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You can either download the Windows installer package or a standalone Windows binary file.

Read [Upgrading Grafana]({{< relref "upgrading.md" >}}) for tips and guidance on updating an existing installation.

1. Navigate to [Download Grafana](#).
2. Select a Grafana version you want to install.
 - The most recent Grafana version is selected by default.
 - The **Version** field displays only finished releases. If you want to install a beta version, click **Nightly Builds** and then select a version.
3. Select an **Edition**.
 - **Enterprise** - Recommended download. Functionally identical to the open source version, but includes features you can unlock with a license if you so choose.
 - **Open Source** - Functionally identical to the enterprise version, but you will need to download the enterprise version if you want enterprise features.
4. Click **Windows**.

You can either use the Windows installer or you can install a standalone Windows binary.

Install with Windows installer (recommended)

1. Click **Download the installer**.
2. Open and run the installer.

To run Grafana, open your browser and go to the Grafana port (<http://localhost:3000/> is default) and then follow the instructions in [Getting Started]({{< relref "../getting-started/getting-started/" >}}).

Install standalone Windows binary

1. Click **Download the zip file**. **Important:** After you've downloaded the zip file and before extracting it, make sure to open the properties for that file (right-click **Properties**) and select the `unblock` check box and then click `Ok`.
2. Extract this folder to anywhere you want Grafana to run from.
3. Start Grafana by executing `grafana-server.exe`, located in the `bin` directory, preferably from the command line. If you want to run Grafana as a Windows service, then download [NSSM](#). It is very easy to add Grafana as a Windows service using that tool.

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Note: The default Grafana port is `3000`. This port might require extra permissions on Windows. If it does not appear in the default port, you can try changing to a different port.

1. Go into the `conf` directory and copy `sample.ini` to `custom.ini`. **Note:** You should edit `custom.ini`, never `defaults.ini`.

2. Edit `custom.ini` and uncomment the `http_port` configuration option (`;` is the comment character in ini files) and change it to something like `8080` or similar. That port should not require extra Windows privileges. Read more about the [\[configuration options\]](#) {{{< relref `"/administration/configuration.md"` >}}}.
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