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Subject: Re: Switch off search for automatic updates  
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Hi Graham,

DataWarrior uses the Java Preferences API rather than using its own mechanism and file to store preferences. On the Macintosh the Preferences API seems to write key/value pairs into a file called ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.java.util.prefs.plist, which in my case also contains preferences from other Java applications, e.g. IntelliJ. Since that file is a binary file, I suggest not to interfere directly. You may, however, use a small Java program to switch off the update check using something like the following (untested) code:

```
import java.util.prefs.Preferences;

public class UpdateCheckOff {
    public static void main(String params) {
        Preferences.userRoot().node("org.openmolecules.datawarrior").putBoolean(
"automatic_update_check ", false);
    }
}
```

If you put this code into a file called 'UpdateCheckOff.java' compile it with 'javac UpdateCheckOff.java' and run the created class file on every client with 'java UpdateCheckOff.class', this should make it. This needs a JRE on the client machine. With a more complicated process you could probably also create an App, which uses the liberica JRE that is installed as part of DataWarrior.

Hope this helps,

Thomas

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