



How to update Kali

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will demonstrate how to update Kali Linux to the latest version. Updating and Upgrading should be the **crucial first step** in any workflow when using Kali Linux. You don't want to start working with an outdated system or with outdated tools.

Step 1 — Open Kali's command line Terminal



- Press **Ctrl + Alt + T** to open the Terminal Interface.

Step 2 — Enter the following command



- To update and upgrade Kali enter the following command: **sudo apt update -y && sudo apt upgrade -y**
 - ❗ If you asked to **restart services** during the upgrades, choose **Yes**

Step 3 — Remove your unnecessary Packages



- Once the updates and upgrades are complete some of the packages won't be required. You can remove those packages with the command: **sudo apt autoremove -y**
 - ⓘ This will allow your Kali Linux machine to run smoothly and will free up necessary storage.

In the event that you don't have the latest release of Kali Linux, or didn't install it, you're going to want to use the following command

sudo apt update && sudo dist-upgrade -y

Be cautious, as this is the equivalent a major Windows Update and can mess up a system that you have been using for a while.