

Enabling automatic update checks

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You can enable automatic update checks so that your GitHub Enterprise Server instance checks for and downloads the latest GitHub Enterprise Server release.



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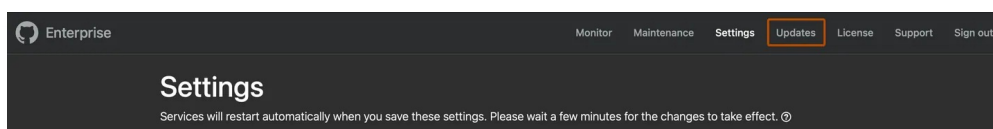
When an upgrade package is automatically downloaded for your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, you'll receive a message letting you know you can upgrade GitHub Enterprise Server. Packages download to the `/var/lib/ghe-updates` directory on your GitHub Enterprise Server instance. For more information, see "[Upgrading GitHub Enterprise Server](#)."

If a hotpatch is available for an upgrade, the `.hpkg` will download automatically. In the management console you can choose to install the hotpatch immediately or schedule installation for a later time. For more information, see "[Upgrading GitHub Enterprise Server](#)."

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Tip: To enable automatic update checks, your GitHub Enterprise Server instance must be able to connect to `https://github-enterprise.s3.amazonaws.com`.

- 1 From an administrative account on GitHub Enterprise Server, in the upper-right corner of any page, click .
- 2 If you're not already on the "Site admin" page, in the upper-left corner, click **Site admin**.
- 3 In the " Site admin" sidebar, click **Management Console**.
- 4 In the top navigation bar, click **Updates**.



- 5 Click **Yes, automatically check for updates**.

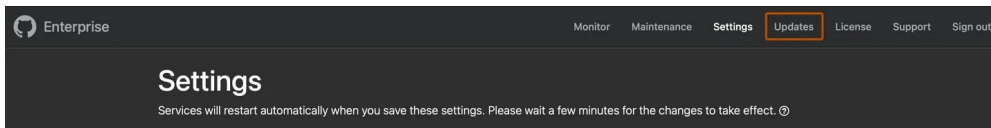
- 6 Under the "Settings" sidebar, click **Save settings**.

Note: Saving settings in the Management Console restarts system services, which could result in user-visible downtime.

- 7 Wait for the configuration run to complete.

Viewing whether an update is available [↗](#)

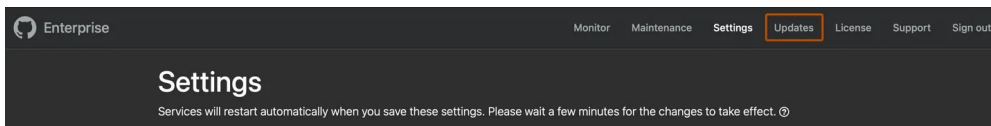
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- 5 At the top of the page, view whether your instance is up-to-date, or whether an update is available.

Viewing the status of the most recent update check [↗](#)

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- 5 Under "Logs," view status of the most recent update check.

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