

Upgrade Guide

Software Version 8.0 - 9.9

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Introduction

This guide has been developed to help upgrade eMeeting dating software version 8.0+ to version 9.9. Follow each of the steps below carefully to ensure your website is upgrade successfully and without error.

1. Requirements

Please ensure your web host meets the application requirements.

- 15mb Extra Disk Space

2. Uploading Files via FTP

Unzip the eMeeting dating software package onto your local hard drive. If you don't have Winzip, you can download it for from winzip.com. Using an FTP program (such as Filezilla, which is free, or a commercial package such as CuteFTP), login to your web server and **RENAME** your **OLD** install directory to something like 'backup'.

You will need some of the member files from this directory later so DO NOT delete it.

The install directory is commonly called 'public_html', 'html', 'www' or 'website_html'. If you're not sure what it is, your webhost provider will be able to tell you. If you have installed the software onto a subdomain or folder you only need to rename this and not the entire folder.

3. File Permissions

eMeeting dating software requires the following files/directories to have 'write' permissions set. If you're running on a Linux or Unix web host, you can use your FTP program and use the 'CHMOD' ('Change Mode') function to grant write permissions. If your host is running Windows, you will need to contact them about setting up write permissions on these files/folders.

4 . Folders, CHMOD these to757:

- /inc/config.php (CHMOD 777)
- /inc/config_db.php (CHMOD 777)
- /plugins/config_plugins.php (CHMOD 777)
- /uploads/ (CHMOD 777)
- /uploads/thumbs/ (CHMOD 777)
- /uploads/images/ (CHMOD 777)
- /uploads/videos/ (CHMOD 777)
- /uploads/music/ (CHMOD 777)
- /uploads/files/ (CHMOD 777)
- /uploads/cache/ (CHMOD 777)
- /inc/langs/english.php

Note: Although it says 757, some webhosts may require 775 or 777 instead.

5. MySQL Database

To do the upgrade you need to have the MYSQL details handy for your current installation. DO NOT create a new database unless you wish to do a fresh install.

Make sure that you do a BACKUP of your old database FIRST in case there are any problems during the upgrade.

Note. It's best to create a copy of your old database and use this to install, that way if anything goes wrong you can quickly revert back to your old website whilst waiting for assistance.

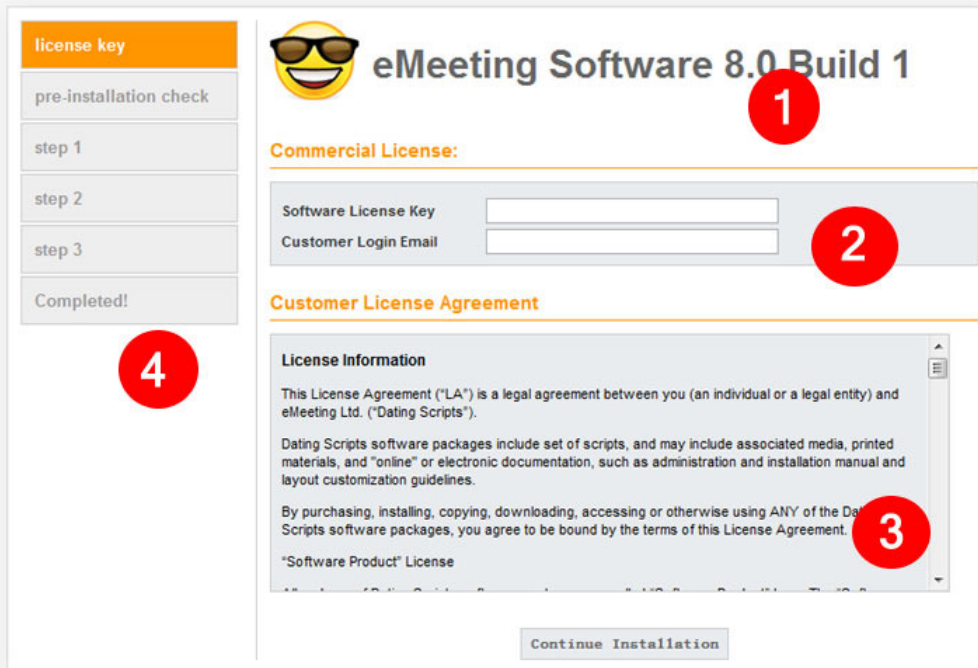
6. Setup Wizard

eMeeting dating software includes a simple installation process.

To start the setup wizard, navigate to the directory that you uploaded eMeeting dating software to, for example: <http://www.yoursite.com/install/>. The eMeeting dating software setup wizard will appear.

Your eMeeting dating software configuration details will be saved into the `/inc/config.php` and `/inc/config_db.php` files during the installation process.

Web Installation – License Key



1. Software Build Number

This icon indicates the software version number. This allows you to see which version of the software you are currently installing.

2. License Key Information

This icon indicates the area where you will need to enter your software license key and customer email address. These can be found within the customer area on our website.

3. License Agreement

This is the software license agreement, please read through this to accept the terms and useage of our software.

4. Installation progress bar

The installation progress bar simply shows you at which stage during the installation you are at.

Web Installation – Pre Installation Check

license key

pre-installation check

step 1

step 2

step 3

Completed!

pre-installation check

eMeeting Dating Software 8.0 Build 1

Required Settings Check: 1

If any of these items are highlighted in red then please take actions to correct them.

Failure to do so could lead to your eMeeting Dating Software installation not functioning correctly.

PHP version >= 4.1.0	Yes
- zlib compression support	Available
- XML support	Available
- MySQL support	Available
- Ioncube support	Unavailable
configuration.php	Writeable

Recommended Settings Check: 2

These settings are recommended for PHP in order to ensure full compatibility with eMeeting Dating Software.

However, eMeeting Dating Software will still operate if your settings do not quite match the recommended

Directive	Recommended	Actual
Safe Mode:	OFF:	OFF
Display Errors:	ON:	ON
File Uploads:	ON:	ON
Magic Quotes GPC:	ON:	ON
Magic Quotes Runtime:	OFF:	OFF
Register Globals:	OFF:	OFF
Output Buffering:	OFF:	OFF
Session auto start:	OFF:	OFF

Directory and File Permissions Check: 3

In order for eMeeting Dating Software to function correctly it needs to be able to access or write to certain files or directories.

If you see "Unwritable" you need to change the permissions on the file or directory to allow eMeeting Dating Software to write to it.

inc/config.php/	Writeable
inc/config_db.php/	Writeable
plugins/config_plugins.php/	Writeable
uploads/	Writeable
uploads/images/	Writeable
uploads/thumbs/	Writeable
uploads/videos/	Writeable
uploads/music/	Writeable

1. Required Settings Check

The required settings check looks at your current hosting account setup to ensure that it meets the software requirements, the keys settings to check are that your hosting provider is running ioncube and that your config file has write permissions so that the software can save your database login details.

2. Recommended Settings Check

Recommended settings check to ensure that your PHP settings meet the software requirements and that your hosting account is secure.

3. Directory and File Permissions Check

The directory and file permissions check to ensure that the files required by the software exist and have the correct permissions (CHMOD 777). If any of these are not set correct please ensure that you change these before you continue.

eMeeting Database Setup

license key


pre-installation check

step 1

step 2

step 3

Completed!

 **eMeeting Database Setup**

Commercial License:

Host Name
localhost This is usually 'localhost'

MySQL User Name
Enter your MYSQL username, if your using Cpanel, this is often the same username for cpanel.

MySQL Password
Enter your MYSQL database name, if your using Cpanel, this is often the same password for cpanel.

MySQL Database Name
Make sure you have setup a MYSQL database via your hosting control panel first.

Installation Type
Fresh Installation Only select 'database upgrade' if you are upgrading your website from eMeeting version 7.

Drop Existing Tables Any existing backup tables from former eMeeting installations will be replaced.

Backup Old Tables Any existing backup tables from former eMeeting installations will be replaced.

Install Sample Data This will install a few sample profiles to help you get started.

Continue Installation

The database setup process will install all of the software database tables into your **EXISTING MYSQL database**. You **MUST** enter your existing MYSQL database information for your version 8 installation.

1. Installation Type

As you are upgrading your website from version 8, you should select upgrade from v8 – v9.9.

The screenshot shows a web-based installation configuration form. It includes several input fields and a dropdown menu. The 'Host Name' field contains 'localhost'. The 'MySQL User Name', 'MySQL Password', and 'MySQL Database Name' fields are empty. The 'Installation Type' dropdown menu is open, showing three options: 'Fresh Installation', 'Database Upgrade (V9.3 - V9.9)', and 'Database Upgrade (V8 - V9.9)'. The 'Database Upgrade (V8 - V9.9)' option is selected. Below the dropdown are two checkboxes: 'Install Postcodes' (unchecked) and 'Install Sample Data' (checked). A 'Continue Installation' button is located at the bottom of the form.

Host Name	localhost	<i>This is usually 'localhost'</i>
MySQL User Name		<i>Enter your MYSQL username, if your using Cpanel, this is often the same username for cpanel.</i>
MySQL Password		<i>Enter your MYSQL database name, if your using Cpanel, this is often the same password for cpanel.</i>
MySQL Database Name		<i>Make sure you have setup a MYSQL database via your hosting control panel first.</i>
Installation Type	Database Upgrade (V8 - V9.9)	<i>Only select 'database upgrade' if you are upgrading your website from eMeeting version 7.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Install Postcodes		<i>Note: If you have problems with the installation going blank, uncheck this box.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install Sample Data		<i>This will install a few sample profiles to help you get started.</i>

Continue Installation

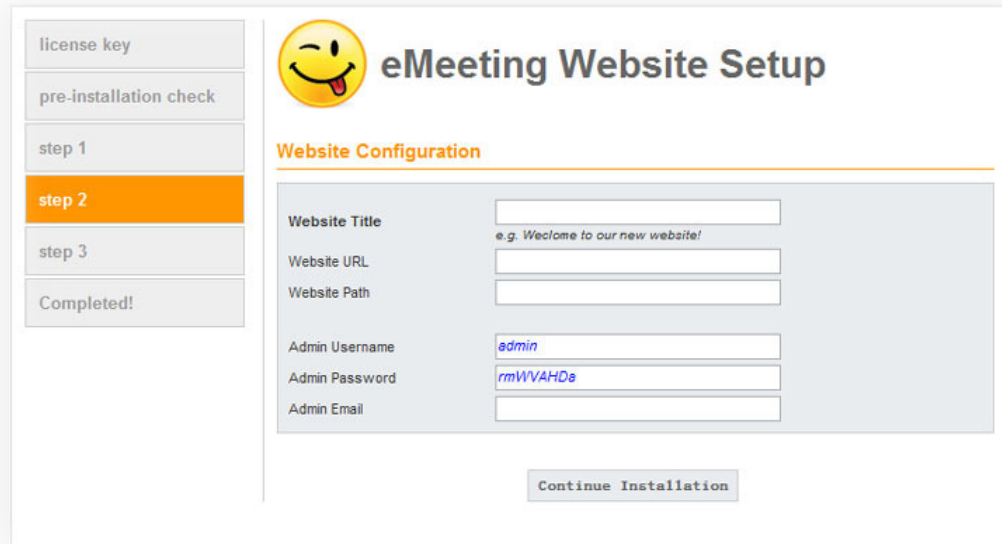
2. Drop existing tables

This will delete all of the existing tables within the selected MYSQL database, **do not select this unless** you are expericened with MYSQL and have backed up your database.

3. Backup Old Tables

This will try to backup your old tables before installation, it is advised todo a backp via your hosting control panel before hand also. **Do not select this during the upgrade.**

Website Setup



The screenshot shows the 'eMeeting Website Setup' interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with buttons for 'license key', 'pre-installation check', 'step 1', 'step 2' (highlighted in orange), 'step 3', and 'Completed!'. The main area features a yellow smiley face icon with a tongue sticking out, followed by the title 'eMeeting Website Setup'. Below this is the 'Website Configuration' section, which includes a 'Website Title' field with a placeholder 'e.g. Welcome to our new website!', 'Website URL', 'Website Path', 'Admin Username' (with 'admin' pre-filled), 'Admin Password' (with 'rmWVAHDs' pre-filled), and 'Admin Email'. A 'Continue Installation' button is located at the bottom right of the configuration area.

The website setup step is very important, we have kept this stage as quick as possible to ensure the data entered is entered correctly.

1. Website Title

The website title will set a default title for your website, such as “welcome to our website”, this can be changed later via the administration area.

2. Website URL

This should be set to the URL for your website, it should start with http:// and include the full path to your website installation.

3. Website Path

This should be checked to ensure it is correct, the software will automatically try to generate the correct path however each server is different therefore its advised to check this before continuing.

Installation Completed

Congratulations, you are now ready to login to the eMeeting dating software control panel and start adding content! Your control panel will be accessible by adding '/newadmin/' onto the end of your website URL.

Example: <http://<website.com>/newadmin/>

Final Warning

Due to the fact that not everyone is upgrading from the same version of eMeeting 8 there may be a blank screen when clicking the upgrade button. This basically means that your database maybe missing some extra tables and therefore please contact support ASAP so they can check this for you.