





# Important Information – Patch and Update Releases for VMWare ESX and ESXi Software

## VMware ESXi Software

 **NOTE:** Ensure that you follow the instructions given in this document to install any patches or updates for the ESXi software.

 **NOTE:** To download the ESXi software and to create the *ESXi Installation media*, follow the documentation that was shipped with your VMware kit.



Your system is factory-enabled with the ESXi software. However, you must always check for the latest patch and update releases before using your system, or after restoring the image using the *ESXi installation media* that you created. For some hardware configurations, VMware® may list certain patches or updates as *required* on its hardware compatibility list (HCL). You can find the HCL on the VMware HCL - Search the Hardware Compatibility Guide website located at [vmware.com/resources/compatibility/search.php](http://vmware.com/resources/compatibility/search.php).

To check for and install the latest ESXi patch:


- 1 Launch your internet browser and go to the **Download Patches** website at [support.vmware.com/selfsupport/download](http://support.vmware.com/selfsupport/download).
- 2 Select **ESXi (Embedded and Installable)** from the product drop-down menu.
- 3 Select the version of your software from the version drop-down menu.
- 4 Enter the Release Date of the patch in the date box or select the Release Date by clicking the calendar icon.
- 5 Select **All classifications** from the classifications drop-down menu.
- 6 Click **Search**.

The **Download Patches** page displays a list of all the patches that match the values you specified.




- 7 Select the required patch and click the **Download Now** button.  
The patch is downloaded as a zip file.
- 8 Install the patch using the **VMware Infrastructure Update** utility, which you installed with the Virtual Infrastructure (VI) Client software.
  - a Click **Add Files**, and then select the .zip file that you downloaded in step 7.  
 **NOTE:** The file must still be zipped.
  - b Connect to a recently visited host using the VI Client and click **Apply**.  
The installation wizard guides you through the installation process.  
 **NOTE:** For more information about the **VMware Infrastructure Update** utility, see the *VMware ESX Server 3i Installable Setup Guide* located at [vmware.com](http://vmware.com).

## VMware ESX Software

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After you install the ESX software, check for the latest patches or updates. For some hardware configurations, VMware may list certain patches or updates as *required* on its hardware compatibility list (HCL).

-  **NOTE:** AMD 23xx and 83xx processors currently require a minimum version of 3.5 Update 1 and Intel 55xx processors currently require a minimum version of 3.5 Update 4.

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