

USB mass storage boot for Raspberry Pi 3B+ (*only*)

Raspberry Pi 3B+ and CM+ support USB mass storage boot out of the box. Raspberry Pi 4's boot code is stored in [EEPROM](#) and can be updated. Support for mass storage boot will be added in a future update.

Legend:

`username@host~$` Terminal Command Prompt

`commands` This signifies commands you are to type in the Terminal following the prompt.

FIRST!

To ensure the working SD card is up to date --

Open a Terminal by clicking on the Icon in the top MENU bar. See Figure 1.

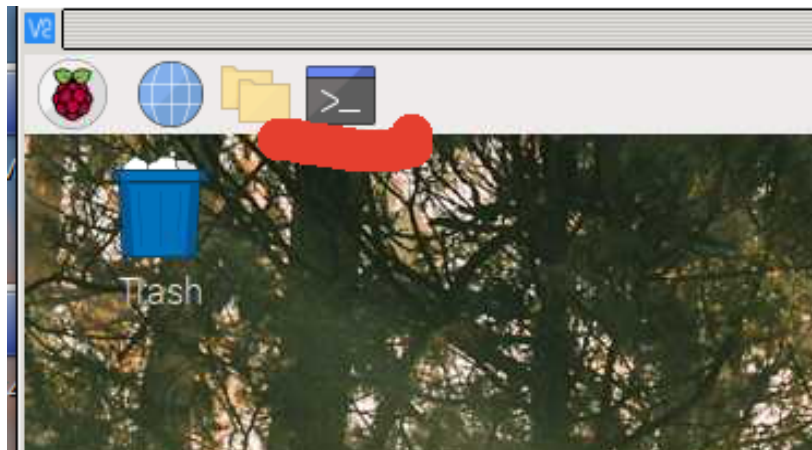


Figure 1.

Next:

Enter the following commands at the command line in Terminal and press Enter after each command:

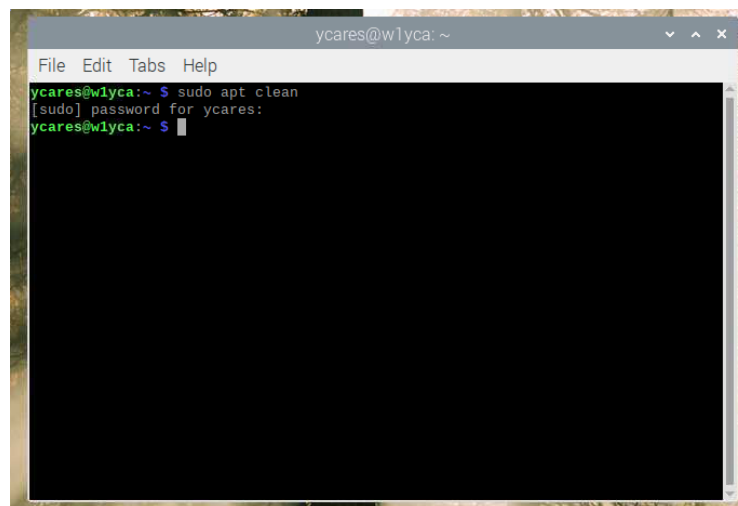
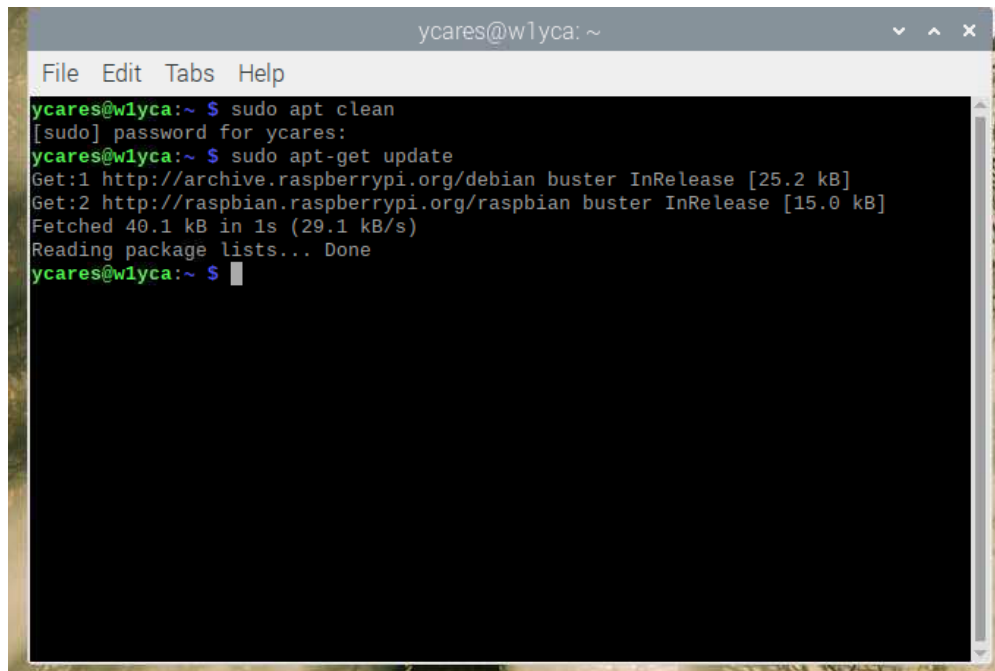


Figure 2.

`sudo apt-get clean` You will be asked for your password... - enter it. See Figure 2, above.

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`sudo apt-get update` If you are up-to-date, then then you will see Figure 3, below:



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ycares@wlyca: ~  
File Edit Tabs Help  
ycares@wlyca:~ $ sudo apt clean  
[sudo] password for ycares:  
ycares@wlyca:~ $ sudo apt-get update  
Get:1 http://archive.raspberrypi.org/debian buster InRelease [25.2 kB]  
Get:2 http://raspbian.raspberrypi.org/raspbian buster InRelease [15.0 kB]  
Fetched 40.1 kB in 1s (29.1 kB/s)  
Reading package lists... Done  
ycares@wlyca:~ $
```

Figure 3.

If the Raspian OS is not up to date, you will see many lines scroll-by as the program updates. A command prompt will return when complete.

Continue entering the following commands: You may be asked to confirm if you wish to continue, answer in the affirmative: **Y**

`sudo apt-get autoremove`

`sudo apt-get upgrade` (*this may take a few minutes, be patient*)

`sudo apt-get dist-upgrade` (*this may take a few minutes*)

`sudo reboot now`

Assuming no errors, and reboot has completed, the next step is to make a backup of the SD card to a USB memory stick by the following:

1. Insert a new USB memory stick which has been partitioned and formatted as **EXT4** into the Rpi USB Port

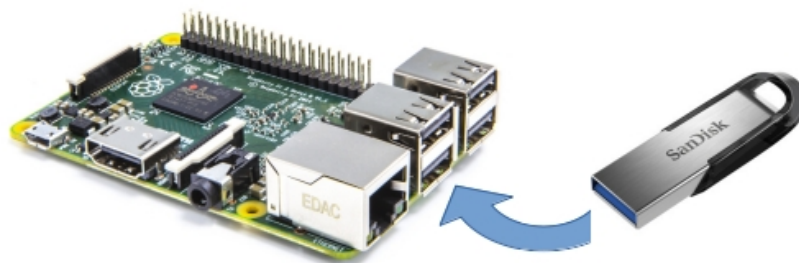


Figure 4.

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2. Select the menu **Raspberry icon**, then select **Accessories**, then select **SD Card Copier**. See Figure 5, below:

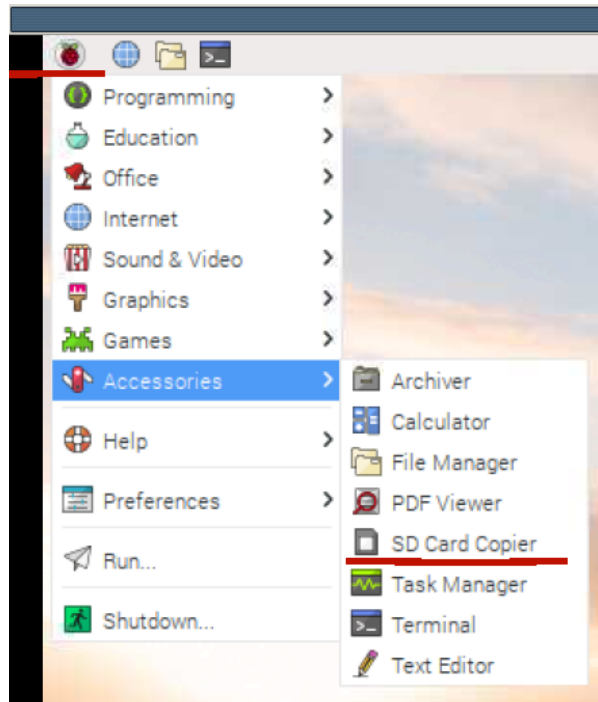


Figure 5.

3. You will be asked for your password... - enter it.
4. Choose Copy From Device, usually **(/dev/mmcblk0)**, and choose Copy to Device, usually **(/dev/sda)** See Figure 6, below.

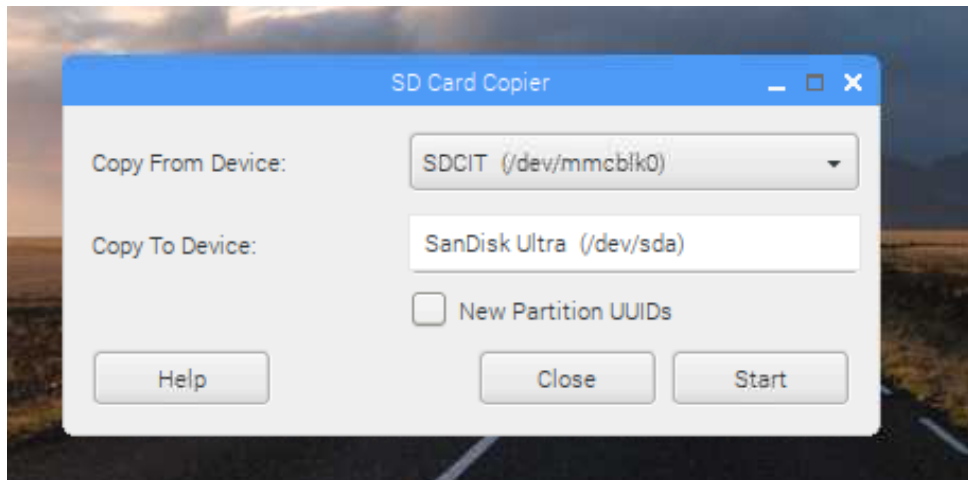


Figure 6.

5. Click **Start**. A lot of magic happens, and you will see a series of progress bars. When completed, Click **Close**. That's it – you have copied your RPi SD card to a memory stick.
6. Shut down the RPi with: `sudo shutdown -h now`
When the RPi has completely powered-down you may remove the SD Card and insert the memory stick.
7. Boot from the USB memory stick. Save your SD Card as a back-up.