

# Kernel Upgrade?

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Dear All,

Is it possible to change the Linux kernel in a Debian installation without having to do a complete reinstall?

I have a version of Knoppix to hand so I'm feeling quite brave. I read a vague report that the kernel is just an ordinary file in some specific location, and it's possible to copy the old kernel to a backup directory for safe keeping, put a new kernel in said specific location, reboot and presto!

Finally, is there anything I should be aware of before changing the kernel? The only reason prompting me to change the kernel is that I have a bit of software the documentation of which states that the kernel should be v2.4 or later. For instance, does a change in kernel usually go hand in hand with changing some other part of a system?

Regards,

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