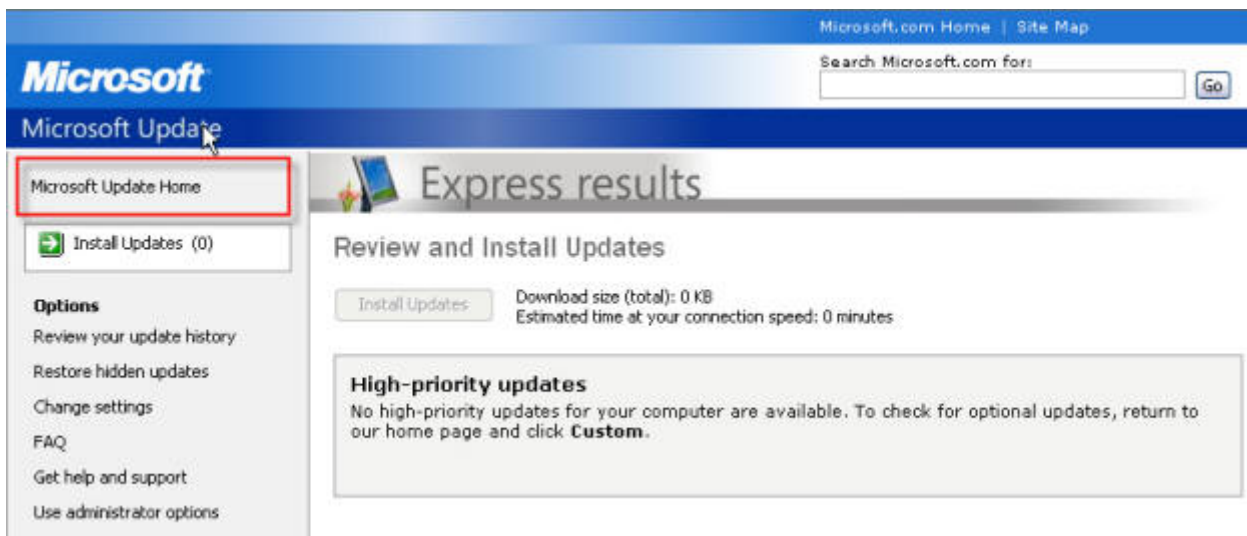


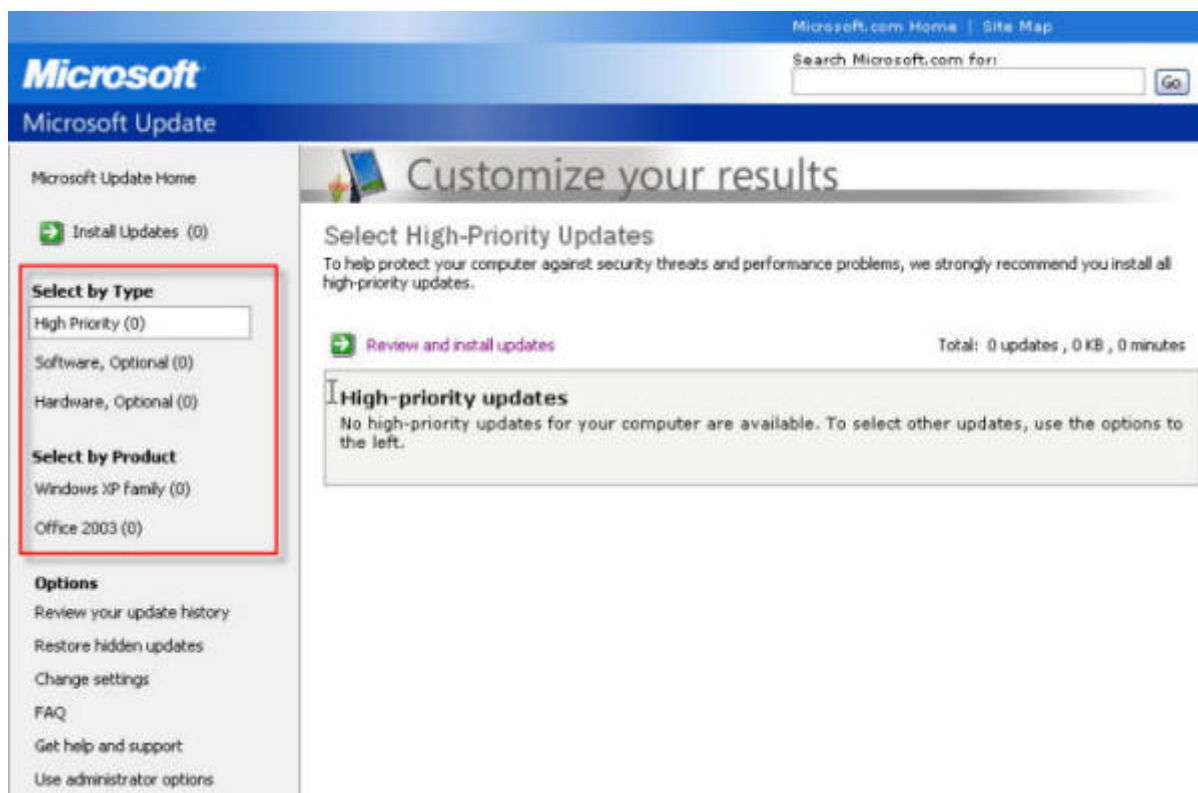
Clicking the [Express] button still yields nothing different from the previous Windows Update. If there were any new updates available they would be listed along with an option to go ahead and begin the installation. Since there aren't any updates, clicking the [Microsoft Update Home] link returns you to the main Microsoft Update [interface](#). Remember that the [Express] button only deals with high priority updates.



Clicking the [Custom] button takes you to the area where the advantages of Microsoft Update over Windows Update become apparent. Notice in the capture below I've highlighted in red the section where the types of updates are selected. The High Priority, Software, and [Hardware](#) updates under Select by Type haven't changed, but the Select by Product section is new to Microsoft Update. You can see that the option is available to

select updates for the Windows XP Family of products or [Office 2003](#) products. Obviously, if you don't have Office 2003 installed then it won't be listed, but you get the idea. Unlike Windows Update that dealt strictly with the Windows XP Family, Microsoft Update expands the update options from this single interface rather than having to visit the individual update sites that are product specific.

The downside to the Select by Product area is that not many products are supported. In the Microsoft Update FAQ section Microsoft states, "In addition to Windows updates, the Microsoft Update website offers updates for some Microsoft products, including Microsoft Office 2003, Office XP, Microsoft Exchange [Server](#), and Microsoft [SQL Server](#). Typically, only updates for the latest version of each product are offered." That's too bad because Microsoft Update really is pretty convenient, but hopefully the list of supported products will grow over time.



Using the [[Review Your Update History](#)] link it's a simple matter to go back through and see what updates have been installed. I'd like to see the ability to remove updates incorporated right into Microsoft Update rather than have to navigate to Add and Remove Programs in Control Panel strictly as a matter of convenience. It would make it more of a "one stop shop" for controlling the updates.

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Options

Review your Update History

If an update failed to install, click the Failed icon to learn how to solve the problem.

Note: To remove an update, go to **Add and Remove Programs** in your Control Panel.

Key: = Succeeded = Cancelled = Failed [Print Current](#) | [Print All](#)

Product	Update	Status	Date	Source
Windows XP Family	Security Update for Windows XP (KB901214)		Tuesday, July 12, 2005	Windows Update website
Windows XP Family	Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool - July 2005 (KB890830)		Tuesday, July 12, 2005	Windows Update website
Windows XP Family	Security Update for JView Profiler (KB903235)		Tuesday, July 12, 2005	Windows Update website
Windows XP Family	Update for Windows XP (KB896344)		Wednesday, June 29, 2005	Windows Update website
Windows XP Family	Update for Windows XP (KB898461)		Wednesday, June 29, 2005	Windows Update website
Windows	Security Update for Microsoft .NET Framework, Version 1.1 Service Pack 1 (KB886903)		Sunday, June 19, 2005	Windows Update website
Windows	ATI Technologies, Inc - Video - ATI WDM TV Tuner		Sunday, June 19, 2005	Windows Update

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In an effort to keep the user interface clean and prevent updates you don't want from being displayed each time you access Microsoft Update, users have the ability to hide updates that have been declined. Using the [Restore Hidden Updates] link will display a list of the hidden updates and allow them to be restored to the available update list.

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Select Updates to Restore

To help protect your computer, we strongly recommend that you restore any hidden high-priority updates and then check again to see which updates your computer still needs.

High-priority updates

You currently have no hidden high-priority updates.