



Activate and upgrade Windows Server online using command line commands

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You have the product key and perhaps an evaluation Windows Server waiting to be activated or even upgraded maybe from Essentials to something else? Here is how.

Check upgrade path

Open command line in administrator mode and give command:

```
dism.exe /online /get-targeteditions
```

Now check your upgrade path and find a product key matching the selected edition.

Upgrade with product key

Again in command prompt we can activate / upgrade the edition online with this command:

```
dism.exe /online /set-edition:ServerStandard /productkey:<KEY> /accepteula
```

This should result in something like this:

```
The DISM log file can be found at C:\Windows\Logs\DISM\dism.log
C:\Users\Administrator>dism.exe /online /set-edition:ServerStandard /productkey: /AcceptEula

Deployment Image Servicing and Management tool
Version: 10.0.17763.1697

Image Version: 10.0.17763.2300

Starting to update components...
Starting to install product key...
Finished installing product key.

Removing package Microsoft-Windows-ServerSolutionEdition~31bf3856ad364e35~amd64~~10.0.17763.1
[=====100.0%=====]
Finished updating components.

Starting to apply edition-specific settings...
Finished applying edition-specific settings.

The operation completed successfully.
Restart Windows to complete this operation.
Do you want to restart the computer now? (Y/N) _
```

And that's it. Comment below once they are enabled ;)

Comments

All comments and corrections are welcome.