

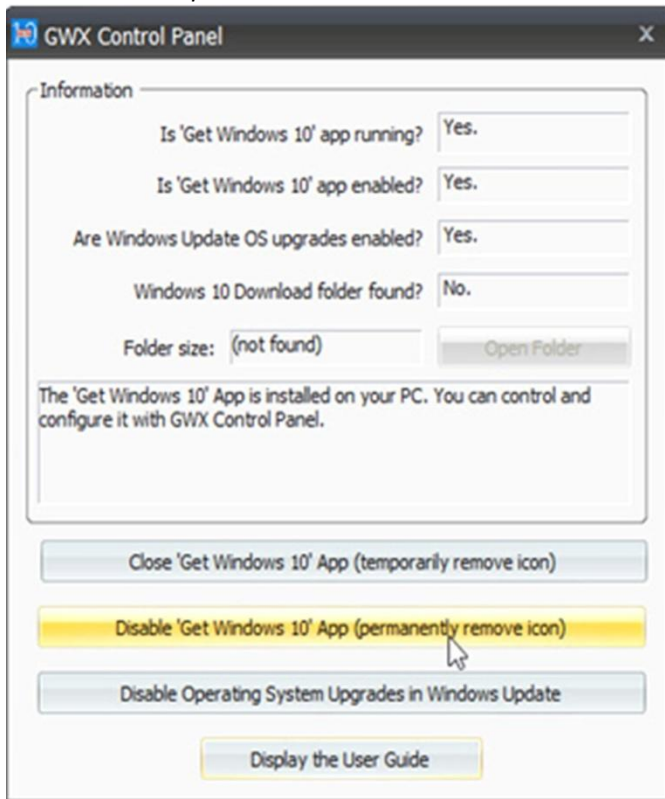
How to block the Windows 10 upgrade (Excerpt)

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It's nice of Microsoft to offer all of us a free upgrade to Windows 10. But it's not so nice when they insist upon it.

If the Get Windows 10 icon has become either an annoyance or a serious problem, you can easily remove it with Ultimate Outsider's free and portable GWX Control Panel. You download this program as a single EXE file by going to: <http://ultimateoutsider.com/downloads/> and click on GWX Control Panel.

Once it's up, you might want to look at some of the information on the top part of the program. For instance, I discovered that I had apparently "enabled" both the Get Windows 10 app and the upgrades. Click two of the buttons near the bottom, *Disable 'Get Windows 10' App (permanently remove icon)* and *Disable Operating System Upgrades in Windows Update*.



That's it—unless the upgrade has already started and you're stuck with the problem I had. If Windows Update is trying and failing to install Windows 10, run Microsoft's Windows Update Troubleshooter after you have run GWX.

Launch and run the wizard. The choices are pretty obvious. In my case, I got a disheartening error that one update problem could not be fixed.

