

## LOGZILLA DOCUMENTATION

# Upgrade LogZilla

Upgrade LogZilla in place with `logzilla upgrade`: target a specific version, step through releases when several versions behind, and verify the result

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LogZilla upgrades run in place. The `logzilla upgrade` command pulls the new container images, applies any database and configuration migrations, then decommissions the running containers and starts the new ones. Most upgrades complete within a few minutes. Event data, dashboards, triggers, users, and configuration are preserved across the upgrade.

All upgrade commands require root privileges and are run on the LogZilla server host, not inside a container.

## Before Upgrading

- Confirm administrative (root) access on the LogZilla server.
- Check available disk space for Docker. The upgrade downloads new images before removing the old ones, so both sets coexist briefly:

```
docker info --format '{{.DockerRootDir}}' | xargs df -h
```

- Create a backup of the server, or a snapshot of the virtual machine, so the deployment can be restored if a rollback is needed. Downgrading LogZilla is experimental and is not a substitute for a backup.
- Note the current version so the result can be confirmed afterward.

## Check the Current Version

Print the installed version before starting:

```
logzilla version
```

To see every version available for the current release channel:

```
logzilla upgrade --list
```

## Standard Upgrade

To upgrade to the most recent available release, run:

```
sudo logzilla upgrade
```

This selects the latest version on the current release channel, downloads its images, runs migrations, and restarts the services in place. A successful run ends with a confirmation line:

```
Starting LogZilla upgrade to 'v6.42.0'  
...  
LogZilla successfully upgraded to 'v6.42.0'
```

When an upgrade is available, the web interface also displays a notification with a button that copies the upgrade command to the clipboard.

## Upgrade to a Specific Version

To upgrade to a chosen release rather than the latest, pass `--version` with the target tag:

```
sudo logzilla upgrade --version v6.42.0
```

Use `logzilla upgrade --list` to find the exact tag to supply.

## Upgrading From Older Releases

A single `logzilla upgrade` can move a deployment across several releases at once. However, when a deployment is several versions behind, upgrading through intermediate releases may be needed. Each step keeps the volume of database and configuration migrations small and lets the result be verified before moving on. Target each release in turn with `--version`:

```
sudo logzilla upgrade --version v6.35.1  
sudo logzilla upgrade --version v6.38.1  
sudo logzilla upgrade
```

Deployments older than **v6.26.1** must first upgrade to v6.26.1. Upgrading directly from a release older than v6.26.1 is not supported, and the platform stops the upgrade with instructions to run:

```
sudo logzilla upgrade --version v6.26.1
```

After reaching v6.26.1, continue to the desired release using the steps above.

## Verify the Upgrade

Confirm the new version is running:

```
logzilla version
```

Confirm the API is responding:

```
curl http://localhost/api/ping
{"detail": "ok"}
```

Then log in to the web interface and confirm that authentication, dashboards, and search behave as expected.

## Downgrades and Channel Changes

Downgrading to an earlier version is experimental and may result in complete data loss. The platform prompts for confirmation before proceeding. Switching between release channels (for example, from a release-candidate build to a stable build) is also experimental and prompts for confirmation.

## Air-Gapped Upgrades

Servers without direct internet access upgrade from a downloaded offline package using `logzilla upgrade --offline-dir`. For the full procedure, see [Offline Installs and Upgrades](https://www.logzilla.ai/docs/administration/offline-installs-and-upgrades) (<https://www.logzilla.ai/docs/administration/offline-installs-and-upgrades>).

## Release Notes and Lifecycle

Review the changes in each release, and the end-of-support and end-of-life dates that determine when an upgrade is required, on the [Software Lifecycle and Release Notes](https://www.logzilla.ai/docs/administration/software-lifecycle-and-release-notes) (<https://www.logzilla.ai/docs/administration/software-lifecycle-and-release-notes>) page.

If an upgrade does not complete, see [Troubleshooting](https://www.logzilla.ai/docs/getting-started/troubleshooting) (<https://www.logzilla.ai/docs/getting-started/troubleshooting>).