

# Quick Start Guide to Installing Oracle® Solaris 11.3

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This document provides a quick start guide to installing the Oracle Solaris 11.3 operating system and updating your installed system.

## What Do You Want to Do?

The following installation methods are available:

- [“Simple Installation”](#) – I want to perform a simple interactive installation of the Oracle Solaris 11.3 operating system.
- [“Automated Installation”](#) – I want to perform a “hands-free” automated installation of the Oracle Solaris 11.3 operating system to one or more systems using an automated install server on the network.
- [“Adding or Updating Software”](#) – I want to add new software or update the installed software in an existing Oracle Solaris 11.3 system.
- [“Additional Information”](#) – I want to learn more about additional installation-related topics.

## Simple Installation

When you are ready to perform the installation, you can use either the GUI installer or the text installer. Both installers are both simple, interactive, preset installation tools.

- If you are installing a SPARC system, see [Chapter 4, “Using the Text Installer” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#).
- If you are installing an x86 system:
  - For information about the GUI installer see [Chapter 3, “Using Live Media” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#).
  - For information about the text installer see [Chapter 4, “Using the Text Installer” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#).
- If you are installing on non-standard hardware or need additional drivers, see [Chapter 2, “Preparing for the Installation” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#).
- If you want to learn more about these options, see [Chapter 1, “Overview of Installation Options” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#).

## Automated Installation

You can use the automated installer tool to perform a “hands-free” automated installation of the Oracle Solaris 11.3 operating system to one or more systems using an automated install server on the network.

- If you want to learn more about the automated installer, see [“What Is an Automated Installation?” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#).
- If an automated installer has already been set up see [“Creating an Install Service” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#).
- If an automated install server needs to be set up, see [“Configuring an AI Server” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#).

# Adding or Updating Software

The Oracle Solaris 11.3 software is delivered as Image Packaging System (IPS) packages.

- For an introduction to IPS, see [Chapter 1, “Introduction to the Image Packaging System” in \*Adding and Updating Software in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*](#).
- To update the operating system, see [Updating to Oracle Solaris 11.3](#).
- To update software packages, see [“Installing and Updating Packages” in \*Adding and Updating Software in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*](#).

## Additional Information

The following resources provide more information:

- [Chapter 1, “Overview of Installation Options” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#)
- [Part II, “Installing Using Installation Media,” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#)
- [“What Is an Automated Installation?” in \*Installing Oracle Solaris 11.3 Systems\*](#)
- [Adding and Updating Software in Oracle Solaris 11.3](#)
- [Creating and Administering Oracle Solaris 11.3 Boot Environments](#)
- [Creating a Custom Oracle Solaris 11.3 Installation Image](#)
- [Using Unified Archives for System Recovery and Cloning in Oracle Solaris 11.3](#)
- [Transitioning From Oracle Solaris 10 JumpStart to Oracle Solaris 11.3 Automated Installer](#)



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