

# Unattended Updates

```
apt-get install unattended-upgrades
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```
vi /etc/apt/apt.conf.d/50unattended-upgrades
#uncomment the desired origin. For only security updates, comment out
everything else
#blacklist packages as required (mysql-server,mysql-client,apache,php etc)
#set mail to whoever should receive it and make sure bsd-mailx or sendmail
is installed and able to send mails
#configure reboot
```

to enable the automatic updates:

```
vi /etc/apt/apt.conf.d/20auto-upgrades
APT::Periodic::Update-Package-Lists "1";
APT::Periodic::Download-Upgradeable-Packages "1";
APT::Periodic::AutocleanInterval "3";
APT::Periodic::Unattended-Upgrade "1";
```

To increase the frequency from daily to every 4 hours, this can be entered into cron.d. This will override the time period configured in /etc/apt/apt.conf.d (note, in Ubuntu systems the timer daily cron timer is triggered via the systemd apt-daily.timer:

```
vi /etc/cron.d/unattended-upgrade
0 */4 * * * root sleep $(( $RANDOM % 14400
));PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
unattended-upgrade
```

To include additional repositories, the origin and suite (archive) names need to be identified first:

```
grep "Origin:" /var/lib/apt/lists/*Release
/var/lib/apt/lists/gb.archive.ubuntu.com_ubuntu_dists_bionic-
backports_InRelease:Origin: Ubuntu
/var/lib/apt/lists/gb.archive.ubuntu.com_ubuntu_dists_bionic_InRelease:Origin:
Ubuntu
/var/lib/apt/lists/gb.archive.ubuntu.com_ubuntu_dists_bionic-
updates_InRelease:Origin: Ubuntu
/var/lib/apt/lists/ppa.launchpad.net_team-xbmc_xbmc-
nightly_ubuntu_dists_bionic_InRelease:Origin: LP-PPA-team-xbmc-xbmc-nightly
/var/lib/apt/lists/security.ubuntu.com_ubuntu_dists_bionic-
security_InRelease:Origin: Ubuntu

grep "Suite:" /var/lib/apt/lists/*Release
/var/lib/apt/lists/gb.archive.ubuntu.com_ubuntu_dists_bionic-
backports_InRelease:Suite: bionic-backports
/var/lib/apt/lists/gb.archive.ubuntu.com_ubuntu_dists_bionic_InRelease:Suite
: bionic
/var/lib/apt/lists/gb.archive.ubuntu.com_ubuntu_dists_bionic-
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updates_InRelease:Suite: bionic-updates
/var/lib/apt/lists/ppa.launchpad.net_team-xbmc_xbmc-
nightly_ubuntu_dists_bionic_InRelease:Suite: bionic
/var/lib/apt/lists/security.ubuntu.com_ubuntu_dists_bionic-
security_InRelease:Suite: bionic-security
```

These details are needed to edit the 50unattended-upgrades file and add the lines using this format “<origin>:<archive>”; of for this examples sake “Google\, Inc.:stable”;. Example for Kodi on ubuntu:

```
//Kodi Nightly
"LP-PPA-team-xbmc-xbmc-nightly:${distro_codename}";
```

Test the configuration using:

```
sudo unattended-upgrades --dry-run
tail /var/log/unattended-upgrades/unattended-upgrades.log
```

To allow unattended upgrades for all packages, use:

```
Unattended-Upgrade::Origins-Pattern {
    "site=*";
};
```

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