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Thread: [How do I install extra software on TAILS and keep it in the Persistence Partition? TG](#)

TheAutist - October 15, 2025, 9:37 am

What the title says, let's say Telegram for example, as that's one of the ones I would like to be able to do it with. I don't want to have to redownload it every time I boot TAILS, and I couldn't figure it out even before how to get it installed in the first place.

Anyone have a solution for this?

SIM-5186353 - October 15, 2025, 9:54 am

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TG won't be used for communicating with anyone so it's all good. No it's not in the package repo for TAILS. Persistence does not defeat the purpose of TAILS. Once again the point is that it is an Amnesiac Live system - so when you pull the USB or shut down it doesn't leave any trace of what you did on the computer. Your flash drive returns to a blank slate + encrypted persistence partition.

I'm fairly sure it's recommended against installing things not in TAILS repo which is why I'm seeking help. I know it's not what it's for, and normally I wouldn't. Just research for a niche use case, like you said