

# *myPHP Guestbook*®

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## **Update Notes *myPHP Guestbook* v.4.10.9**

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## 1. Introduction

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The following sections describe the individual steps how to upgrade an existing older version of *myPHP Guestbook* to the current version. To find out what changes have been made in the script versions since 4.0 up to the current version, see <<https://www.php-guestbook.de/start.changelog.php>>.

Support for the versions from 4.x (MySQLi) of the guestbook is available at <<https://www.php-guestbook.de/>>

Before updating the guestbook, you should read the following notes and the "ReadMe.pdf" attached to the download.

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## 2. Disclaimer

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## 3. How-to-do:

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### 3.1. Note before an update

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- If there are any problems after an update, they can be traced back to the fact that **either a necessary database update has not been made or not all modified files listed below have been renewed**. So please read carefully what you need to do in order to update from your previous version to the current one and exchange all the files that are listed, then there will be no problems.
- The range of functions of the program was successively extended, which required additional PHP and/or image files. You may come across files where you are convinced that you do not need them for your needs. **However, to avoid unnecessary error messages, e.g. in the admin control panel, I strongly recommend uploading all the files listed below to the server.**

- Users who have made individual background colors, entries for the width or alignment of the guestbook etc., or who have made changes to the template or CSS style you use, are recommended to note these changes carefully **before** a database update or to copy them into a text file in order to be able to easily restore them **after** the database update if necessary.
- As of v. 4.7.0, the program checks which algorithms for hashing the admin password are available on the server side. The password is then converted into a hash using the best possible algorithm and, if necessary, using an individually generated "salt" attachment. In case of a new installation, this is done automatically.

**In order for the existing password to be converted into the best possible hash string when updating from one of the previous versions < 4.7.0, the admin password and the admin user name must be re-entered in the course of a database update.**

Don't worry, it's child's play: After uploading all files from the "Install" folder, you just call up the corresponding start page ([http\[s\]://www.your-domain.com/your-guestbookfolder/install/](http[s]://www.your-domain.com/your-guestbookfolder/install/)), click on the bottom button for the "Database update", select your currently installed guestbook version on the new page and enter your admin user name and your admin password in the fields below.

Then click on the Update button to adjust the database tables and reset the password. All this takes just a few seconds. If you forget to enter your name, password or the selection of your current version foreseen for the update, nothing will happen except the display of a warning message.

- Basically for each update, a current back up of the guestbook entries with the function "BackUp creation" of the *myPHP Guestbook* should be created and saved safely **before** uploading the new files.

### 3.2. Removed or renamed files

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- The external CSS files in the "admin" directory and in the main directory have been renamed with v.4.10.8, the javascript file in the "js" directory with v.4.10.6 to force a new loading of the current styles and the new javascript code by the browsers. Therefore, after uploading the new CSS and JS files, the old ones can be removed.
- The folder "**text\_dat**", which is in the download up to v.4.6.0, is no longer available with v.4.6.1 and can be deleted from the server. The license is now located in the "license" folder.
- The files "**us.php**", "**ch.php**" and "**at.php**" have been deleted in the "lang" folder; if they are still available from older versions, you can delete them.
- In the "images" folder, the two graphics "**links.gif**" and "**rechts.gif**" are no longer needed; they have been replaced by the two new graphics "**right.png**" and "**left.png**". The file "**flags-de-en-nl-pl-pt-cz-sk.png**" shall be replaced by "**2021-flags-de-en-fr-it-nl-pl-sv-pt-cz-sk.png**", the file "**transparent.jpg**" shall be replaced by "**tspt.jpg**".
- In the folder "includes" the file "**idna\_convert.class.php**" is dropped with v.4.10.0.

- In the "admin" directory, six files have been dropped with v.4.10.7 and can be deleted: "default\_template.php", "delete\_template.php", "edit\_template.php", "edit\_template\_action.php", "make\_template.php" and "make\_template\_action.php". All these previous files are now united in the new "template.php".

### 3.3. Update of a version 1.x or 2.x => 4.10.9

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An update from one of the very old *myPHP Guestbook* versions 1.x or 2.x is not possible. A **complete new installation** must be carried out here. For more information see the "ReadMe.pdf".

### 3.4. Update of a version 3.x to 4.8.x => 4.10.9

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If you have installed one of the versions 3.x, 4.4., 4.5., 4.6., 4.7. or 4.8., you must/should update to the current version by exchanging/uploading **all** files from the download package (simply overwrite them), **with one exception**:

- the file: "**config.inc.php**" from the folder "includes" must **not** be uploaded/overwritten, because the database update requires the access data from this file!
- Please also include the files in the "images" directory (partially new)
 

including the icons for homepage, e-mail and stars, the latter can be found in the folder: „images“ => „icons“ => „email“ + „homepage“ + „stars“,
- the contents of the sub-directory "smilies" (partially new)
- and the files from the subdirectories "banner" and "examples".
- Do not forget the files in the subdirectory "flags" (main directory "includes") (partly new) and in the subdirectory "faq" (directory "admin") (new).

Please clear the browser cache after uploading or force a new loading of the page, so that the changed CSS files and the modified JS file are reloaded.

- The existing database tables do **not** have to be deleted, but a **database update MUST be made** and the "install" folder with all files must be uploaded,
 

... then please go to the "*.../install/index.php*" in your browser and follow the instructions there for the database update.
- **Please create a current BackUp of the guestbook entries after the update and check the "General configuration" settings → see section 4 below.**

### 3.5. Update version 4.9.x => 4.10.9

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If you have installed one of the versions 4.9., you have to exchange/upload the following files from the current package (just overwrite them):

#### From the „admin“ folder:

all files from the "admin" folder of the current package

including the files from the subfolder "faq".

#### From the „images“ folder:

##### Upload **4** new files, namely:

2021-flags-de-en-fr-it-nl-pl-sv-pt-cz-sk.png	(→ New since v.4.10.8)
login-sprite.png	(→ New since v.4.9.2/4.9.3)
permalink.png	(→ New since v.4.10.0)
tspt.jpg	(→ New since v.4.9.3)

##### additional subfolder „examples“:

upload the new file „templ\_wide2black.jpg“ (→ New since v.4.10.7)

#### From the folder „includes“:

→ **IMPORTANT !!**

##### Upload a total of **8** new files, namely:

functions.inc.php	
lang.inc.php	
mail.header.inc.php	
search.inc.php	(→ New since v.4.10.0)
settings.inc.php	(→ New since v.4.10.6)
spam.mail.php	
spamfilter.php	
stats.inc.php	

##### additional subfolder „flags“:

upload **all** files from the „flags“ directory of the current package

(Attention! With v.4.10.8 three new flags were added)

#### From the „js“ folder:

upload the new file "gbook.func-00-05032021.js " of the current package

#### From the „lang“ folder:

upload **all** files from the „lang“ directory of the current package

**Main folder / top level:**

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**Upload a total of 6 new files, namely:**

bbcodes.php  
header.php  
index.php  
insert.php  
mygbook-style-4108.css  
pic.upload.php

**From the „install“ folder:**

all files

- The existing database tables do **not** have to be deleted, but a **database update MUST be made** and the "install" folder with all files must be uploaded,  
... then please go to the ".../install/index.php" in your browser and follow the instructions there for the database update.
- **Please create a current BackUp of the guestbook entries after the update and check the "General configuration" settings → see section 4 below.**

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**3.6. Update version 4.10.0 to 4.10.6 => 4.10.9**

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If you have installed one of the versions 4.10.0 to 4.10.6, you have to exchange/upload the following files from the current package (just overwrite them):

**From the „admin“ folder:**

all files from the "admin" folder of the current package

including the files from the subfolder "faq".

**From the „images“ folder:**

**Upload 1 new file:**

2021-flags-de-en-fr-it-nl-pl-sv-pt-cz-sk.png (→ New since v.4.10.8)

**additional subfolder „examples“:**

upload the new file „templ\_wide2black.jpg“ (→ New since v.4.10.7)

**From the folder „includes“:**

**→ IMPORTANT !!**

functions.inc.php  
settings.inc.php

spamfilter.php  
spam.mail.php  
search.inc.php  
stats.inc.php

**additional subfolder „flags“:**

upload **all** files from the „flags“ directory of the current package  
**(Attention! With v.4.10.8 three new flags were added)**

**From the „js“ folder:**

upload the new file "**gbook.func-00-05032021.js**" of the current package  
*(only required for update from 4.10.0 to 4.10.5)*

**From the „lang“ folder:**

upload **all** files from the „lang“ directory of the current package

**Main folder / top level:**

**→ IMPORTANT !!**

**Upload a total of **6** new files, namely:**

bbcodes.php  
header.php  
index.php  
insert.php  
mygbook-style-4108.css  
pic.upload.php

**From the „install“ folder:**

- Changes to the SQL database tables are not mandatory compared to versions 4.10.0 to 4.10.6.

With v.4.10.7, another template in black, based on the already known template "Wide2", including associated CSS was added to the download. If you want to use this new template, you have to do a database update and upload and execute the files from the directory "install".

If you do not perform a complete new installation, but only the offered function "Database update to v.4.10.8", only the new template with CSS will be written into the corresponding database tables; the existing entries of the previous templates and styles will not be deleted, so that possible individual changes remain.



### 3.7. Update version 4.10.7 or 4.10.8 => 4.10.9

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If you have installed the version 4.10.7 or 4.10.8, you have to exchange/upload the following files from the current package (just overwrite them):

#### From the „admin“ folder:

all files from the "admin" folder of the current package

including the files from the subfolder "faq".

#### From the „images“ folder:

##### Upload **1** new file:

2021-flags-de-en-fr-it-nl-pl-sv-pt-cz-sk.png

(→ New since v.4.10.8)

#### From the folder „includes“:

→ **IMPORTANT !!**

functions.inc.php

spam.mail.php

spamfilter.php

##### additional subfolder „flags“:

upload **all** files from the „flags“ directory of the current package

(Attention! With v.4.10.8 three new flags were added)

#### From the „lang“ folder:

upload **all** files from the „lang“ directory of the current package

#### Main folder / top level:

→ **IMPORTANT !!**

##### Upload a total of **4** new files, namely:

index.php

insert.php

mygbook-style-4108.css

pic.upload.php

#### From the „install“ folder:

Changes to the SQL database tables are not required compared to version 4.10.7. The files from the "install" folder are therefore not required and should not be uploaded.

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### 3.8. Update of an „include“-Version => 4.10.9

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If you have included one of the previous versions of the *myPHP Guestbook* with the extension package provided under <<https://www.php-guestbook.de>>, you have to exchange/re-upload the following files from the current "include"-download **in addition** to the above mentioned files from the download v. 4.10.9:

#### From the "admin" folder of the include download:

admin.php  
logout.php

#### From the „includes“ folder of the include download:

lang.inc02.php  
spam.mail02.php  
spamfilter02.php

#### Main folder / top level of the include download:

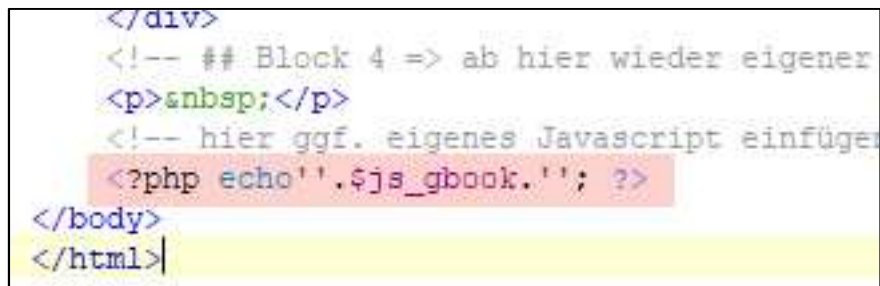
gbook.body.php  
gbook.head.php  
insert.body.php  
insert.head.php  
style.myphpgb.php

### Attention!

In order to make the Javascript code newly inserted with v.4.10.4 **and extended with v.4.10.6** also available in the "include" version, open after the upload of the files listed above the file "gbook.php" lying on the top level of your web space with an editor and insert there, so far not yet present, at the end of the page immediately before the closing </body> tag still the following code:

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<?php echo' '.$js_gbook.' ' ; ?>
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For further illustration see the red highlighted part of the screenshot:



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</div>
<!-- ## Block 4 => ab hier wieder eigener
<p>&nbsp;</p>
<!-- hier ggf. eigenes Javascript einfügen
<?php echo' '.$js_gbook.' ' ; ?>
</body>
</html>
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... and the source code of the file "gbook.php" from the current download.

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\*\*\* **Note:** \*\*\*

If you are using the "include" version after updating **from one of the *myPHP Guestbook* versions < 4.5.6** and seeing PHP errors after the update, please check the following first:

- Download the file "config.inc.php" from the folder "includes" from the server to your own computer and open it there with an editor.
- If there is a variable named

`$url02 = " "; // url to use by "include"`

in the file "config.inc.php", and is this variable assigned the correct (absolute) path to your website?

- If not, please make up for it, for example:

`$url02 = "http://www.example.com/"; // url to use by "include"`

#### 4. After updating to V. 4.10.9 note the following:

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- For the quote function, which has been changed as of v.4.10.7, a session must be created for server-side caching of the quoted entry, which is why a corresponding session cookie is stored on the user's end device for correct assignment. However, the cookie only contains a random ID generated by the server, no content suitable for tracking or identification. It also expires automatically when the browser is closed and is therefore harmless in terms of data protection. However, it should be specified in a Privacy Policy. For more details, after installation or update, see the "*Privacy and the myPHP Guestbook*" section under the "*Help*" link in the Admin Panel.
- Because of the possible setup of a 2-factor authentication for login into the Admin Panel as of v.4.10.6, please read after the update in the Admin Area under the link "*Help*" in section IV. "*Usage notes*" the explanations to the paragraph under point 3. "*Admin Control Panel*".

2-factor authentication is **not** enabled after the update, so you can log in as usual.

**Before you enable this feature, make sure that automatic email sending via PHP works with the script!**

- Since v.4.10.8 the CSS file in the "admin" directory is called "**admin-style-4108.css**" and in the main directory "**mygbook-style-4108.css**"; the extended new external javascript file in the "js" directory is called "**gbook.func-00-05032021.js**" since v.4.10.6. The former, old CSS files and the old JS file can be removed.

Also the file "idna\_convert.class.php" in the directory "includes" is no longer needed since v.4.10.0 and can be deleted.

- In the directory "admin" with version 4.10.7 a total of six files in connection with the editing of templates were combined in one file and partly renewed, because there were temporary function problems with the previous ones under PHP8. The new file is called "template.php", the six omitted files can be deleted. See above section 3.2. at the end, page 4 above.
- As soon as you have uploaded the necessary files for version 4.10.9 and - **if necessary** - made the database update, please log in to the admin area and first of all click on the link "*General Configuration*" **to check the release or hide the different input fields and to change them if necessary.**
- If the general configuration settings have been checked and if necessary adjusted, **click on in the second step on the link "*Edit template*"** and check there the defaults for the template used by you.

When updating a version <4.10.0, the various "template" templates are automatically renewed in the course of the necessary database update, and when updating a version <4.9.0, the CSS styles are automatically renewed as well. **The settings in your previous installation, e.g. for the width of the guestbook, its orientation on the website, background and font colors etc. or changes to the CSS will be overwritten and must be renewed after the update as needed.**

**Under no circumstances** should you simply insert your possibly copied CSS or the HTML code of a template from one of the previous script versions after the update to 4.10.7 and thus overwrite the new code. The structure of some templates and relatively large parts of the CSS have been fundamentally changed for better performance and because of the new font design options in some areas, so you should check exactly which parts of your individual customizations you still need and how to use them.

**Please note!** ➔ If you have previously made changes to the CSS because of

- font family and/or
- font size and/or
- link or link hover color and/or
- width of the form for new entries (insert.php)

this is **no longer necessary as of v. 4.9.0 in case of doubt.** First check the new configuration options under the link "Edit template"!

- After the update you should immediately make a new, current Backup of the entries with the function "Create Backup" of the *myPHP Guestbook*.
- The Smileys/Emojis were revised with v.4.8.0. In particular, a total of **6 uncommon files have been removed** ("chef.gif", "frown.gif" and "sex.gif" as well as the three animal icons: "monkey", "cow", "pig").

For this purpose **4 new files were added** („smalec.gif" [BBCode: **:smalec:**], „consent.gif" [BBCode: **:consent:**], „heart.png" [BBCode: **:heart:**] and „rolleyes.gif" [BBCode: **:rolleyes:**] ). This results in a different height of the pop-up window for calling further smileys.

Since many users use their own Smileys, however, the entries in the table with the smileys **are not changed** during the database update.

If you want to make the four new Smileys or icons available and also want to remove the six files not contained in the current download, please use the function "Add Smiley" or "Delete Smiley" in the admin panel.

## 5. What has changed

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If you are interested in further details about the changes of previous versions, please refer to the page <<https://www.php-guestbook.de/start.changelog.php>>.

## 6. License

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