

# Installing Agents on Linux

You can install Uptime Infrastructure Monitor Agents for Linux using the `RPM` utility or the Debian package management utility (`dpkg`). These enable you to easily update and perform mass installations of Agents.

Before trying to install an agent, ensure that the `RPM` or `dpkg` utilities are installed and in the path by typing `which rpm` or `which dpkg` at the command line.



Uptime Agents require 'perl' and 'net-tools' packages. Use the following command to install:

```
yum install perl
yum install net-tools
```

To run the Uptime Agent with xinetd, install the xinetd package using the following command:

```
yum install xinetd
```

To install an agent on a Linux system, do the following:

1. Log into the system as user `root`.
2. Using Telnet or FTP, transfer the `.rpm` or `.deb` file containing the Agent to the system.
3. Type one of the following at the command line:
  - `rpm -i <agentName>` if you are using the RPM utility
  - `dpkg -i <agentName>` if you are using the dpkg utilityWhere `<agentName>` is the name of the `.rpm` or `.deb` file for the Agent that you are installing (e.g., `uptimeagent-6.0.0-linux-x86_64.rpm` or `uptimeagent-linux_5.0.1_amd64.deb`).

For information about using SSL with a Linux-based agent, see [Using SSL Communication with Linux-Based Agent](#).