# How to update an installed matlab after campus license extension.

1. Open MATLAB (If the license has already expired the activation client will launch and you can skip the next step)
2. **Windows**: Navigate to Help Menu (Click down arrow button) and select Licensing
   **Linux/Mac**: Click on Resources, Navigate to Help Menu (Click down arrow button) and select Licensing
3. Click on Activate Software
4. Choose to Activate using Internet and then login to your MathWorks account
5. Once reactivated you will need to restart MATLAB before the new license file is recognized

If the installation has already expired, you will be prompted to activate when attempting to launch MATLAB. As long as the activation finishes successfully it will roll over to the new license file once the old one expires. You might continue to see the expiration warning in MATLAB until the old file expires.

**What if MATLAB will not even launch?**
If you have an expired or otherwise unusable license, MATLAB may not be able to launch. In this case, you will need to launch the MATLAB activation client directly.

To find the MATLAB activation client on each OS:

*Windows*
*If MATLAB has been installed in its default location the activation client is here:*
*C:\Program Files\MATLAB\R20XXx\bin\winXX\activate_matlab.exe*

*Mac*

1. *Open Finder.*
2. *Go to "Applications".*
3. *Right-click or control-click on the MATLAB application icon. (e.g. MATLAB_R2020b.app)*
4. *Click on "Show Package Contents".*
5. *Open "Activate.app".*

*Linux*
*If MATLAB has been installed in its default location the activation client is here:*
*/usr/local/MATLAB/R20XXx/bin/activate_matlab.sh*

Once you have launched the MATLAB activation client:

1. Select "Activate automatically using the internet."
2. Log into your MathWorks account
3. Select the license from the list of licenses you would like to activate
4. Confirm the activation information.
5. Click "finish" to complete the activation process.