

How to update the firmware on your Vodafone Mobile Wi-Fi device (R201)

1 Introduction

The purpose of the updater tool is to upgrade the firmware and/or software version that resides on your Vodafone Mobile Wi-Fi device (R201). The updater tool provides the following benefits:

1. It will enable the latest software functionality on your device which will increase stability and reliability
2. It will allow you to benefit from improved file sharing features which include:
 - SAMBA that allows you to map a network drive to the contents of the micro SD card for the ability to manage your files and folders via your PC/Mac's standard drag and drop user interface
 - DLNA from Twonky Media allows your R201 to become a media server to share the contents of a MicroSDHC card with other consumer electronic DLNA-enabled devices, eg TV's, Hi-Fi's, tablets, handsets etc

The updater must be run in a Windows PC environment. An updater for the Mac environment is not yet available.

The target user audience for the tool is advanced users who are comfortable with operating Microsoft Windows.

Warning: Never close the software when the update procedure is running, as doing this could seriously and permanently damage the Mobile Wi-Fi device.

2 Updating your Mobile Wi-Fi device

1. Switch on the PC and log into Windows.
2. Attach the Vodafone Mobile Wi-Fi to the computer's USB port using the supplied USB/Micro USB cable.
3. If an auto play pop-up warning appears, please dismiss it.
4. If this is the first time that the Vodafone Mobile Wi-Fi device has been attached to the PC using the USB cable, then it will recognise this is the case and will first install the Vodafone Mobile Broadband software, in order to ensure the necessary drivers are on the PC. These drivers are a pre-requisite which allows the Firmware Updater to communicate with the R201 Mobile Wi-Fi device. After installation the Vodafone Mobile Broadband (VMB) software will start automatically.
5. Before you start the Firmware Upgrade, please ensure you exit the VMB application if it is running (by selecting the Application icon at the top left of the VMB main screen and selecting **Exit** from the drop-down menu).

Run **Vodafone Flash Updater program (R201V4.9_10.0.302.2.24346_4.01.11.00.exe)** from the desktop (or wherever it was saved to). The **Welcome screen** will appear (Fig 1).

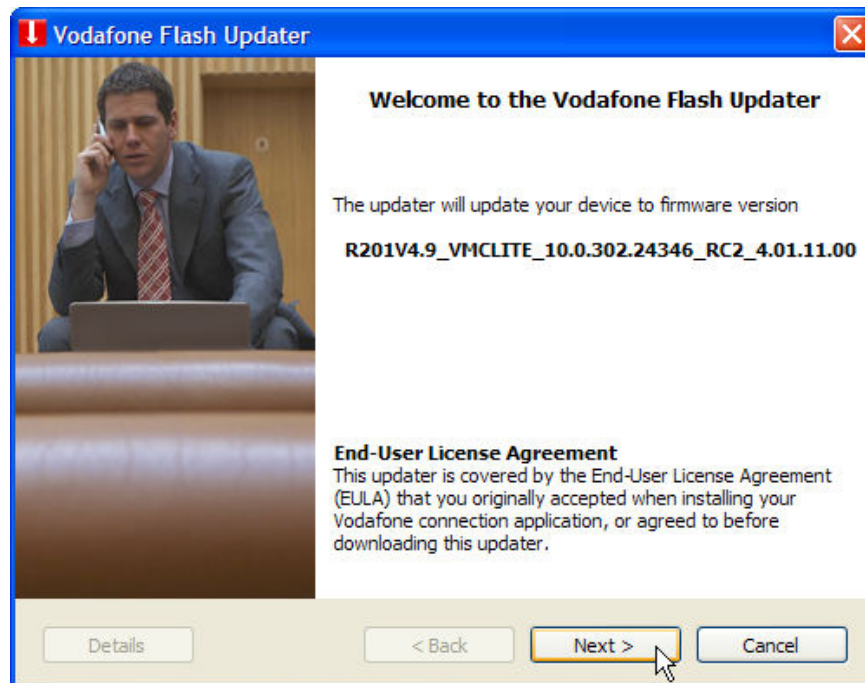


Fig.1

6. Click  to display the **Prepare for Update** page, shown in Fig.2.

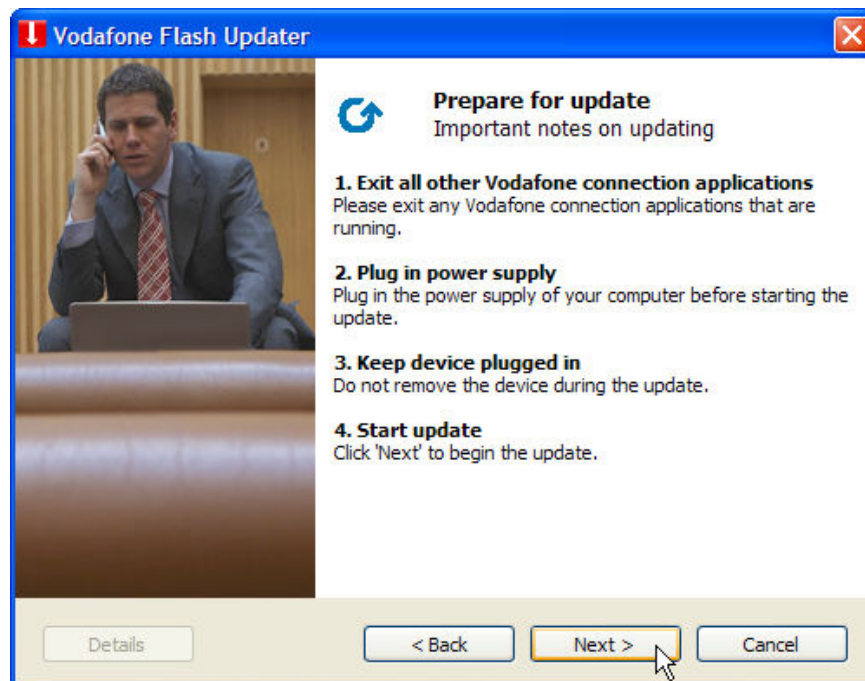


Fig.2

7. Click **Next >** to start the device update verification process, which will take about 15 seconds. After checking the current device version details, Fig.3 will be shown.

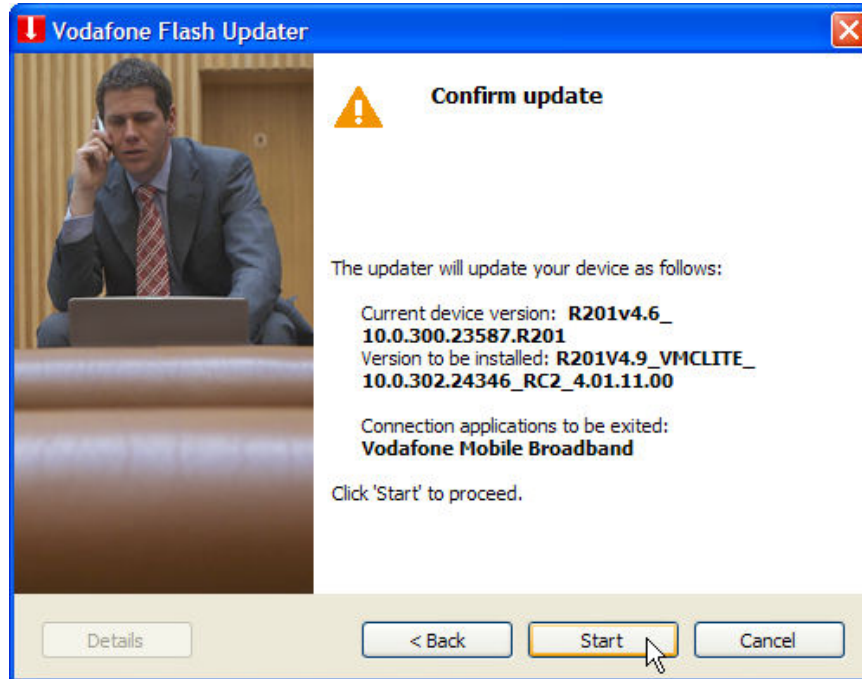


Fig.3

8. The **Confirm Update** screen shows the current version of firmware and/or software resident on the device, and the version that the updater will install when started. In the above sample screenshot the Vodafone Mobile Broadband software was still running. Before continuing, please ensure you exit the VMB application if it is running (it may be running in the background on the PC) by selecting the Application icon at the top left of the VMB main screen and selecting **Exit** from the drop-down menu.
- Compare the current version on the device with the version in the updater file, and **if the device needs updating to a newer version**, click **Start** to begin the installation. The update progress screen will show progress, Fig. 4

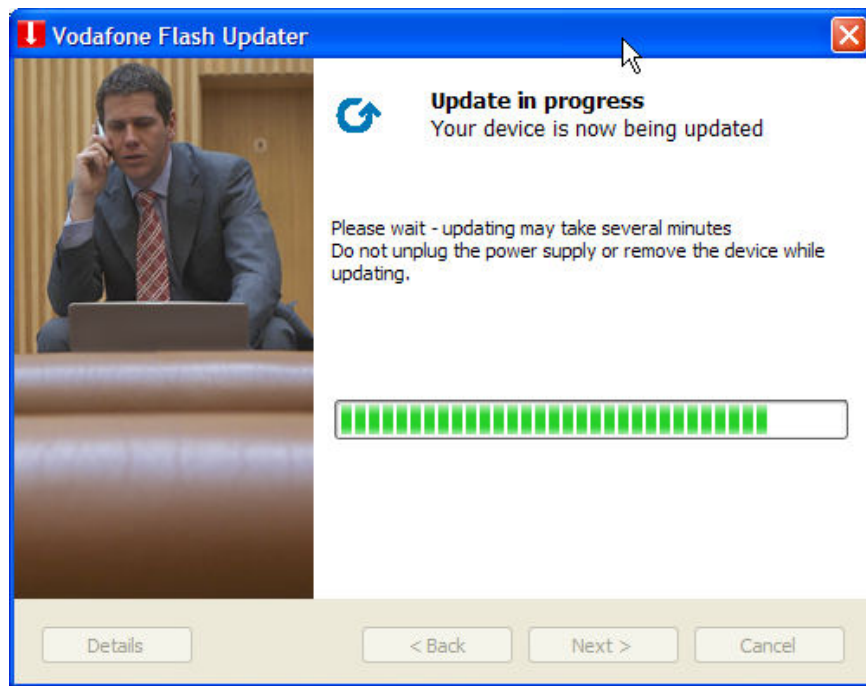


Fig.4

9. When the update finishes successfully, Fig.5 will be shown. This may take approximately 10 minutes. Do not switch off the PC or detach the Mobile Wi-Fi device from the PC while the Firmware Updater is running, as this could permanently damage your Wi-Fi device.

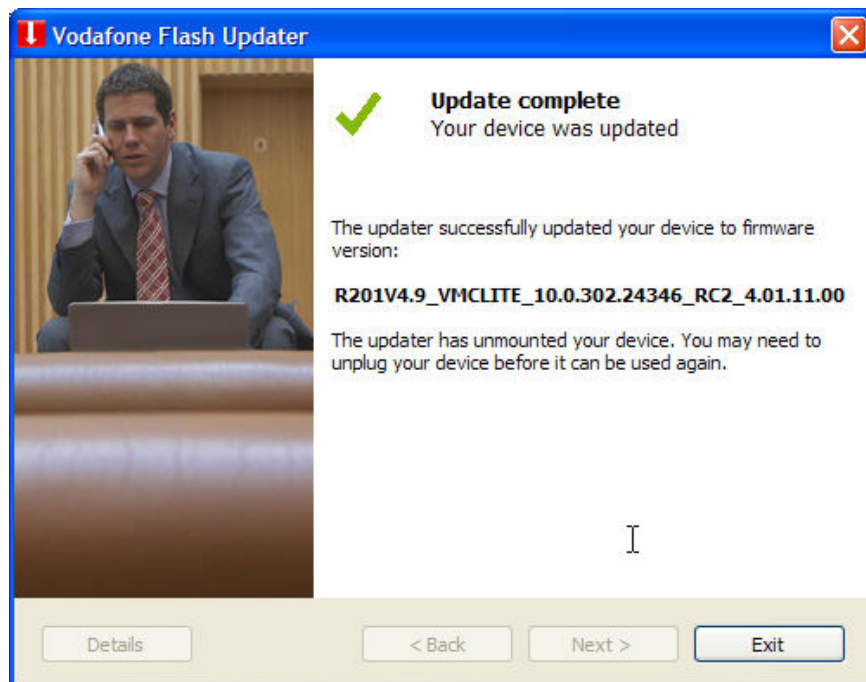


Fig.5

10. After the Firmware Update is complete, it may then update the VMB software on the PC to the latest version to be compatible with the updated firmware. After the software update is complete, remove the Vodafone Mobile Wi-Fi device from the PC and re-attach it to ensure the updated device is correctly recognised by the PC.