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Subject: Re: DVR Future Proof

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Many DVD and BluRay player/recorders these days have USB and/or ethernet inputs. Some have wireless connections too. These allow you to connect to streaming video servers like NetFlix, Vudu and Amazon. It also allows a way to get updates. Usually, when connected, the device will automatically retrieve and install firmware updates. There's a configuration setting in the setup menu to allow or disallow auto-update.

If you do not have a digital connection or if it is disabled, like your original post said, then you can download firmware updates on a computer and burn them to disk. The DVD player will read them from disk and install them. It is usually kind of a weird button sequence that puts the device in firmware update mode, like pressing three buttons on the remote you would never normally press together. Sometimes, it's just a menu selection. In any case, go online and look for updates from the manufacturer and read the owners manual to learn how to apply them.

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