

# ADB Commands

Command Instruction	Description
adb devices [-l]	List connected devices (-l for long output)
adb help	Show this help message
adb version	Show version num
adb push [-sync] LOCAL... REMOTE	Copy local files/directories to device -sync: only push files that are newer on the host than the device. Need to specify the full path of the file you're pushing, and the full path to where you want to put it.
adb pull [-a] REMOTE... LOCAL	Copy files/dirs from device -a: preserve file timestamp and mode
adb shell [-e ESCAPE] [-n] [-Tt] [-x] [COMMAND...]	Run remote shell command (interactive shell if no command given) -e: choose escape character, or "none"; Default '~' -n: don't read from stdin -T: disable pty allocation -t: allocate a pty if on a tty (-tt: force pty allocation) -x: disable remote exit codes and stdout/stderr separation
adb install [-lrtsdg] [-instant] PACKAGE adb install-multiple [-lrtsdpg] [-instant] PACKAGE...	Push one or more packages to the device and install them atomically. You'll need to supply the path where you have the .apk file saved, then run it like this: adb install TheAppName.apk. -r: replace existing application -t: allow test packages -d: allow version code downgrade (debuggable packages only) -p: partial application install (install-multiple only) -g: grant all runtime permissions -abi ABI: override platform's default ABI -instant: cause the app to be installed as an ephemeral install app -no-streaming: always push APK to device and invoke Package Manager as separate steps -streaming: force streaming APK directly into Package Manager -fastdeploy: use fast deploy -no-fastdeploy: prevent use of fast deploy -force-agent: force update of deployment agent when using fast deploy -date-check-agent: update deployment agent when local version is newer and using fast deploy -version-check-agent: update deployment agent when local version has different version code and using fast deploy
adb reboot bootloader	Reboot the device to bootloader.
adb reboot recovery	Reboot to recovery too.
adb reboot sideload	Sideload reboots into recovery and automatically starts sideload mode. An OTA (over-the-air) update is downloaded by your phone as a .zip file. You can also download that zip file manually and install it without having to wait for your phone to have the update pushed to it. The end result is the same. All you have to do is download the update to your computer. Plug your phone into the computer. Then, reboot into recovery on your phone and using the up and down volume buttons choose Apply update from ADB. Then hop into your favorite terminal/command line and type adb sideload Full-Path-to-the-file.zip and hit enter.
adb reboot sideload-auto-reboot	Same but reboots after sideloading.
adb sideload OTAPACKAGE	Sideload the given full OTA package
adb root	Restart addb with root permissions

Command Instruction	Description
adb unroot	Restart adbd without root permissions
adb usb	Restart adbd listening on USB
adb start-server	Ensure that there is a server running
adb kill-server	Kill the server if it is running
adb reconnect	Kick connection from host side to force reconnect
adb reconnect device	Kick connection from device side to force reconnect
adb shell	Enter a shell on the device. Once inside, you can interact with the actual running operating system on your phone.

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