

Upgrading

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Before you start: back up

Back up these three directories before every upgrade, without exception:

- `entities/`
- `logs/`
- `loggers/`

An in-place upgrade replaces the application binaries only; it must never touch these directories. Taking the backup regardless costs you a few minutes and protects against the one bad release that breaks this assumption.

In-place upgrade

1. Download the new installer for your platform from the [download page](#).
2. Stop the running service (`systemctl stop data-orchester` , or the equivalent for your platform).
3. Run the new installer over the existing install — it replaces the application files and leaves `entities/` / `logs/` / `loggers/` untouched.
4. Start the service again and confirm the version shown in the UI matches what you installed.
5. Confirm your existing dashboards, modules and peers all still load and report data as before.

What must not happen

- Configuration should not need re-entering after an upgrade.
- No entity file should be silently rewritten by the new version on first load — if you see every entity file's modification time change right after an upgrade, that's a bug, not expected behaviour.

Rolling back

If something goes wrong, stop the service, reinstall the previous version's package, and restore `entities/` / `logs/` / `loggers/` from the backup you took in step 1 if the new version wrote anything unexpected to them. A same-version reinstall never requires restoring the backup; only do so if you have a concrete reason to believe the new version altered your data.

Next steps

- [Uninstalling](#)