

# Software Update and Upgrade User Guide

This document provides instructions and best practices for updating and upgrading your software application to the latest version.

## 1. Overview

Keeping your software up-to-date ensures you have the latest features, performance improvements, and security patches. This guide covers the steps for both minor updates and major upgrades.

## 2. Types of Software Releases

Release Type	Description	Examples
Update (Minor)	Bug fixes, small improvements, security patches	1.3.2 → 1.3.3
Upgrade (Major)	New features, interface changes, structural changes	1.4.x → 2.0.0

## 3. Preparation

- Review the **Release Notes** for the new version.
- Back up your current data and configuration.
- Ensure your system meets the new version's **requirements**.

## 4. Update Procedure

- Open the application main menu.
- Navigate to **Help > Check for Updates**.
- If an update is found, follow the on-screen instructions to download and install.
- Restart the application after update completes.

**Note:** Automatic updates may be enabled in Settings.

## 5. Upgrade Procedure

- Back up all important data.
- Download the latest installer from the official website.
- Exit all running instances of the application.
- Run the installer and follow upgrade prompts.
- Review and confirm migration settings, if prompted.
- Launch the upgraded application and verify data integrity.

## 6. Troubleshooting

- If the installation fails, review the log files located in your application directory.
- Restore backups if you experience any data issues.
- Contact support with error details for further assistance.

## 7. Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Will my personal data remain intact after an upgrade?**

A: Yes, your settings and data are preserved. However, it is recommended to back up your data beforehand.

### **Q: How can I check my current software version?**

A: Go to **Help > About** in the application menu.

## 8. Contact and Support

For further assistance, visit our