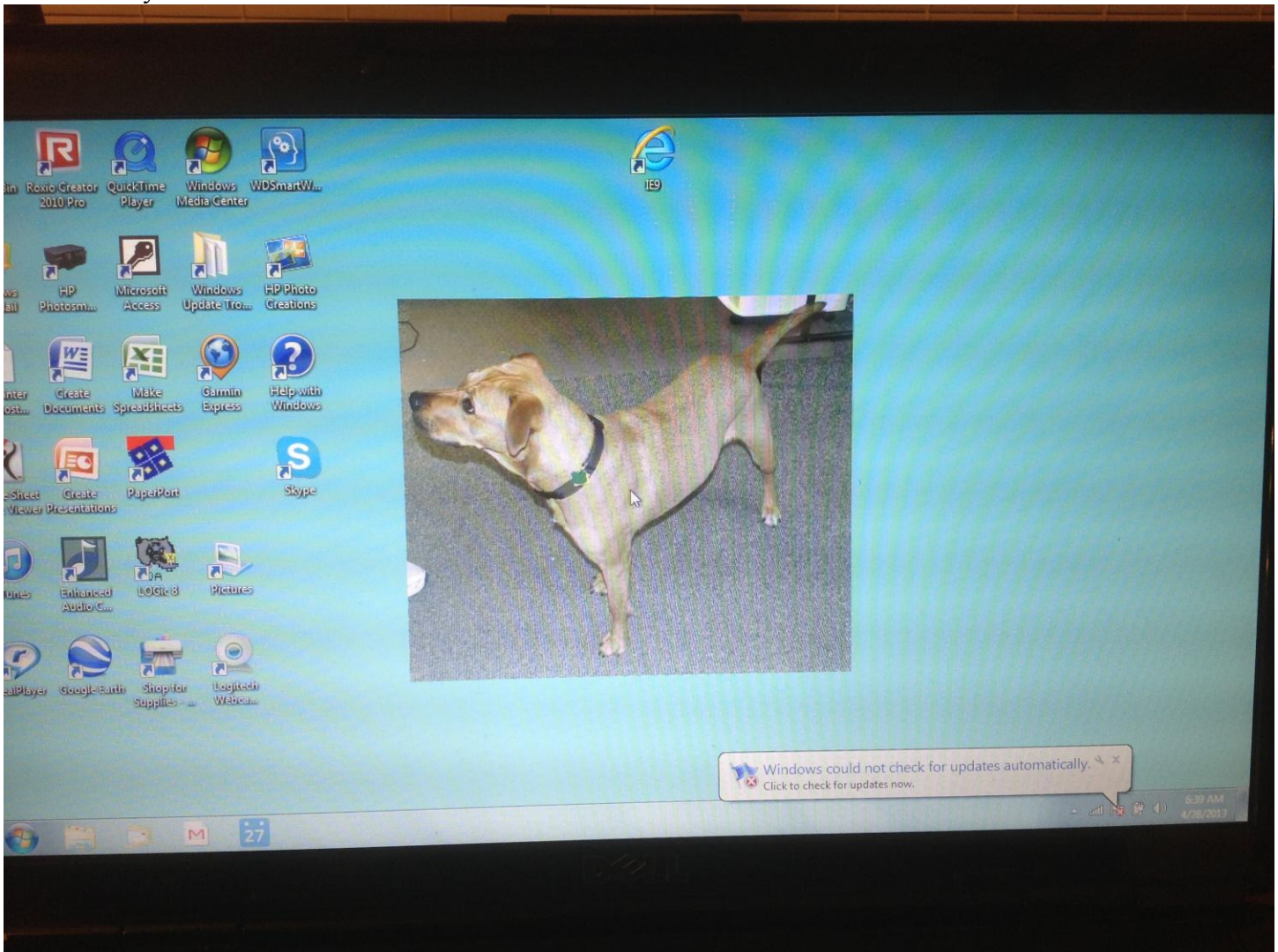
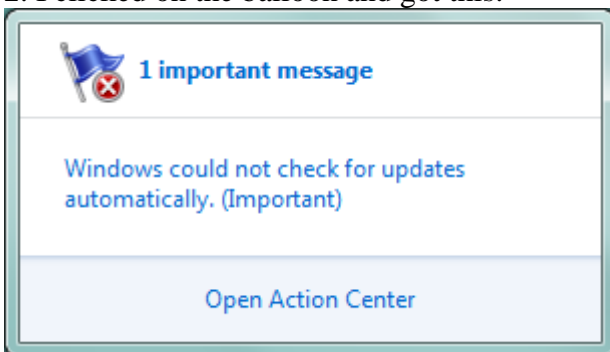


For months I was been plagued with this circular problem.

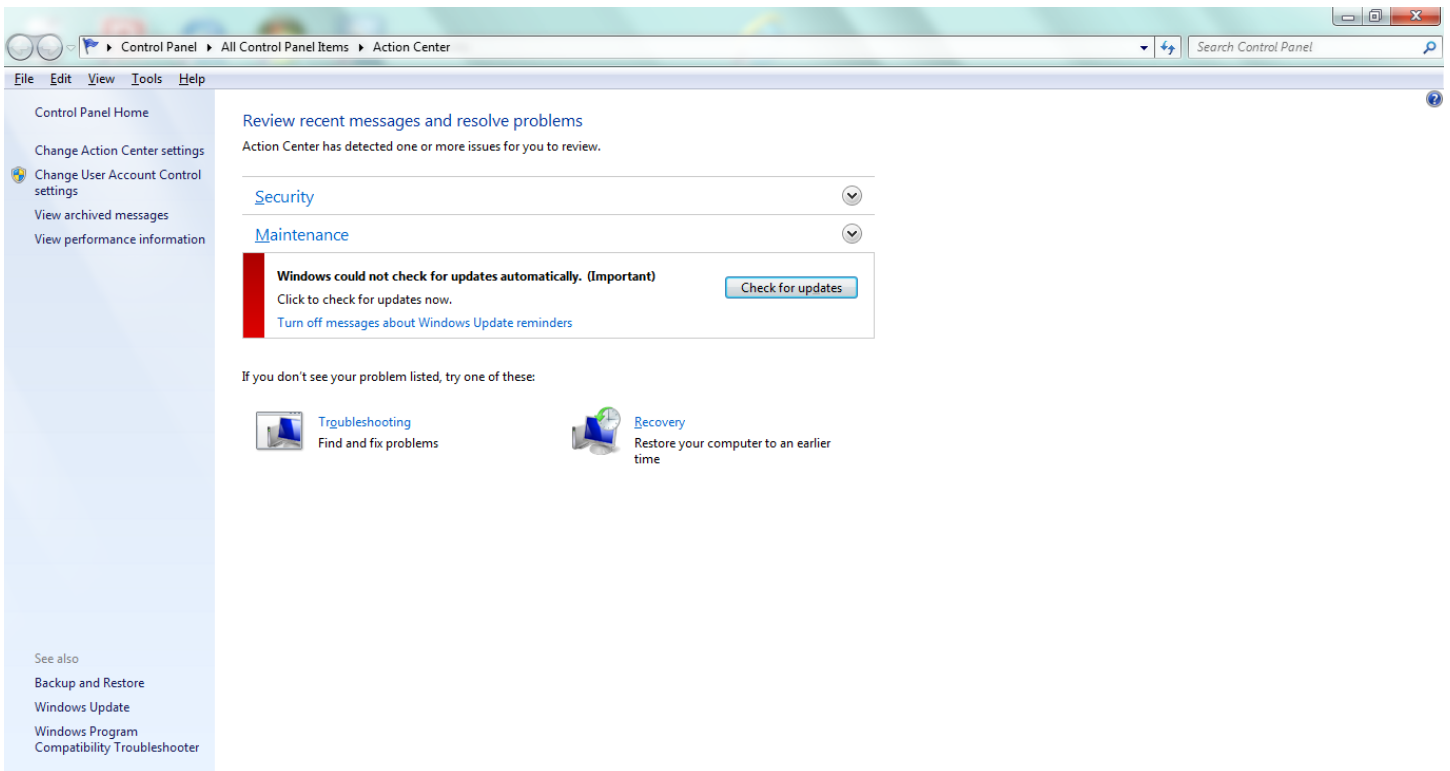
1. I got a window in the lower right of my screen that said: “Windows could not check for updates automatically.”



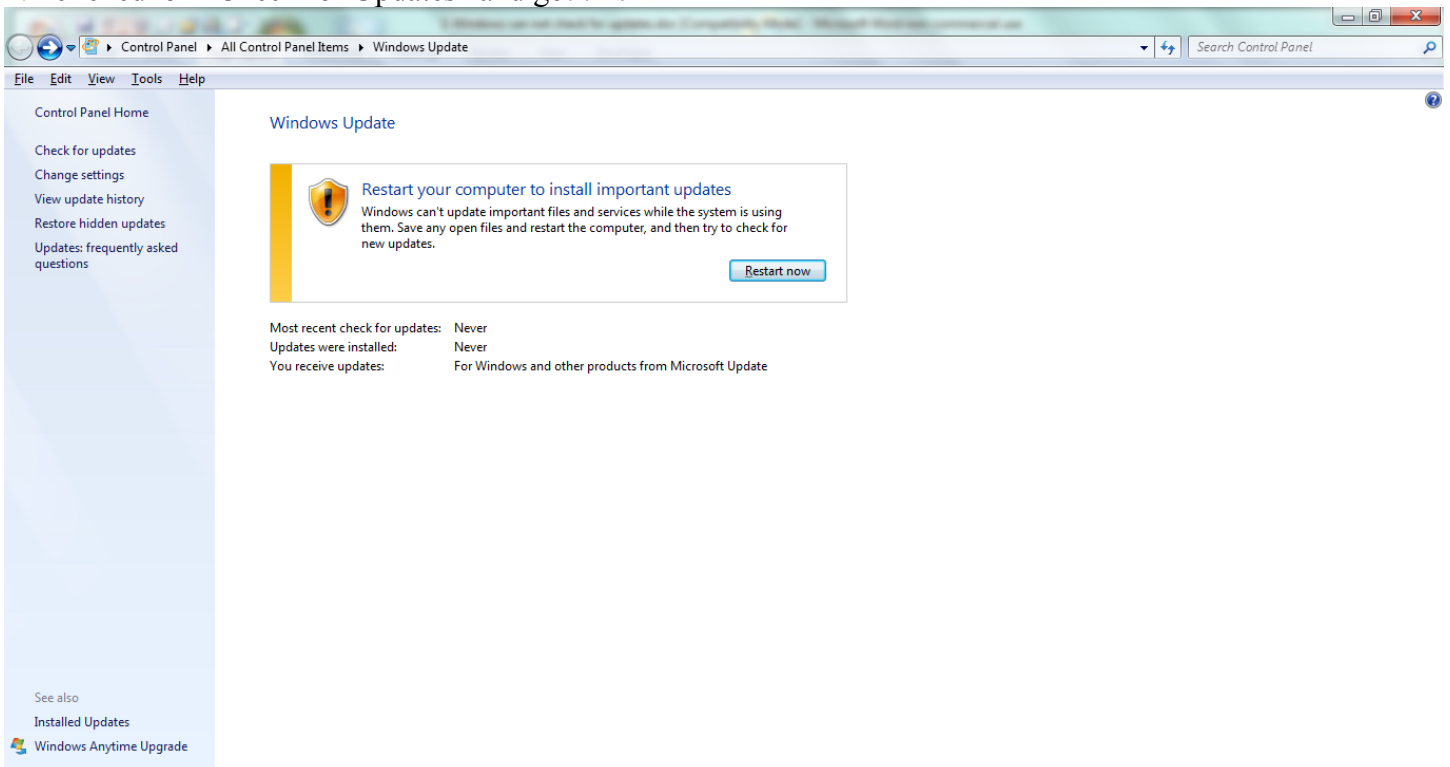
2. I clicked on the balloon and got this:



3. I clicked on that balloon and got:



4. I clicked on “Check for Updates” and got this



5. If I view the “Update History,” I find that updates to my MS Security Essentials are being downloaded, but no other updates have been downloaded since February 14th.

The window says “Most recent check for updates: Never,” and “Updates were installed: Never”, even though updates were installed up to February 14, updates have been installed to MS Security Essentials daily and an Adobe update was installed in March.

6. So I restarted the computer and got the first window again.
7. And round and round we went.
8. So I have run “Microsoft Fix It” many times, to no avail.
9. I tried tweaking the Register following the instructions at <http://social.microsoft.com/Forums/en-US/onecarestarttuneup/thread/967a8e80-076d-49aa-966e-f059b623d94d> . I performed Step 1, and the first part of Step 2, but when I tried to run the downloaded file, I got a window that said it was not for my version of Windows.
10. Somewhere in some of the suggestions I was told to download and install Microsoft .NET Framework 4, which I did. No improvement.
11. Then I tried the suggestion by Petey7 at <http://windows7forums.com/windows-7-support/46814-windows-7-wont-auto-update.html> . That seemed to work for someone else, but it did NOT solve my problem.
12. I even ran “Fix It” once more.
13. I turned the Auto-update OFF, rebooted, and turned the auto-update back ON.
14. I no longer get the “Open Action Center” and associated warnings. The ONLY updates since 2/14/2013 have been to the MS Security Essentials, and an Adobe update.
15. I checked again on 5/20, and DID get this error message: “Code 80072F76.” I clicked on that and was told to run “Fix It” again. I did, and “Fix It” said “Problems found: Problems installing recent updates- Fixed”. But it is still not installing updates (except for MS Security Essentials.)