

Checking Compatibility for Windows 10

Before enabling WSL or other features in Windows 10, it is important to ensure your system meets the minimum requirements:

1. Windows Version:

- You need Windows 10 version 19041 or higher (May 2020 Update).
- To check your version:
 1. Press Windows Key + R to open the Run dialog.
 2. Type `winver` and press Enter.
 3. A dialog box will appear showing your Windows version. Ensure the version is 19041 or later.

2. Update if Needed:

- If your version is older than 19041, go to **Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update** and install the latest updates.

Enabling Features via "Turn Windows Features On or Off"

Once you confirm compatibility, follow these steps:

1. Open the **Search Bar** (click the magnifying glass on the taskbar or press Windows Key + S).
2. Type "**Turn Windows Features On or Off**" and select the result.
3. In the dialog box that appears:
 - Scroll down and check the boxes for:
 - **Virtual Machine Platform**
 - **Windows Subsystem for Linux**
 - Click **OK** to apply changes.
4. Restart your computer when prompted.

Additional Notes

- If you are using Windows 10 and encounter issues finding or enabling these features, ensure you have the latest updates installed.

- These features are essential for running WSL2, allowing you to use a Linux environment within Windows efficiently.

Following these steps, you can successfully prepare your Windows 10 system to enable WSL and run Linux distributions. This approach ensures compatibility and smooth performance.