# SIMS Summer 2025 Release – Upgrading SIMS using SOLUS 3.12

Please find below a step-by-step guide to assist you with upgrading your SIMS workstations using SOLUS 3.12.

Most schools have the SIMS database and SOLUS 3.12 installed on the server. SOLUS 3.12 is set to automatically run the upgrade overnight, so for schools with the SIMS database installed on the server, there should be no need to <u>manually</u> run the SIMS upgrade.

If the SIMS upgrade ran successfully on the server overnight, SIMS workstations throughout the school should receive a Solus3 Agent notification, after being switched on, to say that SIMS will be upgraded to the Summer 2025 release.
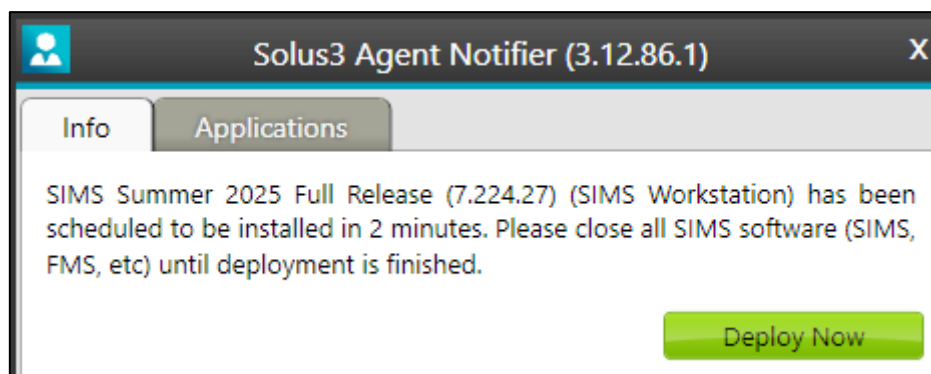
Once completed the version of SIMS will be **7.224**. This can be checked by logging into SIMS and clicking on **Help** > **About SIMS.net**. If the SIMS version number is showing as **7.224,** please move on to **page 6** of these instructions and <u>**make sure you import the latest Predefined Reports**</u>. Click on the splash screen to close the window.

If the SIMS database is installed on an Admin machine <u>OR</u> you are still running SIMS version 7.222 you will need to manually run the SIMS upgrade via SOLUS.

<u>**This process needs to be completed when all users are logged out of SIMS and all SIMS workstations are switched on (if possible).**</u>
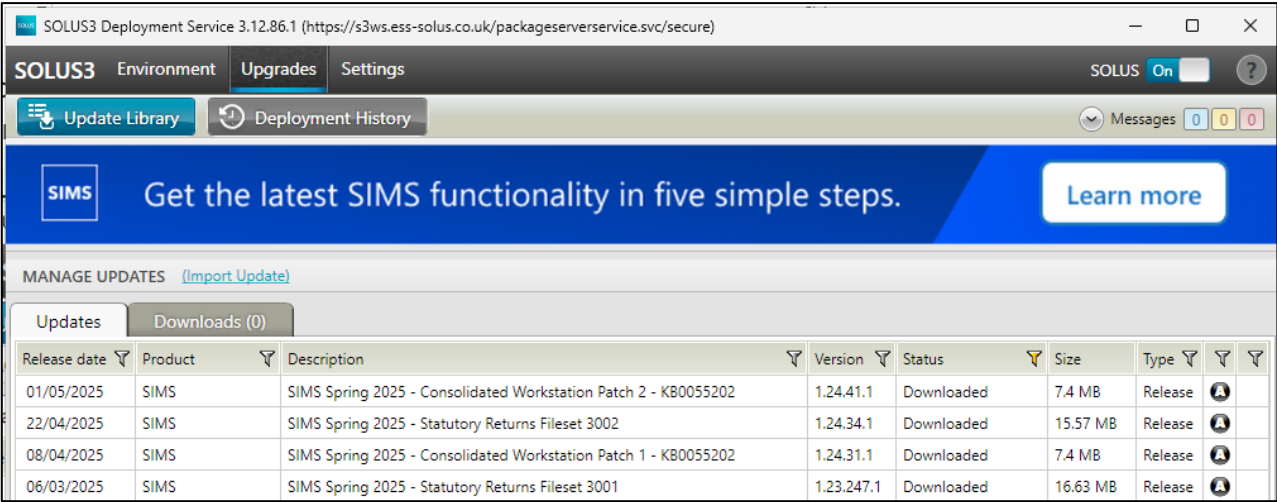
Step 1 – Launching SOLUS 3

Locate the following icon on the desktop.

SOLUS 3 Deployment Server UI

If the SIMS database is installed on the server, you will need to <u>log onto the server</u> to access the icon. If you are not sure if you have a server or don't know how to access the server, please contact the **NYES Digital Helpdesk** on **01609 536086**.

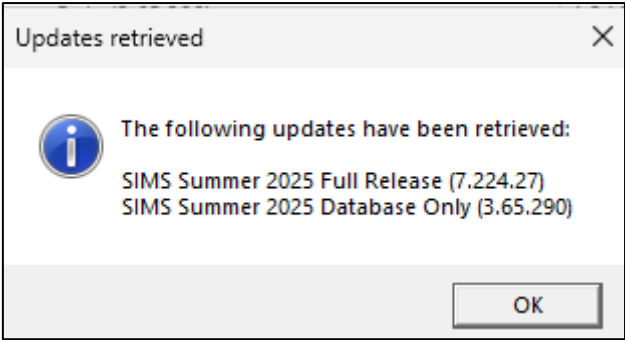This icon will launch the SOLUS 3.12 Deployment Server UI, after clicking on the icon you will see a screen similar to the following:

SOLUS3 Deployment Service 3.12.86.1 (https://s3ws.ess-solus.co.uk/packageserverservice.svc/secure)

SOLUS3 Environment **Upgrades** Settings   SOLUS On

Update Library   Deployment History   Messages 0 0 0

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MANAGE UPDATES (Import Update)

Release date	Product	Description	Version	Status	Size	Type		
01/05/2025	SIMS	SIMS Spring 2025 - Consolidated Workstation Patch 2 - KB0055202	1.24.41.1	Downloaded	7.4 MB	Release		
22/04/2025	SIMS	SIMS Spring 2025 - Statutory Returns Fileset 3002	1.24.34.1	Downloaded	15.57 MB	Release		
08/04/2025	SIMS	SIMS Spring 2025 - Consolidated Workstation Patch 1 - KB0055202	1.24.31.1	Downloaded	7.4 MB	Release		
06/03/2025	SIMS	SIMS Spring 2025 - Statutory Returns Fileset 3001	1.23.247.1	Downloaded	16.63 MB	Release		

Step 2 – Finding the Update

Once the screen above has loaded you will need to locate the update on SOLUS 3, you do this by clicking the **Check for updates** button at the bottom of this screen.

Check for updates

You are likely to see a message which says "**The following updates have been retrieved**", click **OK** to this message.

Updates retrieved

The following updates have been retrieved:

SIMS Summer 2025 Full Release (7.224.27)
SIMS Summer 2025 Database Only (3.65.290)

OK

The two updates for the **Summer 2025** release should now appear in the list of updates with a status of **Available**, as shown in the following graphic:

If the updates listed do not show, then please tick the box to "**Show all updates**". If the updates are still not found, please contact the **NYES Digital Helpdesk** on **01609 536086**.

Step 3 – Downloading the Update

Using the **Ctrl** button on your keyboard you will need to highlight **both** Summer 2025 updates listed and then click on the **Download** button at the bottom of the screen.

The update will then manually download ready for this to be deployed. You can click on the **Downloads** tab next to the **Updates** tab at the top of the panel to view the status of the download. Once both of the updates are showing as **Downloaded** you can move onto Step 4. You may need to toggle between the tabs once the update has been downloaded.

Step 4 – Deploy (Install) the update

If you were still looking at the **Downloads** tab you will need to click back onto the **Updates** tab. To deploy the upgrade, you will need to highlight both updates, which you have just downloaded: **SIMS Summer 2025 Full Release (7.224.27)** and **SIMS Summer 2025 Database Only (3.65.290)**. Then click the **Deploy** button at the bottom of the screen.

This will take you to the next screen. Click on the **Deploy now** button at the bottom of the screen.

You will be asked if you are sure you wish to deploy the update now – click **Yes** to this. You will then be asked if you would like to view the progress of the deployment – click **Yes** to this message. The update will start deploying and the deployment history screen will now open so that you can check the progress of the

deployment. The status of the deployment will initially show as "**In Progress**" and the "**stage**" status will change as each area of the update is being deployed.

Targets are shown at the bottom of the "**Deployment**" screen, you should start seeing numbers appearing under the successful header to show when specific elements of the update have been successfully installed.

As each element of the upgrade is undertaken, a pop-up will display with a two-minute countdown and a **Deploy Now** button. You can click these or just leave them to kick in after 2 minutes.

Once the update is completely installed and has deployed to all the SIMS workstations (if you have more than one) the **Deployment History** screen will show with the update showing as "**Successful**" in the top panel. It should take about 10-15 minutes.

The update may also show as "**Partially successful**" if not all SIMS workstations were switched on at the time of running the update. These should update themselves when they are next switched on.

At this point, you can log back into SIMS on the workstations and check the version of SIMS is showing as **7.224**. Click on the splash screen to close it.


If you have any problems when completing this process, you can contact NYES Digital directly via web chat or call the helpdesk on **01609 536086**.

After the SIMS upgrade has completed you must carry out the following task to keep your system up to date:


The following tasks only need to be completed on one PC**.**

1. Importing SIMS pre-defined reports

To import the latest versions of the SIMS pre-defined reports, select **Reports > Import**, then click **Open.** This should open into the correct folder but if not the path should be: C:\Program Files (x86)\SIMS\SIMS .net\. Select **PreDefined_Reports_v7224.RptDef** and click '**Open**'.
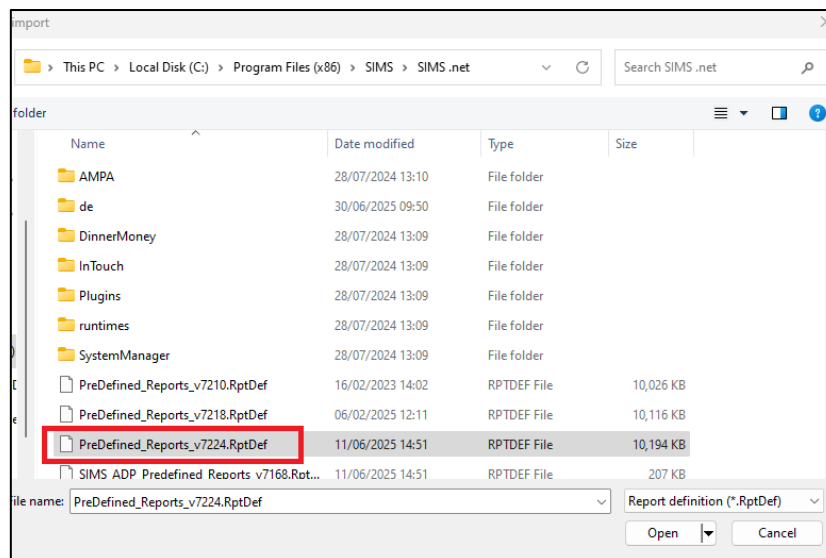
The following screen will now show:
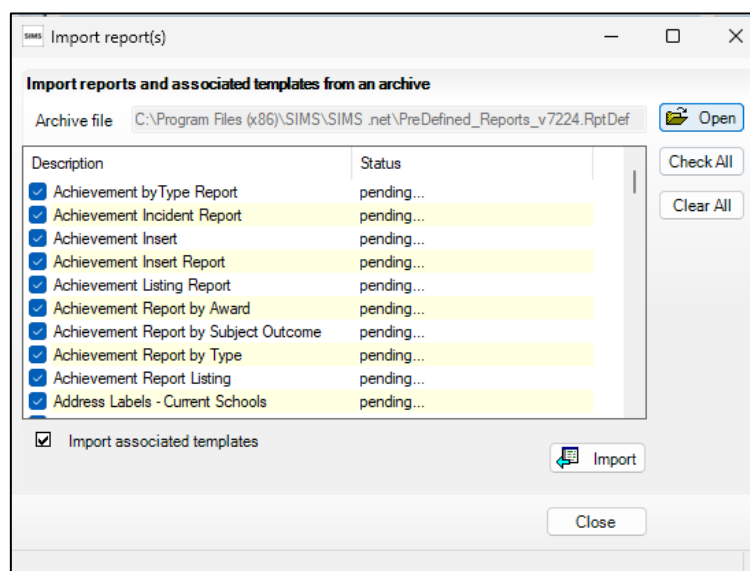
Click on '**Import**' and then close the window when the status for the reports changes to 'Imported'.

2. Importing assessment resources

Following the Summer update there will be new assessment resources available to import into your SIMS system.

You will be prompted to import these when you next access the assessment area in SIMS, either by clicking on the programme of study icon or **through Focus > Assessment > Marksheet Entry**.
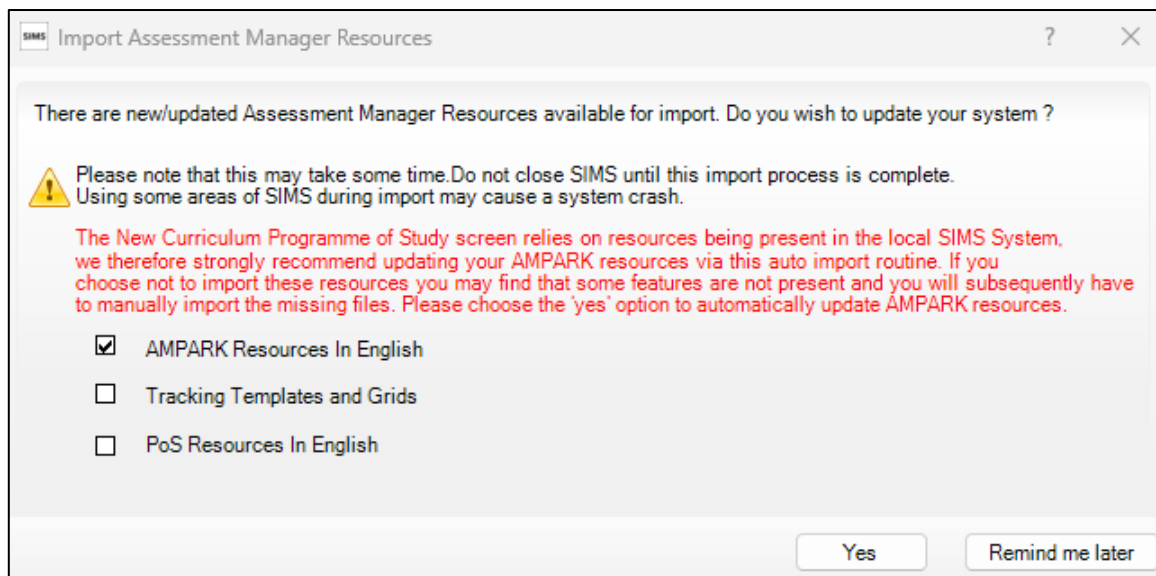
Importing the other Assessment Manager resources is optional. If your school does not use the SIMS assessment package you can untick 'Tracking Templates and Grids'. If your school does not use the SIMS Programme of Study you can untick 'PoS Resources In English'.

Click on **Yes** to import the selected resources. This import can take up to **30 minutes** so only do this when you do not need to use SIMS. Assessment resources only need to be imported on one machine – this doesn't need to be the server.