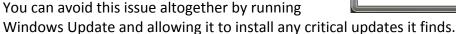# New networked software install options for centrally managed PCs
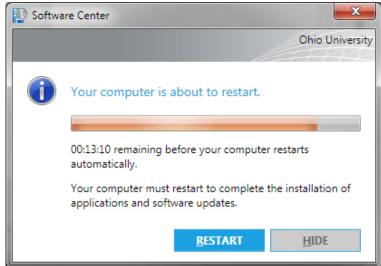
OIT is upgrading its centralized management software for Windows PCs. Once that upgrade is complete, the process for installing software over the network will be slightly different.

Automatic restarts during the change

If a computer has not been kept up to date with critical Windows updates, there is a slight chance that it could receive a reboot countdown similar to the one pictured on the right when it gets moved to the new management tool.

If a computer is unattended when a countdown begins, the restart will happen at the end of the countdown even if there are unsaved documents open. For this reason, we recommend always saving your work before stepping away from your computer.

You can avoid this issue altogether by running Windows Update and allowing it to install any critical updates it finds.

New way to install software

The university offers many software titles for use on centrally managed Windows computers. These used to be provided via a Control Panel called "Run Advertised Programs." Once your computer starts using the new management software, that Control Panel will be replaced by an entry under All Programs called Microsoft System Center 2012.To see what is available on your computer, go to:

> **All Programs**
> > **Microsoft System Center 2012**
> > > **Configuration Manager**
> > > > **Software Center**

Remember, this change only applies to centrally managed, university owned Windows computers. If you have any questions, please contact your departmental technician or the OIT Service Desk at 740-593-1222.

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