
[done] Upgrade installation help for NonPHP writer

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/23 19:12

Hey guys. :)

I am installing the newest version, 1.71+, as an upgrade from 1.70. I read the release notes on how to install, but I am not familiar with writing PHP, so when the instructions says, "Look at new config.php to confirm new parameters and add these to previous config.php file", I don't know what NEW parameters I'm looking at! I did look at both config.php files. The only difference I'm really noticing is that the original one contains my site information, username, etc.

Is there anything I NEED to add to the original config.php file from the new one? (The instructions tell me to copy the original file, overwriting the new one.)

And then when it says, "Look at config-defaults.php for new parameters you might want," how do I know what parameters I might want?

I am scared I will screw something up here and my new install won't work. Is there a simpler set of instructions for someone like me who doesn't write PHP and is afraid to mess with parameters?

I just want to get the upgrade going. Thanks for any advice!

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by c_schmitz - 2008/06/23 19:30

Hi!

Don't worry.

You can ignore config-defaults for now.
Just update the existing parameter in config.php.

The parameters in config-defaults are explained in the code.
Only `_if_` you want to adjust one of the advanced parameters in config-defaults.php then you copy that parameter over to config.php and change it there.

regards

Carsten

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/23 19:39

Hey Carsten - thanks for the reply!

When you say "update the existing parameter in config.php," am I able to simply copy the original file to overwrite the new one? Or are there some parameters in the new file that I MUST add to the original one before I overwrite it? (Hoping that makes sense.)

Thank you for your lightning fast reply!!

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by c_schmitz - 2008/06/23 20:11

If your previous version was 1.70 it should be safe to copy it over.

There are NO changes you MUST add.

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/23 20:36

Perfect! Thank you!!!

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/23 21:03

Okay... now I feel stupid. I'm trying to Run the installer in admin/install/index.php. How the heck do I do this? From my server? From my desktop (where it's not able to open the file because it's .php)? There isn't a Run feature on my server cPanel!

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/23 23:18

Can anybody help? I'm missing something... I don't understand how to run the installer.

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by Merk - 2008/06/23 23:45

I actually didn't have to when I upgraded today. However, to run the installer just simply go to the php file online with whatever browser you use.

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/23 23:46

Okay... I figured out to access the file via my browser, but it says my database is up to date, and then it says "Everything is fine - you just forgot to delete or rename your LimeSurvey installation directory (/admin/install)."

I swear I have read the appropriate section in the manual...it doesn't say anything about deleting or renaming my admin/install directory.

I'm also wondering why the new database didn't "run" and update.

Seriously... any help would be greatly appreciated. I'm sure I will feel dumb and hit myself in the forehead for not seeing it. But right now I really do need help getting this. I don't want to screw it up.

Thank you.

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/23 23:48

Ah, thanks Merk. What sort of result did you get when you ran the file in the browser? Did it say you were already up to date? Or did you get prompts to upgrade?

Thanks for your response!!

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by Merk - 2008/06/23 23:48

I'm in the same boat, it said everything was fine.

Deleting the /admin/install directory is a normal part of the installation process, upgrade or not. That's probably why it wasn't in the updating instructions.

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/23 23:50

Ohh...okay. Good to know. It's been a long time since I've worked with sever installations, etc., so I didn't realize that. I'm used to, you know, software installations!! :) Thanks so much for the info. I really appreciate it!!

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/24 00:01

Hey Merk, can I ask you something else that will probably be a simple answer for you? On the original download page, there were actually 4 sets of files, including ONE .zip file. According to the manual, all the instructions dealt with the files in the .zip folder. What are the other 3 for?

Thanks for the education!!

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by Merk - 2008/06/24 00:05

Different ways of archiving the same information. The .7z is smaller than the .zip, but not everyone may be able to extract the files from .7z.

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/24 01:18

Sweet - got it! Thanks!!

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/24 10:15

firedancer wrote:

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If you are missing some information in the manual feel free to improve it yourself. Our manual is a wiki, everyone can edit it and you can't do much wrong.

So if you miss anything in the manual and you found out how to do it please add this information. Thanks!

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Re:Upgrade installation help for Non-PHP writer!

Posted by firedancer - 2008/06/24 18:59

Will do, Mazi! Thanks!!

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