

How to upgrade TP-LINK Wireless AC Router

Notice:

1. Before upgrading:

- **Please verify the hardware version of your device for the firmware version. Wrong firmware upgrading may damage your device and void the warranty.** How to check over the hardware version of a TP-LINK device?[\(Page 3 for details\)](#)
- **Please write down all current settings as a backup and enter them manually after upgrading. How to Backup&Restore configuration of TP-LINK Wireless Router?[\(Page 4 for details\)](#)**
- **It's recommended that users stop all Internet Applications on the computer, or simply disconnect Internet line from the device before upgrading.**

2. During upgrading:

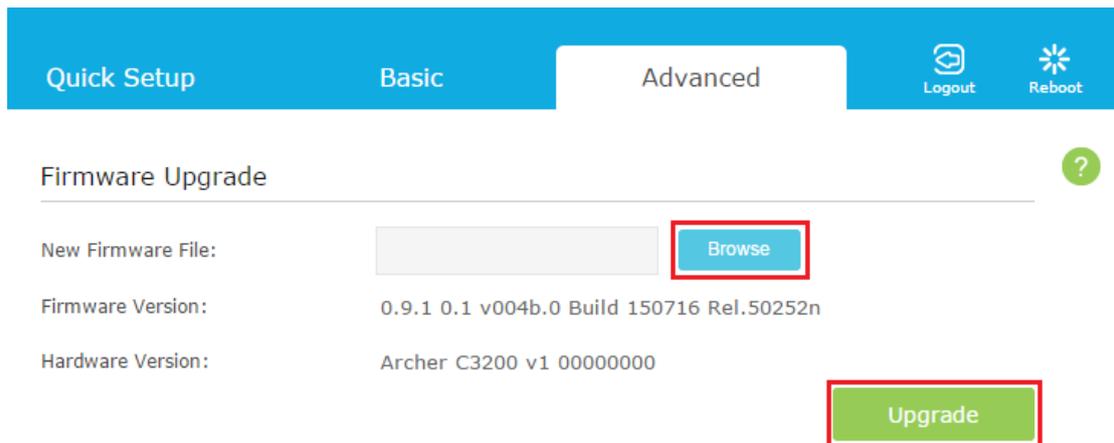
- **Do NOT upgrade the firmware via wireless connection unless the device does not have cable connection;**
- **Do NOT turn off the power or cut down the Ethernet cable during upgrade process;**
- **Internet Explorer(IE) is the recommended web browser for upgrading firmware.**

Steps about upgrading:

Step 1 Log into the TP-LINK device by typing <http://tplinkwifi.net> in the address bar of the web browser (such as Internet Explorer, Firefox). The default user name and password are both **admin**.



Step 2 Click **Advanced** ->**System Tools** ->**Firmware Upgrade**, click the **Browse** button to choose the firmware you already extracted in the folder. **The firmware is usually named as XXXX.bin;**

A screenshot of the TP-LINK Archer C9 web interface in the "Advanced" mode. The "Firmware Upgrade" section is active. It features a "New Firmware File:" label, an empty text input field, and a "Browse" button. Below this, the "Firmware Version:" is displayed as "0.9.1 0.1 v004b.0 Build 150716 Rel.50252n" and the "Hardware Version:" is "Archer C3200 v1 00000000". A green "Upgrade" button is located at the bottom right of the section.

Step 3 Click the **Upgrade** button. The device will reboot automatically after the upgrading has been finished. Please wait about 3 minutes.

Step 4 Verify that the router's firmware has been upgraded.

A screenshot of the TP-LINK Archer C9 web interface in the "Advanced" mode, showing the "Firmware Upgrade" section after an upgrade. The "New Firmware File:" field is empty, and the "Browse" button is present. The "Firmware Version:" is now "0.9.1 0.1 v004b.0 Build 150831 Rel.48329n", which is highlighted with a red box. The "Hardware Version:" remains "Archer C3200 v1 00000000". A green "Upgrade" button is visible at the bottom right.

How to check the hardware version of a TP-LINK device?

1. Check from management page.

Log into the device, click **Advanced ->System Tools ->Firmware Upgrade**, The software and hardware version will be shown as the following picture:

(As an example, in the following picture, the hardware version is 'v1')

Firmware Upgrade

New Firmware File:

Firmware Version: 0.9.1 0.1 v004b.0 Build 150831 Rel.48329n

Hardware Version: Archer C3200 **v1** 00000000

2. Check from label

Turn over the device, you can see a label at the back of the device, there is a character string “Ver:X.Y” (for example, Ver:1.0) and the number X is the **hardware version** of the device. If the string is “Ver: 1.1”, it means that the hardware version is V1.



How to Backup&Restore configuration of TP-LINK Wireless Router

1. Log into the device, **Click Advanced -> System Tools -> Backup&Restore.**

Backup



Save a copy of your current settings.

Backup

Restore

Restore saved settings from a file.

File:

Browse

Restore

2. Click the Backup button and save the file. The file name is config.bin
3. After firmware upgrading , at the same page click the browse and find the configuration file which have been backup
4. Finally click Restore, then wait a minute you can see configuration uploaded successfully.

Reboot

Configuration Uploaded Successfully!

Rebooting...

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