

## Fixing "E: Could not get lock /var/lib/apt/lists/lock â€œ open (11: Resource temporarily unavailable)" error

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You've probably encountered the error:

**"E: Could not get lock /var/lib/apt/lists/lock â€œ open (11: Resource temporarily unavailable)"** After executing:

```
debian:~# apt-get update
E: Could not get lock /var/lib/apt/lists/lock - open (11: Resource temporarily unavailable)
E: Unable to lock the list directory
```

There are plenty of reasons which might have led you into this shitty situation, anyways the solution is:

```
debian:~# killall -9 apt-get aptitude
debian:~# rm -f /var/lib/apt/lists/lock
```

**killall -9 apt-get aptitude** might not be really necessary, if there are no hanged apt-get or aptitude processes, however I show it heresince sometimes, it might be the problem cause.

If you further or beforehand get the error:

,br /> **E: Could not get lock /var/lib/dpkg/lock - open (11 Resource temporarily unavailable)E: Unable to lock the administration directory (/var/lib/dpkg/), is another process using it?**

Then you will have to also delete the /var/lib/dpkg/lock.

```
debian:~# rm -f /var/lib/dpkg/lock
```

Hopefully this should be enough for you to solve your *apt-get update* issues.