

# Upgrade ESX 2.5 to ESX 3.x

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Hi,

I wanted to upgrade my current ESX 2.5 server to ESX 3.x. Can anybody guide me to upgrade procedure. Thanks in advance.



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May 22, 2008 1. **Re: Upgrade ESX 2.5 to ESX 3.x** May 3, 2009 12:00 PM

Hi,

It is very easy to update ESX 2.5 to ESX 3.x.

My guide is:

- 1) make a backup copy
- 2) start the server from the cd ESX 3.x
- 3) follow the instructions and choose to upgrade.

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4) it is important not to delete the existing VM.

It's that simple. My recommendation is that the swap memory is at least 1 Gb. -Find professional help to change this parameter, or there is a new installation without removing the filesystem /vmware-.

Regards.

Edgardo Morgan

**Attachments:**

- [VMware ESX Server 3 - best practices.pdf](#) (265.8 K)



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Jan 12, 2009 2. Re: **Upgrade ESX 2.5 to ESX 3.x** Oct 6, 2009 4:25 AM

Thats a risky procedure if the upgrade goes wrong, best procedure to be safe is to create a separate 3.5 installation and manage the 2.5 boxes from the new VC2.5 then do a DMotion or cold migration of the old VM's to the new infrastructure

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After this step you will need to upgrade virtual hardware and power on and install new VMware tools

Pravin