



EFED MANAGEMENT SUITE RELEASE NOTES

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INFORMATION

These release notes are for the Efed Management Suite (eMS) version 2.8.0. This version was released on or around 04.28.2026 by Ben Hall Productions as a **STABLE** release.

The update version of this release is available via the eMS Update Center inside of the eMS Admin Dashboard. The fresh installation package for new users can be found at <https://efedmanagementsuite.com>.

This release may include a new Cron Job or Cron Jobs to be added to your hosting server. Please ensure to review all sections of this documentation to see if there are additional steps to be taken.

This release may affect files in the *User_Content* folder which you may have previously modified. Please do not delete the backup taken prior to updating until you are sure if manual adjustments are needed or not.

If you are unsure about completing this update yourself, you may email ben@benhallproductions.com to assist with this update for a fee of \$10. Access to your PhpMyAdmin and FTP will be required.

REQUIREMENTS

There are several requirements that must be met prior to attempting to update your installation of eMS to version 2.8.0

- You **MUST** be on at least version 2.5.5 to use this update. If you are not, you will need to visit <https://efedmanagementsuite.com> to acquire the update package(s) that will bring you to the minimum version. Attempting to update on any other version will more than certainly result in lost data either now or in the future. We can **NOT** help you recover lost or corrupted data by not following instructions.
- All steps must be followed completely and in order. Failure to do so will more than certainly result in lost data either now or in the future. We can **NOT** help you recover lost or corrupted data by not following instructions.

CHANGE LOG

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- Complete Admin Dashboard Overhaul
- API v1 Introduced
- Tournament Bracket Feature Added
- Promo Word Count Feature Added
- Scrolling Images Feature Added
- Promo Integrity Feature Added
- Hero Banner Feature Added
- Event Chapter Select View Feature Added
- Theme Music Functionality Update
- User Group Resetting When Editing User Bug Fixed
- Various Minor Bug Fixes

PREPERATION

Ensure that your copy of the Efed Management Suite is version 2.5.5 or higher in order to use the Update Manager.

INSTALLATION

Installation steps should be followed in order. For the installation or update guide eMS v2.8.0 please visit <https://efedmanagementsuite.com>.

If updating, you can also watch the video located at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghnICsMKGBM> for how to use the Update Center.

DIRECTORY PERMISSIONS

After installing Efed Management Suite version 2.8.0, confirm directory permissions and writability for your instance of the Efed Management Suite. To do this, you may use the new Folder Permission tool inside of the eMS v2.8.0 Admin Dashboard.

To get to the tool: Login as Webmaster -> Site Admin -> Folder Permissions.

CRON JOBS

Confirm that you have all Cron Jobs listed at <https://efedmanagementsuite.com/cron-jobs.php> to ensure automation. Make sure your path to PHP matches your server configuration. Cron

Jobs highlighted in **YELLOW** below are new to this release. More information on setting up Cron Jobs can be found on Google.

USER_CONTENT FILES CHANGED

This release has no *User_Content* files that have changed. If you had previously made changes to any of these files, you will need to add them back. We try hard not to update *User_Content* files, but occasionally files that ship with eMS in this folder need to be updated.

- Event
- Preview-Event
- Promo
- Promos

CUSTOM FUNCTIONS

Moving forward, all new and updated custom functions can be found at <https://efedmanagementsuite.com> and will not be included in installs or updates. You must go to the website to find custom-functions to use.

CLEAN UP

The following files and/or folders are either no longer needed for eMS or were accidentally included in a previous package. You should delete them in order to save room and have a cleaner structure. If an item listed below is not currently on your server, there is no action needed.

- admin/libs/template_system.zip
- admin/demoDB.php
- admin/error_log
- admin/finance_error.log
- admin/power_rankings.log
- admin/test.php
- css/frontendBU.css
- js/ckeditor5
- templates/mytemplate_deleted
- templates/Test2_deleted
- templates/Test_deleted
- user_content/.htaccess
- CHANGE LOG.txt
- .htaccess.txt
- sql.txt

- `version.php`

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Efed Management System (eMS) was inspired by Ross Fynmoore's Backstage 3 script, but written from the ground up by Ben Hall. The official website for eMS is <https://efedmanagementsuite.com> with additional information being made available, at times, at <https://ewplace.com>. Do not download any eMS files not from one of those two sites to avoid security risk.

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