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## New way to update Emby-Server ?

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May 14, 2018 in Linux

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Hello,

It's probably said many time, but what is the new way to update my emby-server without lose any config or data ? I don't want to lose special data (devices keys/hash not saved with the backup plugin)

Posted

May 14, 2018  
I'm run on Debian with an "apt-get" installation. No new version when i try the "apt-get update".

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Do you have a full procedure to upgrade to the further versions ?



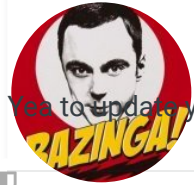
Solution



```
wget https://github.com/MediaBrowser/Emby.Releases/releases/download/3.4.1.0/emby-server-deb_
sudo service stop emby-server
sudo dpkg -i emby*
```

At least this is the way i do this and never had a problem with loosing any data.  
By the way the Link is a sample. normaly i grab them by right klick on the Link and than copy url.

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Yea to update you just install the latest over the top of your existing version. Thanks.

Posted  
May  
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Hey if you want I've created a script which can be used to do the update, It might not be perfect but it's working for me.

<https://gist.github.com/lunix33/4264570fb89963ea3a6425c88274483e>

Posted

May  
Just download and run (You'll need nodejs installed).  
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If you have error while doing library scan, try running the following command:

...

```
#> ln -s /var/lib/emby /var/lib/emby-server
```

...

The new version seem to be using a different folder in the lib directory, and be doing the last command you'll link.

If you have anything using the old path it will still work just fine, and the new emby version will work as expected!



Hi

I tried to update my emby-server this way but it crashed.

```
root@emby:~# /etc/init.d/emby-server status
```

● emby-server.service - **Emby Media Server**

**Loaded:** loaded (/lib/systemd/system/emby-server.service; enabled)

**Active:** failed (**Result: exit**-code) since **Mo** 2018-05-16 13:00:58 CEST; 14s ago

**Process:** 1023 **ExecStopPost**=/usr/bin/emby-server clear (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)

**Process:** 548 **ExecStart**=/usr/bin/emby-server start (code=exited, status=143)

**Main** PID: 548 (code=exited, status=143)

**Mai** 16 12:53:53 emby emby-server[548]: \_STATISTICS\_WRITING\_APP-eng: mkvmerge v20.0.0 ('I Am 1

**Mai** 16 12:53:53 emby emby-server[548]: \_STATISTICS\_WRITING\_DATE\_UTC: 2018-05-12 23:44:34

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**Mai** 16 13:00:58 emby systemd[1]: **Stopping Emby Media Server...**

**Mai** 16 13:00:58 emby systemd[1]: emby-server.service: main process exited, code=exited, status=143

**Mai** 16 13:00:58 emby emby-server[548]: **Sitzung** abgebrochen, **Shell** wird beendet ... .. abgebrochen

**Mai** 16 13:00:58 emby systemd[1]: **Stopped Emby Media Server.**

**Mai** 16 13:00:58 emby systemd[1]: **Unit** emby-server.service entered failed state.

```
root@emby:~# sudo dpkg -i emby*
```

(**Lese Datenbank** ... 43959 **Dateien** und **Verzeichnisse** sind derzeit installiert.)

**Vorbereitung** zum **Entpacken** von emby-server-deb\_3.4.1.0\_amd64.deb ...

**Stopping Emby Server!**

**Entpacken** von emby-server (3.4.1.0) über (3.3.1.0+68.1) ...

emby-server (3.4.1.0) wird eingerichtet ...

**Neue Version** der **Konfigurationsdatei** /etc/emby-server.conf wird installiert ...

**Neue Version** der **Konfigurationsdatei** /etc/init/emby-server.conf wird installiert ...

**Synchronizing** state **for** emby-server.service **with** sysvinit **using** update-rc.d...

**Executing** /usr/sbin/update-rc.d emby-server defaults

**Executing** /usr/sbin/update-rc.d emby-server enable

**Failed** to execute operation: **File** exists

**Trigger** für libc-bin (2.19-18+deb8u10) werden verarbeitet ...

If I now open the webif the installation wizard appears.

I tried it 3 times. :-(

Is there a way to fix this?

Edited May 16, 2018 by whytea



Now I also tried the above mentioned script.

The update seems to work but the configuration is gone and the installation wizard appears.

Posted

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On 5/15/2018 at 8:31 AM, linux33 said:

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```

...

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to

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Is there going to be an automated update path?

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With so many people reporting problems switching from mono builds I haven't done it yet.

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On 5/17/2018 at 6:48 AM, Letters said:



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Most likely yes, but you don't need to check the forums to be alerted of new releases. Your server will also tell you when a new release is available, right on the server dashboard.



On 5/17/2018 at 11:12 AM, Luke said:



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I was referring to the opensuse repo no longer being used, not the update notifications which work great. Good to hear there will likely be a hands-off solution.



On 5/17/2018 at 4:19 AM, arco said:



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```
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```

```
● emby-server.service - Emby Media Server
```

```
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/emby-server.service; enabled)
```

```
Active: active (running) since Mon 2018-05-16 16:02:18 CEST; 18h ago
```

```
Main PID: 501 (su)
```

```
CGroup: /system.slice/emby-server.service
```

```
└─501 su -s /bin/sh -c umask $0; exec "$1" "$@" emby -- 002 env MAGICK_HOME=/usr/lib/e
```

```
└─624 /usr/bin/mono-sgen --optimize=all /usr/lib/emby-server/bin/MediaBrowser.Server.M
```

```
Mai 16 16:04:50 emby emby-server[501]: NUMBER_OF_FRAMES: 118188
```

```
Mai 16 16:04:50 emby emby-server[501]: NUMBER_OF_FRAMES-eng: 118188
```

```
Mai 16 16:04:50 emby emby-server[501]: NUMBER_OF_BYTES : 36414826
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```
root@emby:~# ls -liah /var/lib/ | grep emby
```

```
149175 drwxr-xr-x 13 emby emby 4,0K Jun 6 2017 emby-server
```



Of course I've read other thread here to find a solution.

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Posted  
Tip this update I use this repo [http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/home:/emby/Debian\\_8.0/](http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/home:/emby/Debian_8.0/).

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✓ On 5/17/2018 at 5:27 PM, whytea said:

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Is this the legacy-package??

Yes it is.



✓ On 5/17/2018 at 4:51 PM, whytea said:

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The legacy package is set up to store data in /var/lib/emby-server, and the new package is set up to store it in /var/lib/emby

So, assuming you haven't upgraded yet:

Stop emby server (sudo systemctl stop emby-server)

Make a backup of your current /var/lib/emby-server, just in case

Uninstall the legacy package (sudo dpkg -r emby\*)

Search for any remaining emby files in /etc and delete them.

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Edit /etc/emby-server-conf and change the existing line to EMBY\_DATA=/var/lib/emby-server

Delete /var/lib/emby

Start emby-server (sudo systemctl start emby-server)

**Edited May 18, 2018 by arco**



✓ On 5/18/2018 at 2:21 AM, arco said:



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Thanks for that!

It seems to work fine!

May I delete /var/lib/emby now or is it still in use?

If it is still in use is there a way to merge /var/lib/emby-server and /var/lib/emby?

**Edited May 18, 2018 by whytea**



✓ On 5/18/2018 at 7:12 AM, whytea said:



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✓ On 5/18/2018 at 2:26 PM, arco said:

You can delete it.

Ok ;-)

Posted

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- stop emby

- delete **/var/lib/emby**

- rename **/var/lib/emby-server** to **/var/lib/emby**

- change the path in **/etc/emby-server.conf** back to **/var/lib/emby**

- start emby

Does that make sense in your opinion?



hmm I tried this but it does not work.

After I rename, changed the path most thumbnails in the video database are gone and if I try to change a thumbnail the emby-server crashes.

Posted

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After I changed all back everything works fine again.

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A bit confused about it! 🤔

Edited May 18, 2018 by whytea



✓ On 5/18/2018 at 2:54 PM, whytea said:

Ok ;-)

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Does that make sense in your opinion?

I wouldn't do that if I were you. The problem is that the path to your media is hard coded to emby-server in your old databases. So you'll end up with a broken system. Maybe there's a way to change all the paths in the databases, but if not then you're better off starting from fresh if you want to use /var/lib/emby



✓ On 5/18/2018 at 3:24 PM, arco said:



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2018  
Ok that explain it. thx again!



Did the same as above (Ubuntu 16.04 host). Everything worked out fine except: collections within movies are gone and became new library called "Collections" with content of original collections within original movie library... odd.

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Any idea how to avoid such behavior?  
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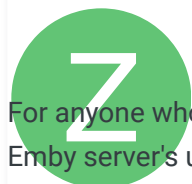
✓ On 5/19/2018 at 7:14 PM, Pasha1402 said:



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Any idea how to avoid such behavior?

Something similar happened for me too, and I couldn't figure out how to get my collections back. Probably need to set them up all over again. 🙄



For anyone who was using the old OpenSUSE APT repository and would like to keep using APT to keep their Emby server's up to date, I've built a [simple utility](#) that builds a [simple APT repository](#) from the official Emby \*.deb releases. Let me know if you have any issues.

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4 weeks later...



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Thank you for posting this. If I've already downloaded the 3.4.1.deb and use the dpkg -r emby\* command, will that command remove \*only\* installed packages? I.e., not the new one I just downloaded?

▼ On 6/22/2018 at 8:59 AM, nicheplayer said:



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Yes, it only removes what's installed.

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