

How to make sure all Android Play Store app updates get installed

Google's Android Play Store app has acquired a strange, annoying behavior about finding updates to install, where it might not find some of the latest updates unless you force an additional search. Here is how that works.

1. Run the Play Store app (a multicolored triangle pointed to the right).
2. Separately, if at any point it displays an advertisement or alert screen for anything, most likely Google Play Points, choose "No" or "Skip" or "Not now" or whatever bypasses the advertisement screen.
3. Tap the round "account" icon in the upper right, normally a lower case "a" on FSGW check-in tablets. That "a" comes from the first letter of the current account, which should be "android#@fsgw.org", where "#" is the FSGW number for the Android tablet.
4. Tap "Manage apps & device", to display a "Manage apps & device" page. If you don't see "Manage apps & device" to tap, scroll down until you see either that or "My apps and games", and tap that.
5. If you see "Updates available" with a count of updates pending, tap "Update all" below the count, then tap "See details" in the same place. Go to step 11 below.
6. If the page says "All apps are up to date", do not believe that yet. Instead, tap "See recent updates" just below that.
7. Tap the "Updates available" button in the row of buttons below the "Manage" tab.
8. A "You're all set" icon and text will get displayed, unless updates have just shown up. Tap the "Check for updates" button below that.
9. If it re-displays the same "You're all set" icon and text, now you can believe it, all available updates are installed, and you may exit the "Play Store" app.
10. If it displays a list of apps with updates available, tap "Overview" near the upper left, then tap "Update all" below the count of updates pending, then tap "See details" in the same place.
11. You will see the updates gradually getting downloaded and installed. Once all the updates have installed, go to step 8 above.
12. You can be SURE that all available app updates have been installed ONLY after you have tapped the "Check for updates" button and no updates were found.
13. Yes, this complexity is annoying. Unfortunately, there is nothing that I can do about that. Remain calm and chive on.

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