



# EOP ASSIST 6.0

A Software Application for  
K-12 Public and Nonpublic Schools, School Districts,  
Regional Education Agencies, and State Education  
Agencies

## Installation Manual

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### Chapter 1: Overview

EOP ASSIST is a Web-accessible software application that allows school emergency management planning teams to develop and revise their school emergency operations plans (EOPs). The application includes various user roles and permissions, based on the type of institution hosting the application. EOP ASSIST was designed to be installed on any of the hosting levels described below. It is important to select the correct hosting level for your institution so that the application is installed correctly, and its accounts are set up correctly for your institution's needs.

- **State-/regional-level hosting** allows state education agencies (SEAs) (or regional education agencies—REAs), multiple school districts and their schools, and independent schools to have access to the application. Typically, an SEA or REA will host the application at this level so that all schools and school districts within its jurisdiction may log in to the application to develop and revise their school EOPs, which are stored on the state's or REA's server. Each education agency type has a different role in school emergency management planning, and, therefore, the personnel of each type have different roles within the application.
- **Local-level hosting** allows one school district and its schools to have access to the application, or an individual school, regardless of whether it is public or nonpublic, to host the application on its own server for itself. Only individuals from the school district office and schools throughout the school district may log in to the application to develop and revise their school EOPs, which are stored on the school district's server. If a school is hosting it for itself, then only individuals from that school's planning team may log in to the application to develop and revise their school EOP, which is stored on the school's server. Since school district personnel and school personnel have different roles in school emergency management planning, they have different roles within the application. Likewise, school administrators and school staff have different roles within the application.

This Web-accessible software application requires installation by information technology (IT) personnel onto a local server at an SEA, REA, school district, or individual school, as applicable. It is important for IT personnel responsible for installing EOP ASSIST to ensure that the connection between the server and clients is secure. EOP ASSIST is compatible with Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) security protocols. It requires the services of an HTTP Web server that supports PHP, a server-side scripting language, and a back-end database server. More information on technical requirements is provided in [Chapter 2](#) and is important to review before installing the application.

This *Installation Manual* covers preparing for installation, running the installation script, and identifying the steps that should be done after that. This manual focuses on getting the

software application up and running on a Web server environment of your choice, but it is not an exhaustive or definitive guide for setting up and configuring Web server environments. It provides basic information on installing and configuring select supported environments.

Once EOP ASSIST is installed on a server, IT personnel will need to create a URL that points to the application. Then individual users will be able to access EOP ASSIST through a Web browser using the URL. The application will run on most personal computers; more information on client access is provided in [Chapter 6](#). **Before you begin the installation process, please review the entire *Installation Manual* to ensure that you have met the requirements and are familiar with the instructions.**

### Chapter 2: Technical Requirements

#### Expertise Requirements of IT Personnel

IT personnel assigned to install the software are required to have an **intermediate level of expertise or knowledge related to networking, Web server, and database system configuration**. Specifically, the application should be installed by a skilled network administrator or system administrator who has experience in server configuration. To ensure connectivity between education institutions using EOP ASSIST, the network or system administrator of the server network needs to configure the firewall to make the server available to only applicable education institutions.

The REMS TA Center offers an alternative to setting up EOP ASSIST on and configuring existing or new servers. Available for download, a **packaged server image** has the software app **preconfigured in a Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP (LAMP) stack environment**. This will allow system administrators to get EOP ASSIST up and running in a very short amount of time. If you opt to use this option, please refer to [Appendix A](#) to set up the server and skip to [Initialize EOP ASSIST](#).

#### Server Requirements

The REMS TA Center designed EOP ASSIST to be compatible with multiple server environments to meet the needs of schools, school districts, REAs, SEAs, and their partner organizations in the field of school emergency management. The software application is not compatible with all server environments, however, so education institutions that choose to install EOP ASSIST must ensure that their server meets the following requirements. IT personnel may choose to install the server software independently or download a preconfigured Accessibility Management Platform (AMP) environment.

#### Operating System

EOP ASSIST was designed to be installed on a server using one of the following three types of operating systems: **Linux**, which is free and open sourced and is offered in a plethora of distributions; **Microsoft Windows**, which the REMS TA Center found is commonly used by education institutions across the United States; and **Mac OS X/macOS**, which the REMS TA Center found is also commonly used by education institutions across the United States. This software application is currently supported on the following operating system versions:

Operating System	Oldest Compatible Release	Latest Compatible Release
Linux	N/A	N/A
Microsoft Windows	Server 2012	Server 2019
Mac OS X/ macOS	Mac OS X 10.10 Yosemite	macOS 10.15 Catalina

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EOP ASSIST is compatible with all Linux distributions that can run the compatible Web server software, relational database management system (RDBMS), and scripting language listed in this document. To download the latest versions of the above operating systems, which includes reviewing their respective system requirements and installation instructions, please access the following:

- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/cloud-platform/windows-server>
- <https://www.apple.com/macOS/catalina/>

**Please Note:** At the time that this software application was released, macOS 11 Big Sur was not yet available, so the REMS TA Center was unable to test EOP ASSIST 6.0 on it. While the REMS TA Center cannot guarantee that the operating system is compatible, the REMS TA Center anticipates that the required Web server software, RDBMS, and scripting language listed in this document will not fail on future minor operating system upgrades.

### Web Server Software

EOP ASSIST was designed to be installed on a server using one of two Web server software: **Apache HTTP Server**, which is free and open sourced, or **Internet Information Services (IIS)**, which the REMS TA Center found is commonly used by education institutions across the United States. The EOP ASSIST software application is currently supported on the following Web server software versions:

Web Server Software	Oldest Compatible Release	Latest Compatible Release
Apache HTTP Server	2.2.0	2.4.x
Internet Information Services (IIS)	7	10

To download the latest versions of the above Web server software, which includes reviewing their respective system requirements and installation instructions, please access the following:

- <https://httpd.apache.org/download.cgi>
- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=48264>

**Please note:** At the time this software application was released, Apache HTTP Server 2.5 and IIS 11 were not yet available. Therefore, the REMS TA Center does not support EOP ASSIST 6.0 on Apache HTTP Server 2.5 or IIS 11.

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### *Relational Database Management System (RDBMS)*

EOP ASSIST was designed to be installed on a server using one of the following two RDBMSs: **MySQL**, which is free and open sourced, or **Microsoft SQL Server**, which the REMS TA Center found is commonly used by education institutions across the United States. EOP ASSIST is currently supported on the following RDBMS versions:

RDBMS	Oldest Compatible Release	Latest Compatible Release
MySQL	5.6.1	8.0.21
Microsoft SQL Server	2005	2019

To download the latest RDBMS versions, which includes reviewing their respective system requirements and installation instructions, please access the following:

- <https://www.mysql.com/downloads/>
- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/sql-server/sql-server-2019>

**Please note:** At the time this software application was released, Microsoft SQL Server 2020 and MySQL 8.1 were not yet available. Therefore, the REMS TA Center does not support EOP ASSIST 6.0 on Microsoft SQL Server 2020 or MySQL 8.1.

### *Scripting Language*

EOP ASSIST was built using **PHP**, a popular scripting language. This software application is currently supported on the following scripting language versions:

Scripting Language	Oldest Compatible Release	Latest Compatible Release
PHP	7.2	7.4.x

To download the latest version of the above scripting language, which includes reviewing its system requirements and installation instructions, please access the following:

- <https://php.net/downloads.php>

**Please note:** PHP 7.2 will be supported until November 2020; PHP 7.3 will be supported until December 2021; and PHP 7.4 will be supported until November 2022. At the time this software application was released, PHP 7.5 was not yet available. Therefore, the REMS TA Center does not support EOP ASSIST 6.0 on PHP 7.5.

### Configuration Requirements

Please confirm that you have the following files and folders in your **Web root directory** (or the directory where EOP ASSIST is installed):

1. **application/** (directory);
2. **assets/** (directory);
3. **system/** (directory);
4. **uploads/** (directory);
5. **.htaccess** (file), which will be hidden on Unix systems (if this is the case, use the command line);
6. **index.php** (file); and
7. **web.config** (file).

### PHP

It is imperative that PHP is configured correctly for EOP ASSIST to work. Please confirm that the following PHP libraries are installed and enabled:

- DOM
- GD extension for graphics
- json
- libXML
- mbstring
- mysql (*even if using Microsoft SQL Server*)
- MySQLi (*even if using Microsoft SQL Server*)
- mysqlnd
- PCRE (Perl Compatible Regular Expressions)
- PDO\_mysql (*even if using Microsoft SQL Server*)
- PDO\_SQLSRV (*only if using Microsoft SQL Server*)
- Session
- sqlsrv (*only if using Microsoft SQL Server*)
- Standard
- XML
- Zip

To confirm that each of the above-required PHP libraries are installed and enabled, please do the following:

1. Navigate to <http://localhost/app/phpinfo> in a Web browser. This Web page should generate an output report with all the loaded PHP libraries.
2. Review the output report and confirm that all the required PHP libraries are installed and enabled.

If you are missing any of the required PHP libraries, please do the following:

1. Open the configuration file (php.ini).
2. Find and uncomment each of the required libraries, as applicable.
3. Save the configuration file.
4. Restart the Web server.

If you are missing any PHP libraries and cannot find them in the configuration file, please do the following:

1. Download the latest compatible version of PHP from <http://php.net/downloads.php>.
2. Install the PHP package.
3. Open the configuration file.
4. Uncomment each of the required libraries, as applicable.
5. Save the configuration file.
6. Restart the Web server.

Please confirm the following:

1. **CGI** is enabled.
2. PHP is configured to run as **FastCGI**.

***Please note:** Most of the default-enabled modules that come with PHP are recommended.*

### **MySQL**

MySQL should be set up with the following environmental variables:

- Server charset: **UTF-8 Unicode (utf8)**
- Database collation: **utf8\_general\_ci**
- Preferred storage engine: **InnoDB**

### **Microsoft SQL Server**

Microsoft SQL Server generally does not need to be set up with any environmental variables other than those already defaulted with the software. Only if your server environment is using **Microsoft Windows Server with IIS** must the following be installed:

- **Microsoft ODBC Driver 11 for SQL Server**
  - To download this driver, please access <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=36434> or search the Microsoft Website for the driver. Download the 64-bit version only if you have a 64-bit platform. Likewise, download the 32-bit version only if you have a 32-bit platform.
- **Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio 2012 Update 4**

- To download this package, please access <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=30679> or search the Microsoft Website for the package.

### *Apache HTTP Server*

If you are using Apache HTTP Server as your Web server software, please confirm that you have met the following requirements:

1. The **mod\_rewrite** module is installed and enabled.
  - If you are using **WAMP** on a Microsoft Windows operating system, please do the following:
    - i. Navigate to **C:\wamp\bin\apache\apache2.x.x\conf**
    - ii. Open the **httpd.conf** file using a text editor or word pad.
    - iii. Find and uncomment (remove the hashtag preceding the line) the following line:  
`LoadModule rewrite_module modules/mod_rewrite.so`
    - iv. Save the file.
    - v. Restart Apache.
  - If you are using a **Unix** operating system, please do the following:
    - i. Navigate to **/etc/apache2/httpd.conf**
    - ii. Open the **httpd.conf** file using a text editor or word pad.
    - iii. Find and uncomment (remove the hashtag preceding the line) the following line:  
`LoadModule rewrite_module libexec/apache2/mod_rewrite.so`
    - iv. Save the file.
    - v. Restart Apache.
  - If you are using **XAMPP** on a Mac OS X/macOS operating system, please do the following:
    - i. Use the Read Me program to navigate to where the configuration file is stored.
    - ii. Open the **httpd.conf** file.
    - iii. Find and uncomment (remove the hashtag preceding the line) the following line:  
`LoadModule rewrite_module modules/mod_rewrite.so`
    - iv. Save the file.
    - v. Restart Apache.
2. The **AllowOverride** directive is set to All.
  - Open your **httpd.conf** Apache configuration file.
  - Find and uncomment the following line, and confirm that it is set correctly:  
`AllowOverride = All`
  - Do this for the document root directory.

- If you are installing EOP ASSIST as a virtual host, do the same for the **virtual host directory** settings.

```
DocumentRoot "path/to/your/root/directory"  
<Directory "path/to/your/root/directory">  
...  
    # commented directives  
    Options FollowSymLinks Multiviews  
    AllowOverride All  
...  
</Directory>
```

To configure and enable Apache modules, please refer to the following documentation:

- <https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.2/configuring.html>

### *Microsoft Windows Server With IIS*

If you are using Microsoft Windows Server with IIS as your Web server software, please confirm that you have met the following requirements:

1. The **URL\_rewrite** module is installed and enabled and contains two directives. To download this module, please access <http://www.iis.net/downloads/microsoft/url-rewrite>.
  - Confirm that the **web.config** file is in your document root and that it has directives.
  - Delete all the EOP files from the document root.
  - Paste all the EOP files that you just deleted back into the document root.
  - Restart your server.
  - Navigate to the **IIS Manager** and confirm that you have directives for URL\_rewrite.
  - Click **Sites > Default Website > URL Rewrite**.
  - Confirm that you have two rules (e.g., **Imported Rule 1** and **Imported Rule 2**).
  - Navigate to the **server root** (wwwroot).
  - Confirm that the **web.config** file is located in the server root.
  - Open the **web.config** file, and confirm that it has the correct directives inside:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
<configuration>  
    <system.webServer>  
        <rewrite>  
            <rules>  
                <rule name="Imported Rule 1"  
stopProcessing="true">  
                    <match url="^(.*)$" ignoreCase="false" />  
                    <conditions logicalGrouping="MatchAll">  
                        <add input="{URL}" pattern="^system.*"
```

```
ignoreCase="false" />
    </conditions>
    <action type="Rewrite" url="/index.php?{R:1}"
/>
</rule>
<rule name="Imported Rule 2"
stopProcessing="true">
    <match url="^(.*)$" ignoreCase="false" />
    <conditions logicalGrouping="MatchAll">
        <add input="{REQUEST_FILENAME}"
matchType="IsFile" ignoreCase="false" negate="true" />
        <add input="{REQUEST_FILENAME}"
matchType="IsDirectory" ignoreCase="false" negate="true" />
        <add input="{R:1}"
pattern="^(index\.php|images|robots\.txt|css|uploads|assets)"
ignoreCase="false" negate="true" />
    </conditions>
    <action type="Rewrite" url="index.php?{R:1}"
/>
</rule>
</rules>
</rewrite>
```

2. PHP is configured to run as **FastCGI**.
3. The **Non-Thread Safe** PHP package is installed from php.net.
4. **CGI** is enabled, and the CGI directives are set correctly.
  - Open your php.ini, and confirm that you have the following CGI directives set correctly:

```
cgi.force_redirect = 0
cgi.fix_pathinfo = 1
fastcgi.impersonate = 1
fastcgi.logging = 0
```
5. **Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio 2012 Update 4** is installed. To download this package, please access <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=30679>. Please note that sometimes the x64 version won't work, so you may need to install both x64 and x32.
6. **Microsoft® ODBC Driver 11 for SQL Server®** is installed. To download this driver, please access <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=36434> or search the Microsoft Website for the driver.

### Connectivity

Network connectivity between servers and schools is required for the application to be used by individual users. To ensure privacy and cybersecurity, a secure connection between servers and individual users is also required. The application uses standard Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) port (443) to connect between browser and server. Port 443, therefore, needs to be enabled on the institution's firewall, as applicable, for this application to operate.

### Chapter 3: Installation Instructions

#### Set Up Server Environment

EOP ASSIST supports three Web server environments. Please choose to set up the server environment of your choice.

- **Apache HTTP Server with MySQL and PHP.** This server environment is recommended by the REMS TA Center. For basic configuration information, see [Appendix B](#).
- **Microsoft Windows Server with IIS, MySQL, and PHP.** For basic configuration information, see [Appendix C](#) and [Appendix E](#).
- **Microsoft Windows Server with IIS, Microsoft SQL Server, and PHP.** For basic configuration information, see [Appendix D](#) and [Appendix E](#).

#### Set Up a Database and Privileged User

After configuring your Web server and PHP to work with an RDBMS, you will need to create a database.

1. Create a new database named **eopassist**.
2. Create a user account for the application, and grant it all privileges to the **eopassist** database that you just created.

#### *MySQL*

If you are using MySQL as your RDBMS, there are several free database management tools that you may use for database administration. These tools include the following:

- **phpMyAdmin**—a free Web application tool for MySQL database administration. This tool may be downloaded from <https://www.phpmyadmin.net/>.
- **MySQL Workbench**—a powerful and unified visual tool that provides an interface for easily administering MySQL environments. This tool may be downloaded from <https://www.mysql.com/products/workbench/>.
- **MySQL Command Shell**—the built-in MySQL command-line tool that comes with MySQL and can be used to perform administrative tasks. This tool may be downloaded from <https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/shell/>.
- **Webmin MySQL Module**—a Web application like phpMyAdmin, but less powerful. This tool may be downloaded from <http://www.webmin.com>.

#### *Microsoft SQL Server*

If you are using Microsoft SQL Server as your RDBMS, you may use the following tool for database administration:

- **SQL Server Management Studio**—an integrated tool that may be used to perform administrative tasks. This tool may be downloaded from <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/mt238290.aspx>.

### Download EOP ASSIST Files

After registering for EOP ASSIST at <https://rems.ed.gov/EOPASSIST.aspx>, you will receive an email with a link to a hidden Web page and instructions for downloading the application files in a compressed (zipped) folder. Download and unzip the installation package. The installation package is in a directory called **EOP\_ASSIST\_PKG** and will include the following files and folders:

- **application/** (directory)
- **assets/** (directory)
- **system/** (directory)
- **uploads/** (directory)
- **.htaccess** (file), which will be hidden on Unix systems (if this is the case, use the command line)
- **index.php** (file)
- **web.config** (file)

### Configure EOP ASSIST

On the Linux and Mac OS X/macOS operating systems, confirm that the Apache user has read/write access to the main application directory. Then do the following:

1. Copy all the files in the **EOP\_ASSIST\_PKG** folder to the root Web directory. This could be **htdocs** for Apache, **wwwroot** for IIS, or any virtual directory, depending on your Web server setup.
2. Grant read/write access to the **Apache** or **IIS service user** on the following file and folder:

```
application/config/settings.php  
uploads/
```

### Initialize EOP ASSIST

Next, you will need to run an install script that will set up the database tables and initialize the application. Make sure you have created a database and a database user before you continue.

1. Open your Web browser, and navigate to the following URL: <http://localhost/install>.
2. You will see the **Installation Wizard**.
  - If you do not see the EOP ASSIST 6.0 Installation screen, please refer to [Configuration Requirements](#) and confirm that your server environment is configured correctly.

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### Choose Hosting Level

1. Select the correct level of hosting—state-/regional-level hosting or local-level hosting—for your institution.
  - **State-/regional-level hosting** means an SEA is hosting the application for schools and school districts in the state or an REA is hosting the application for schools and school districts in the region.
  - **Local-level hosting** means that a school district or individual school is hosting the application for schools in the school district or for the individual school.
2. Click the **Save and Continue** button.

Thank you for using the U.S. Department of Education's and its Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center's free and Web-accessible software application for public and nonpublic schools to create and update high-quality school emergency operations plans (EOPs). Supporting resources for using EOP ASSIST can be found on the [REMS TA Center Website](#).

For more information about or to receive technical support using EOP ASSIST, please contact the REMS TA Center at [info@remstacenter.org](mailto:info@remstacenter.org) or via our toll-free telephone number, 1-855-781-REMS [7367]. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

### Choose Hosting Level

► Choose Hosting Level

- Verify System Requirements
- Set Up Database
- Set Up Super Administrator
- Identify Program Administrator
- Finalize Installation

\* Required Field

State/Regional Level  
Please select this option if you are a state agency or regional education agency installing EOP ASSIST and hosting it for schools and school districts in your state or region.

Local Level  
Please select this option if you are a school or school district installing EOP ASSIST and hosting it for your local education agency.

[Save and Continue](#)

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### Verify System Requirements

1. The system will then run a system requirements verification check to make sure that you have all the technologies and dependency PHP libraries needed to run EOP ASSIST.
2. Click the **Save and Continue** button.

The screenshot displays the 'Verify System Requirements' screen of the EOP ASSIST 6.0 installation. On the left, a sidebar lists installation steps: 'Choose Hosting Level' (checked), 'Verify System Requirements' (active), 'Set Up Database', 'Set Up Super Administrator', 'Identify Program Administrator', and 'Finalize Installation'. Below the sidebar, a 'Required Field' section is visible. The main content area shows the following information:

- Verify System Requirements**
- PHP Version: 7.3.8
- Required PHP Extensions and Libraries**: All required libraries installed and loaded successfully.
- File Permissions**: Write permissions of required files are set.
- Warning**:
  - `sqlsrv` -- Not loaded, Required for MS SQL SERVER
  - `pdo_sqlsrv` -- Not loaded, Required for MS SQL SERVER
- Save and Continue** button.

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### Set Up Database

1. Enter the server and database information into the appropriate fields.
  - Select the type of database you are using. This should be either **MySQL** or **SQL Server**.
  - The **database host** is the machine or server IP that hosts the database. If your database is hosted on the same server machine, type **localhost** or **127.0.0.1** in the field. Otherwise, enter the database server IP address in the field.
  - Enter the **name** of the database you created earlier. This name should be **eopassist**. If you are using the prepackaged server image, the name will be **eop\_db**.
  - Enter the **username** of the database. If you are using the prepackaged server image, the username will be **u\_eop**.
  - Enter and confirm the **password** of the database user. If you are using the prepackaged server image, the password will be **BNnK1DxahYgQCjnY**.
2. Click the **Save and Continue** button.

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### Set Up Database

✓ Choose Hosting Level

✓ Verify System Requirements

▶ Set Up Database

Set Up Super Administrator

Identify Program Administrator

Finalize Installation

• Required Field

Type \*

Please select the type of database that will store your EOP ASSIST data.

MySQL  Microsoft SQL Server

Hostname \*

Please write in the name or IP address of the database host.

Database Name \*

Please write in the name of the database that will store your EOP ASSIST data. It must exist on your server before EOP ASSIST can be installed.

Username \*

Please write in the username that is set with administration privileges for the selected database.

Password \*

Please create a password that will be used to log in to the database.

Confirm Password \*

Please confirm the password that will be used to log in to the database

### Set Up Super Administrator

Next, you will need to set up the Super Administrator account. This is EOP ASSIST's overall IT administrator who is responsible for initially setting up the application and managing the database. As such, the Super Administrator has all management functionality of the application and the Super Administrator login credentials should be used by IT personnel.

1. Enter the Super Administrator information into the appropriate fields.
  - Create a **user ID** for the Super Administrator.
  - Only if you have enabled state-/regional-level hosting during the installation process, select the appropriate **state**.
  - Enter and confirm the **password** of the Super Administrator.
  - Enter the name of the **institution** that is hosting EOP ASSIST.
  - Enter your **email address**.
2. Make a note of the user ID and password information so that you can use these login credentials in the future.
3. Click the **Save and Continue** button.

**Set Up Super Administrator**

This is EOP ASSIST's overall administrator, who is responsible for setting up the application for other users and for managing the database. As such, the Super Administrator has all management functionality of the application and should be used by IT personnel.

**User ID \***

Please create a user ID that will be used to log in to EOP ASSIST as the Super Administrator.

**State \***

Alabama Select the state.

**Password \***

Please create a password that will be used to log in to EOP ASSIST as the Super Administrator.

**Confirm Password \***

Please confirm the password that will be used to log in to EOP ASSIST as the Super Administrator.

**Institution Name \***

Please write in your state, territory, region, or agency name.

**Email \***

Please write in your email address.

Please share these login credentials with at least two other representatives from your institution.

**Save and Continue**

### *Identify Program Administrator*

Next, you will need to identify the Program Administrator. This is the EOP ASSIST overall program administrator who is responsible for managing the use of the application by education agency personnel and serving as the point of contact for users that need access to their login credentials. As such, the Program Administrator's contact information will be displayed on the Login page so that he or she can be contacted to reset passwords and/or provide user IDs.

1. Enter the Program Administrator information into the appropriate fields.
  - Enter the name of the Program Administrator.
  - Enter the agency of the Program Administrator.
  - Enter the phone number of the Program Administrator.
  - Enter the **email address** of the Program Administrator.
2. Make sure that the Program Administrator is aware of his or her responsibilities.
3. Click the **Save and Continue** button.

The screenshot displays the 'Identify Program Administrator' form. On the left, a sidebar shows a progress list: 'Choose Hosting Level', 'Verify System Requirements', 'Set Up Database', 'Set Up Super Administrator', 'Identify Program Administrator' (selected), and 'Finalize Installation'. Below this is a 'Required Field' indicator. The main form area has a title 'Identify Program Administrator' and a description: 'This person will be responsible for resetting passwords for all users who access this installed version of EOP ASSIST and his/her contact information below will appear on the Login page. This person should have management capabilities and be a representative of the agency that has installed the software application. This person can, but does not have to, be different than the Super Administrator.' The form contains four input fields, each with an asterisk indicating it is required: 'Name \*', 'Agency \*', 'Phone Number \*', and 'Email Address \*'. Each field is followed by a prompt: 'Please write in the name of the assigned Program Administrator.', 'Please write in the state, territory, region, school district, school, or institution name of the assigned Program Administrator.', 'Please write in the phone number of the assigned Program Administrator.', and 'Please write in the email address of the assigned Program Administrator.' At the bottom, there is a note: 'Please ensure that the assigned Program Administrator is aware of his/her responsibilities and has access to the EOP ASSIST User Manual.' and a blue 'Save and Continue' button.

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### Finalize Installation

1. Click the **Login** button.

The screenshot shows a web interface for finalizing the installation of EOP ASSIST. At the top, a message thanks the user and provides contact information for technical support. Below this is a progress list with five items: 'Choose Hosting Level', 'Verify System Requirements', 'Set Up Database', 'Set Up Super Administrator', and 'Identify Program Administrator', all marked with green checkmarks. The fifth item, 'Finalize Installation', is highlighted with a right-pointing arrow. A 'Required Field' label is visible below the list. To the right, a green box titled 'Finalize Installation' contains the text: 'The configuration and installation process is now complete. Please log in to EOP ASSIST using your newly created Super Administrator login credentials.' Below this text is a blue 'Login' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a disclaimer from the U.S. Department of Education and the REMS logo.

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- ✓ Choose Hosting Level
- ✓ Verify System Requirements
- ✓ Set Up Database
- ✓ Set Up Super Administrator
- ✓ Identify Program Administrator
- ▶ Finalize Installation

\* Required Field

The configuration and installation process is now complete. Please log in to EOP ASSIST using your newly created Super Administrator login credentials.

Login

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### Log In

1. Go to <http://localhost/>.
2. You will be redirected to the Login page.
3. Use the Super Administrator login credentials that you just created.
4. It is recommended that at least three representatives from your institution have access to the Super Administrator login credentials.

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User ID \*

Password \*

**SIGN IN** **CLEAR**

Forgot User ID and/or Password? Please contact your Administrator.  
Name: John Smith Agency: REMS TA Center  
Phone number: 1800-548-2859 Email Address: JSmith@remstacenter.com

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**Please note:** More information on how to set up school and/or school district accounts, as well as the appropriate users, is available in [Chapter 4](#).

### Chapter 4: Setting Up Schools, Districts, and/or Users

At this point, you have downloaded EOP ASSIST and installed it on your institution’s server. Again, it is important to recognize whether your institution is hosting the application at the state/regional, school district, or school level. To begin setting up the appropriate entities within EOP ASSIST for your level of hosting, please review the following subsection that is applicable to your institution. It is not possible to host the application at more than one type of level.

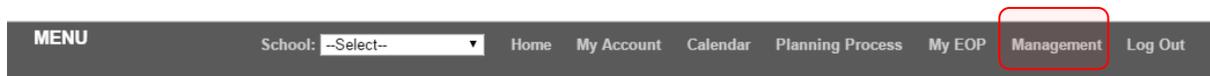
#### State-/Regional-Level Hosting

The state-/regional-level hosting allows SEAs or REAs, multiple school districts and their schools, and independent schools to have access to the application. Typically, an SEA or REA will host the application at this level so that all schools and school districts within its jurisdiction may log in to the application to develop and revise their school EOPs, which are stored on the state’s or REA’s server. Each education agency type has a different role in school emergency management planning, and, therefore, the personnel of each type have different roles within the application.

The Super Administrator’s first task will be to create at least one State Administrator account that is associated with the SEA or REA. Once the State Administrator login credentials are shared with the State Administrator, that person will be responsible for creating additional State Administrator accounts for the SEA or REA, school district profiles, and District Administrator accounts for all school districts within your institution’s jurisdiction, as well as school profiles and School Administrator accounts for all independent schools within your institution’s jurisdiction.

#### Create a State Administrator Account

1. Log in and navigate to the **Management** section.



2. Select the User Management tab.



3. Click the **Create New User** button.



4. Fill in all the required fields (noted with an asterisk) in the form that appears.
  - Select **State Administrator** in the User Role dropdown menu.
5. Make a note of the user ID and password information so that you can send it to the actual user who will use these login credentials.

6. Click the **Save** button.
7. The State Administrator's name and other personal information will be saved, you will return to the **User List**, and you will get a confirmation message that a new user account was created successfully.

### *Share Login Credentials With the State Administrator*

Now that you have created a State Administrator account to manage the entire state's or region's access to the application, you will need to share the State Administrator's login credentials with him or her. The State Administrator may create additional School Administrator accounts as described below. The REMS TA Center recommends that you share all the following information with each State Administrator:

- User ID of the State Administrator
- Password of the State Administrator
- Reminder that the State Administrator may want to change his or her password
- Responsibility of the State Administrator to create at least two additional State Administrator accounts
- Responsibility of the State Administrator to create a school district profile and a District Administrator account for each school district within your institution's jurisdiction
- Responsibility of the State Administrator to create a school profile and a School Administrator account for each independent school in your institution's jurisdiction
- Reminder that the State Administrator may want to fill out and distribute the [Customizable EOP ASSIST Info Sheet for States and Regional Education Agencies to Share With School Districts and Schools](#) to schools and school districts in their jurisdiction, so they understand what EOP ASSIST is and how they can get started using the application on the state's or REA's server
- *User Manual* as a reference guide
- Video tutorials as resources

The REMS TA Center recommends that there be at least three State Administrator accounts designated for each SEA or REA hosting EOP ASSIST.

**Please note:** For more information on how to create school district profiles, school district-level user accounts, independent school profiles, and school-level user accounts, as well as more information on the responsibilities of the State Administrator, please refer to the User Manual.

### Local-Level Hosting

#### *School District Hosts for Itself and Its Schools*

The local-level hosting allows one school district and its schools to have access to the application. Only individuals from the school district office and schools throughout the school district may log in to the application to develop and revise their school EOPs, which are stored on the school district's server. Since school district personnel and school personnel have different roles in school emergency management planning, they have different roles within the application.

The Super Administrator's first task will be to create the school district profile and at least one District Administrator account that is associated with the school district office. Once the District Administrator's login credentials are shared with him or her, the District Administrator will be responsible for creating additional District Administrator accounts for the school district and school profiles, and School Administrator accounts for all schools within the school district.

#### Create the School District Profile

1. Log in and navigate to the **Management** section.



2. Click the **School District Management** tab.



3. Click the **Create New School District** button.



4. Fill in all the required fields (noted with an asterisk) in the form that appears.
  - Type your district's name in the District Name field.
  - Type your district's abbreviation in the Screen Name field.
5. Click the **Create School New District** button.
6. The school district name and other information will be saved, you will return to the **School District List**, and you will get confirmation message that a new school district profile was created successfully will appear.

Because you represent a school district that is hosting the application for itself, you should never create any additional school district profiles in the application.

#### Create a District Administrator Account

1. Click the **User Management** tab.



2. Click the **Create New User** button.



3. Fill in all the required fields (noted with an asterisk) in the form that appears.
  - Select **District Administrator** in the User Role dropdown menu.
  - Select your district's name in the District dropdown menu.
4. Make a note of the user ID and password information so that you can send it to the actual user who will use these login credentials.
5. Click the **Save** button.
6. The District Administrator's name and other personal information will be saved, you will return to the **User List**, and you will get a confirmation message that a new user account was created successfully.

### Share Login Credentials With the District Administrator

Now that you have created a District Administrator account to manage the entire school district's access to the application, you will need to share the District Administrator's login credentials with him or her. The REMS TA Center recommends that you share all of the following information with each District Administrator:

- User ID of the District Administrator
- Password of the District Administrator
- Reminder that the District Administrator may want to change his or her password
- Responsibility of the District Administrator to create at least two additional District Administrator accounts
- Responsibility of the District Administrator to create a school profile and a School Administrator account for each school in the school district
- *User Manual* as a reference guide
- Video tutorials as resources

The REMS TA Center recommends that there be at least three District Administrator accounts designated for each school district hosting EOP ASSIST.

**Please note:** For more information on how to create school profiles and school-level user accounts, as well as more information on the responsibilities of the District Administrator, please refer to the *User Manual*.

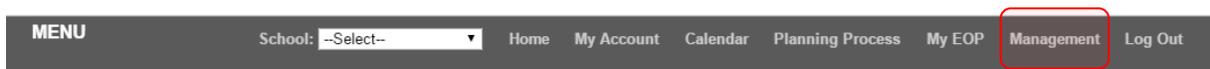
### *School Hosts for Itself*

The local-level hosting allows an individual school, regardless of whether it is public or nonpublic, to host the application on its own server for itself. Only individuals from that school's planning team may log in to the application to develop and revise their school EOP, which is stored on the school's server.

The Super Administrator's first task will be to create the school profile and at least one School Administrator account that is associated with that school. Once the School Administrator's login credentials are shared with him or her, the School Administrator will be responsible for creating additional School Administrator accounts and School User accounts for the school.

### Create the School Profile

1. Log in and navigate to the **Management** section.



2. Click the **School Management** tab.



3. Click the **Create New School** button.



4. Fill in all the required fields (noted with an asterisk) in the form that appears.
  - Type your school's name in the School Name field.
  - Type your school's abbreviation in the Screen Name field.
  - Select **None** in the District dropdown menu.
5. Click the **Create New School** button.
6. The school name will be saved, you will return to the **School List**, and a confirmation that a new school profile was created successfully will appear.

Because you represent an individual school that is hosting the application for itself, you should never add any additional schools to the application.

### Create a School Administrator Account

1. Select the **User Management** tab.



2. Click the **Create New User** button.

Create New User

Import Users

Export List of Users

3. Fill in all the required fields (noted with an asterisk) in the form that appears.
  - Select **School Administrator** in the User Role dropdown menu.
  - Select **None** in the District dropdown menu.
  - Select your school's name in the School dropdown menu.
4. Make a note of the user ID and password information so that you can send it to the actual user who will use these login credentials.
5. Click the **Save** button.
6. The School Administrator's name and other personal information will be saved, you will return to the **User List**, and you will get a confirmation message that a new user account was created successfully.

### Share Login Credentials With the School Administrator

Now that you have created a School Administrator account to manage the school planning team's access to the application, you will need to share the School Administrator's login credentials with him or her. The REMS TA Center recommends that you share all the following information with the School Administrator:

- User ID of the School Administrator account
- Password of the School Administrator account
- Reminder that the School Administrator may want to change his or her password
- Responsibility of the School Administrator to create at least two additional School Administrator accounts
- Responsibility of the School Administrator to create a School User account for each member of the school's planning team
- *User Manual* as a reference guide
- Video tutorials as resources

The REMS TA Center recommends that there be at least three School Administrator accounts designated for each school hosting EOP ASSIST.

**Please note:** For more information on how to create school-level user accounts, as well as more information on the responsibilities of the School Administrator, please refer to the *User Manual*.

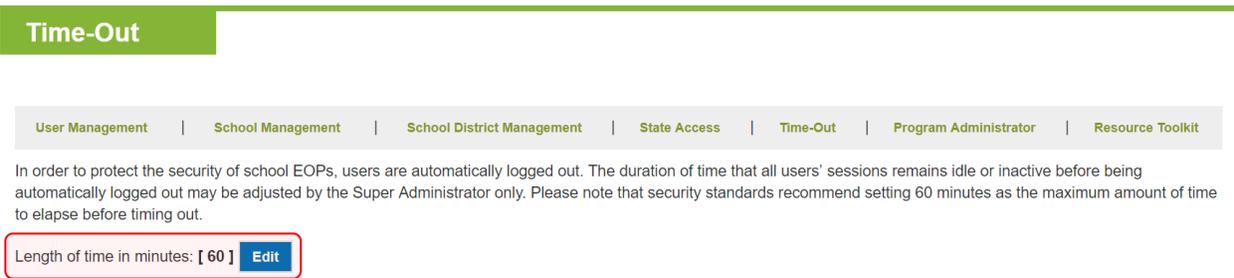
### Chapter 5: Time-Out Feature

To protect the security of school EOPs, users are automatically logged out after a set period of time. The duration of time that user sessions remain idle or inactive before being automatically logged out may be adjusted only by the Super Administrator. Security standards recommend setting 60 minutes as the maximum amount of time to elapse before timing out.

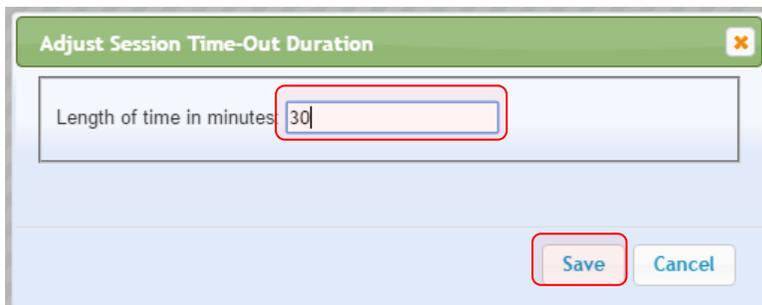
1. Click the **Time-Out** tab.



2. Click the **Edit** button.



3. A pop-up window will appear.
  - Fill in the field.
  - Click the **Save** button.



### Chapter 6: Client Access

No client installation is required. After EOP ASSIST has been installed on an institution's server, users access it as a Web application via a Web browser using the Web server IP address (e.g., <http://192.168.16.7>). Alternatively, if you have a Domain Name System (DNS) server, you may set up a domain name and point it to the IP address (e.g., [eopassist.domain.org](http://eopassist.domain.org)). Any of the modern browsers in the table below can be used to access EOP ASSIST, and a secure connection with the latest encryption technologies is always recommended.

Web Browser	Compatible Releases
Internet Explorer	12.0 and above
Microsoft Edge	13 and above
Mozilla Firefox	46 and above
Apple Safari	8.0 and above
Google Chrome	49 and above

You will need to share the appropriate Web server IP address or domain name with all users of EOP ASSIST at your institution so that they can access the application.

### Chapter 7: Resources and Technical Assistance

#### Recommended Resources for Distribution

The REMS TA Center has developed a number of resources for EOP ASSIST users. It is important that you distribute the following recommended resources to emergency management practitioners when they first gain access to the application so that they understand its features and how they may use it to develop a school EOP.

#### ***Customizable EOP ASSIST Info Sheet for States and Regional Education Agencies to Share With School Districts and Schools***

This downloadable and interactive flyer allows SEAs and REAs that are hosting the software application for their schools and school districts to distribute and share information on EOP ASSIST and promote its use across the state or region. SEAs and REAs may fill in the interactive forms with their agency name, as well as contact information for the representative overseeing EOP ASSIST at their agency, and can use this tool to help communicate the basics on how EOP ASSIST works and what schools and school districts need to do to get started using the application.

[http://rems.ed.gov/docs/resources/EOP\\_Assist\\_FactSheetStatesShareWithLEAs.pdf](http://rems.ed.gov/docs/resources/EOP_Assist_FactSheetStatesShareWithLEAs.pdf)

#### ***EOP ASSIST 6.0 User Manual***

This publication provides in-depth information on using EOP ASSIST from all user levels, including directions on how to complete tasks. All users should review this document before they begin to use the application, as well as refer to it throughout their use.

#### ***An Overview of the Features and Functions of the EOP ASSIST Video Tutorial***

This video provides an overview of the general layout of the application and shows how to log in, log out, and change a password.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGAUYcC9Krw>

#### ***Creating a School EOP With EOP ASSIST: A Focus on the Planning Process Video Tutorial***

This video provides information on generating a school EOP using the application, and it reviews the Planning Process and My EOP sections.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODHH2k47Yj0>

#### ***Using EOP ASSIST as an Administrator Video Tutorial***

This video provides information on some of the management features of the application and focuses on the user roles of School Administrators and District Administrators and how they can manage user accounts, school profiles, and school EOPs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uAYLFQU9o>

### **EOP ASSIST Discussion Forum**

This forum on the REMS TA Center's Community of Practice allows current and potential users to share feedback, exchange ideas, and pose questions. Registration and login required.

<https://rems.ed.gov/COP/REMSCOPforum/topics.aspx?ForumID=85>

### **Additional Resources**

In addition to the recommended resources above, the REMS TA Center has created the following additional resources. You may choose to distribute these resources to emergency management practitioners or share them by request. These resources provide an overview of the application's purpose, features, and functions and are intended to be used to secure buy-in from colleagues and school administrators for the application's use.

### **EOP ASSIST Product Description**

This downloadable and distributable flyer provides an overview of the application and its technical requirements. It is intended for practitioners who are interested in potentially using EOP ASSIST.

### ***EOP ASSIST 3.0: Next Generation of Updates and Enhancements Webinar***

This Webinar provides an overview of the updated management features of the most recent version of the software application available to SEAs, REAs, school districts, and schools. This includes how to use the tool to meet state and local requirements.

<http://rems.ed.gov/EOPAssist30NextGenUpdatesEnhancements.aspx>

### ***An Overview of the Features & Functions of EOP ASSIST 2.0 for School & School District Hosts and Their Stakeholders***

This presentation provides an overview of the application and its setup when it is hosted by schools, school districts, or other local agencies.

<https://rems.ed.gov/TrainingPackage.aspx>

### ***An Overview of the Features & Functions of EOP ASSIST 2.0 for State Agency Hosts and Their Stakeholders***

This presentation provides an overview of the application and its setup when it is hosted by an SEA or REA on behalf of multiple schools and school districts.

<https://rems.ed.gov/TrainingPackage.aspx>

### ***EOP ASSIST: Features, Functions, and Recent Enhancements Webinar***

This Webinar provides an overview of the application's features and functions and demonstrates how practitioners may use it to develop school EOPs. The Webinar includes information on management features for states, school districts, and schools.

<https://rems.ed.gov/EOPASSISTFeaturesandRecentEnhancements.aspx>

### ***An Overview of the EOP ASSIST Software Application***

This presentation provides a brief overview of the application when it is hosted by schools or school districts. <https://rem.ed.gov/TrainingPackage.aspx>

### **Technical Assistance**

The REMS TA Center is pleased to offer technical support by phone or email to individuals and planning teams at schools, school districts, REAs, and SEAs regarding the installation or use of EOP ASSIST. If you have any questions, please contact the REMS TA Center Help Desk by email at [info@remstacenter.org](mailto:info@remstacenter.org) or by phone, toll-free, at 1-855-781-REMS (7367). Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

### Appendix A: Prepackaged Server Image

The REMS TA Center offers an alternative to setting up EOP ASSIST on and configuring existing or new servers. Available for download, a packaged server image has EOP ASSIST preconfigured in a LAMP stack environment. This will allow system administrators to get EOP ASSIST up and running in a very short amount of time.

The virtual machine provided in the package contains a Linux operating system with LAMP and EOP ASSIST already installed and configured. Using the virtual machine image requires a hypervisor software such as VirtualBox.

1. Download VirtualBox from <https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>.
2. Download the virtual machine image from the Website.
3. Import the downloaded image file to the VirtualBox installation. For instructions on how to import the file, please use this link:  
[https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E26217\\_01/E26796/html/qs-import-vm.html](https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E26217_01/E26796/html/qs-import-vm.html)
4. Power on VirtualBox.
5. Change the default password for the server, which is **Assist2019**.
6. Set up the IP address for the server.
7. Type the IP address of the server in a Web browser. You should see the **EOP ASSIST Installation Wizard**.
8. Follow the instructions in [Initialize EOP ASSIST](#) for further configuration. Custom instructions are provided for those using the prepackaged server image only on the **Set Up Database** page.
9. Once configured, change all the default passwords for the following:
  - MySQL
  - EOP ASSIST admin user
10. Modify the network/firewall/SSL settings as required for the server in consultation with the network team of your organization.

**Please note:** Security and network settings are the responsibility of the organization. The objective of this package is to ease the installation burden for the application.

### Appendix B: Configuring PHP and MySQL on Apache HTTP Server

As stated in [Chapter 3](#), EOP ASSIST is compatible with three Web server environments. This appendix provides information on how to set up Apache, PHP, and MySQL on a Microsoft Windows, Linux, or Mac OS X/ macOS operating system.

#### Linux/Unix

LAMP stack is a bundle of open-source software that is used to run Websites and servers. To install the required software on a Linux/Unix operating system, run the following commands.

##### Install Apache

1. Open the terminal.
2. Type the following command:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install apache2
```

3. Confirm that Apache is installed.
4. Direct your browser to your server's IP address (e.g., <http://12.34.56.789>).
5. The page should display the following message: *"It works!"*

##### Install MySQL

1. Type the following command in the terminal:

```
sudo apt-get install mysql-server libapache2-mod-auth-mysql
php5-mysql
```

2. During the installation, MySQL will ask you to set a root password. If you miss the chance to set the password while the program is installing, it is very easy to set the password later from within the MySQL shell.
3. Once you have installed MySQL, you will need to activate it. Type the following command:

```
sudo mysql_install_db
```

##### Install PHP

1. Open the terminal.
2. Type the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install php5 libapache2-mod-php5
```

### Microsoft Windows

To install the required software on a Linux/Unix operating system, review the following information.

The primary Microsoft Windows platform for running Apache 2.4 is Windows 2000 or later. Always obtain and install the current service pack to avoid operating system bugs. Apache HTTP Server versions later than 2.2 will not run on any operating system earlier than Windows 2000.

The Apache HTTP Server Project itself does not provide binary releases of software, only source code. Individual committers *may* provide binary packages as a convenience, but it is not a release deliverable.

The popular and recommended options for deploying the Apache HTTP Server and, optionally, PHP and MySQL on Microsoft Windows, include the following:

- [ApacheHaus](#)
- [Apache Lounge](#)
- [BitNami WAMP Stack](#)
- [WampServer](#)
- [XAMPP](#)

BitNami WAMP Stack, WampServer and XAMPP are bundled with PHP and MySQL, both of which are necessary for EOP ASSIST to work. They additionally provide installers with built-in wizards and guides that will help you configure a Web server environment suitable for EOP ASSIST without having to configure each manually. If you decide to use any of these, stop here and head to the relevant installation documentation.

To manually install and configure Apache on a Microsoft Windows operating system, refer to the documentation that Apache has provided:

<http://httpd.apache.org/docs/current/platform/windows.html#down>

### Mac OS X/ macOS

Apache and PHP are already packaged with OS X. To create a local Web server, enable both Apache and PHP, and then install MySQL. You may also choose to use third-party Web software bundles such as [XAMPP](#) and [MAMP](#) that simplify and automate the whole process. Read more about installing each Web software bundle in third-party documentation:

- XAMPP: <https://www.apachefriends.org/index.html>
- MAMP: <https://www.mamp.info/en/>

### **Enable Apache**

1. Open the terminal application.
2. Run the following command:

```
sudo apachectl start
```

3. Access `http://localhost`.
4. The page should display the following message: *"It works!"*

### **Enable PHP for Apache**

You'll then need to change your working directory to the `apache2` directory and enable the `php5` module. To do so, run the following commands.

1. Change the working directory to the `apache2` directory by typing the following command:

```
cd /etc/apache2/
```

2. Edit the Apache configuration by typing the following command:

```
vi httpd.conf
```

3. Uncomment the following lines (remove #):

```
LoadModule php5_module libexec/apache2/libphp5.so
LoadModule deflate_module libexec/apache2/mod_deflate.so
LoadModule expires_module libexec/apache2/mod_expires.so
LoadModule rewrite_module libexec/apache2/mod_rewrite.so
```

4. You will the need to restart Apache. Type the following command:

```
sudo apachectl restart
```

5. The default `DocumentRoot` for Mac OS X Yosemite is `/Library/WebServer/Documents`. You can verify this from your Apache configuration by typing the following command:

```
grep DocumentRoot httpd.conf
```

### **Install MySQL**

1. You will need to download the MySQL DMG for Mac OS X. To do so, you may follow the directions provided by a third party: <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/mysql/>

### Appendix C: Configuring PHP and MySQL on Microsoft Windows Server with IIS

As stated in [Chapter 3](#), EOP ASSIST is compatible with three Web server environments. This appendix provides information on how to set up IIS, MySQL, and PHP on a Microsoft Windows operating system.

#### Install IIS

IIS may not be installed on Microsoft Windows Server by default. You can install IIS by using the Add Roles Wizard in Server Manager or by using the command line.

1. Click the **Start** button.
2. Point to Administrative Tools.
3. Click the **Server Manager** button.
4. In Roles Summary, click the **Add Roles** button.
5. Use the **Add Roles Wizard** to add the Web server role.

Read more about configuration and using the command line here:

<https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/Cc771209.aspx>

#### Install and Configure PHP

For Microsoft Windows to run PHP code, the PHP binary files need to be copied to your system. No installation is required, but some configuration is needed to have it run properly.

1. Download **PHP 5.6.x** from <http://windows.php.net/download#php-5.6> or **PHP 7.3.x** from <https://windows.php.net/download#php-7.3>.
  - For IIS 7, the *non-thread safe* binaries should be used.
  - PHP for Windows is built using Visual Studio 2012, 2015, or 2017 and, therefore, requires the VC14, VC15, & VC16 Redistributables. You may download them here: [https://aka.ms/vs/16/release/VC\\_redist.x64.exe](https://aka.ms/vs/16/release/VC_redist.x64.exe)
2. Extract the files here: **C:/php**
3. Copy the **php.ini-production** file from C:/php/ to the Microsoft Windows directory and rename it to **php.ini** so that you have **C:/Windows/php.ini** open the php.ini file.
4. Uncomment and set the key for the following lines:
  - `cgi.force_redirect = 0`
  - `fastcgi.impersonate = 1`
  - `extension_dir` to the 'ext' folder in the path PHP was extracted to (e.g., 'C:PHPext')
  - `date.timezone` to the time zone of your server (the URL on the line above this key lists the accepted values).

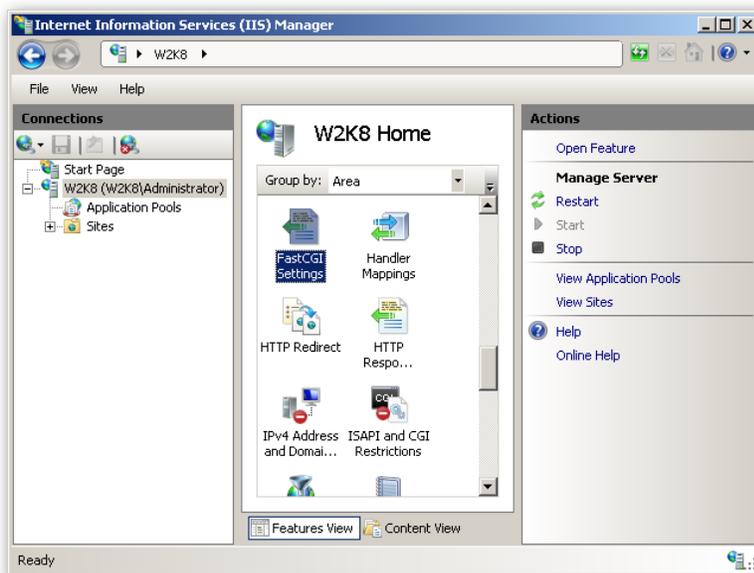
*Please note:* For more detailed information on configuring PHP, see [Appendix E](#).

### Configure IIS to Run FastCGI

1. To enable FastCGI, go to **Server Manager > Roles > Web Server**.
2. Confirm that the **CGI** option is installed under the **Application Development** section. If it is not, enable this feature and update your IIS 7 installation.

### Configure IIS to Run PHP via FastCGI

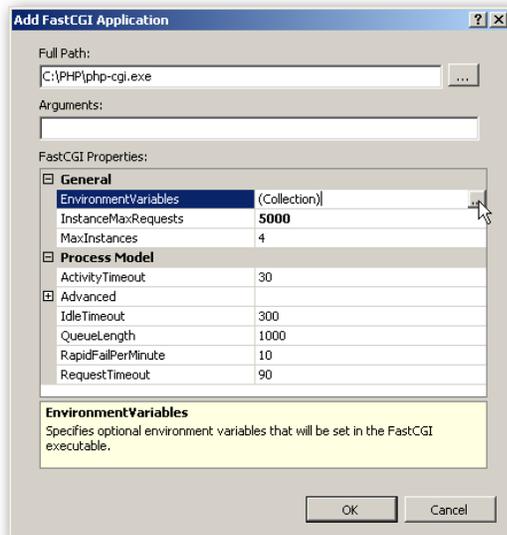
You will need to configure FastCGI to work with PHP under the **FastCGI settings** option in the IIS administration pack.



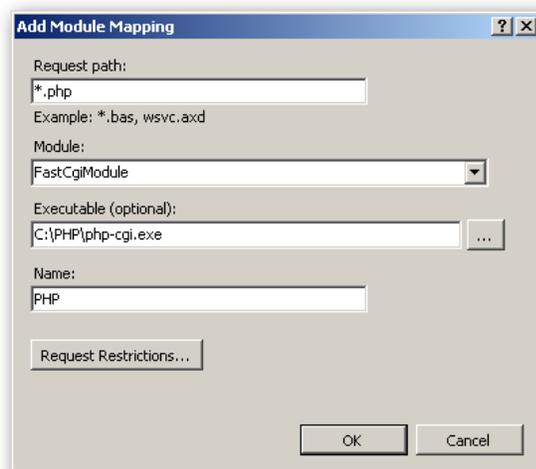
1. On the settings screen, click the **Add Application** button.



2. Set the php-cgi.exe executable path accordingly. In this case, it is **C:/php/php-cgi.exe**.



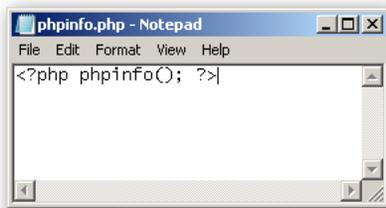
3. Map how PHP scripts are executed by IIS. This is configured in Handler Mappings. Click the **Handler Mappings** option and add a new module mapping.
4. Set the module's request path to PHP files (\*.php) with the module interface **FastCgiModule**. Set the executable to the same file that was configured in the FastCGI settings above. Assign a friendly name to this mapping, such as PHP, and click the **OK** button.



### Test PHP

One of the last steps is to confirm your PHP setup through IIS.

1. Create a text file in the root directory “C:\inetpub\wwwroot” named “phpinfo.php” that simply contains the line: `<?php phpinfo(); ?>`



2. Browse to the address “http://localhost/phpinfo.php” on your server and you should see the PHP information page. If the page loads successfully, PHP is now running on your machine.

### Install MySQL Server

1. Download **MySQL Community Server**, which may be found at <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/>. It is recommended that you download Windows Installer.
2. Start **Windows Installer**, or extract all the files from the archive.
3. Start **Setup.exe**. You can use a typical setup or customize the installation to suit your needs.
4. Once the Installation Wizard is complete, it is recommended that you leave the **Configure the MySQL Server Now** checkbox selected.
5. Download **MySQL Workbench**, a visual tool for MySQL database system management, development, and design. This tool may be found at <https://www.mysql.com/products/workbench/>.

### Appendix D: Configuring PHP and Microsoft SQL Server on Microsoft Windows Server with IIS

As stated in [Chapter 3](#), EOP ASSIST is compatible with three Web server environments. This appendix provides information on how to set up IIS, Microsoft SQL Server, and PHP on a Microsoft Windows operating system.

To set up Microsoft SQL Server so that it works with PHP, you will need to install and configure the SQL Server driver for PHP, which is a PHP extension that allows the reading and writing of SQL Server data from within PHP scripts. The following operating systems are supported:

- **Windows Server 2003 SP2, Windows 2000 SP4, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012 R2, Windows Server 2016 and Windows Server 2019**
- **Windows 7, Windows Vista Service Pack 1, Windows XP SP3, Windows 8.1, Windows 10**

Additionally, you will need to have the following installed before you can continue:

- **PHP 7.x.x Microsoft Drivers 5.6 for PHP for SQL Server.** This enables integration with SQL Server for PHP applications: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=57916>
- **PHP 5.x.x Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Native Client.** You can download this from a Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Feature Pack or at <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=16978>
- Any edition of **SQL Server 2005 to SQL Server 2017**
- A Web server configured to run PHP

#### Install IIS

IIS may not be installed on Microsoft Windows Server by default. You can install IIS by using the Add Roles Wizard in Server Manager or by using the command line.

1. Click **Start**.
2. Point to Administrative Tools.
3. Click **Server Manager**.
4. In Roles Summary, click **Add Roles**.
5. Use the **Add Roles Wizard** to add the Web server role.

Read more about configuration and using the command line here:

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### Install and Configure PHP

For Microsoft Windows to run PHP code, the PHP binary files need to be copied to your system. No installation is required, but some configuration is needed to have it run properly.

1. Download **PHP 5.6.x** from <http://windows.php.net/download#php-5.6> or **PHP 7.0.x** from <http://windows.php.net/download#php-7.0>.
  - For IIS 7, the *non-thread safe* binaries should be used.
  - PHP for Windows is built using Visual Studio 2012, 2015, or 2017 and, therefore, requires the VC11, VC14, or VC15 Redistributables. You may download them here:
    - i. VC11 for Visual Studio 2012: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=30679>
    - ii. VC14 for Visual Studio 2015: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=48145>
    - iii. VC15 for Visual Studio 2017: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=48145>
2. Extract the files here: C:/php
3. Copy the **php.ini-production** file from C:/php/ to the Microsoft Windows directory and rename it to **php.ini** so that you have **C:/Windows/php.ini** open the php.ini file.
4. Uncomment and set the key for the following lines:

```
cgi.force_redirect = 0
fastcgi.impersonate = 1
extension_dir to the 'ext' folder in the path PHP was extracted to (i.e.,
'C:PHPext')
date.timezone to the time zone of your server (the URL on the line above this
key lists the accepted values)
```

**Please note:** For more detailed information on configuring PHP, see [Appendix E](#).

### Configure IIS to Run FastCGI

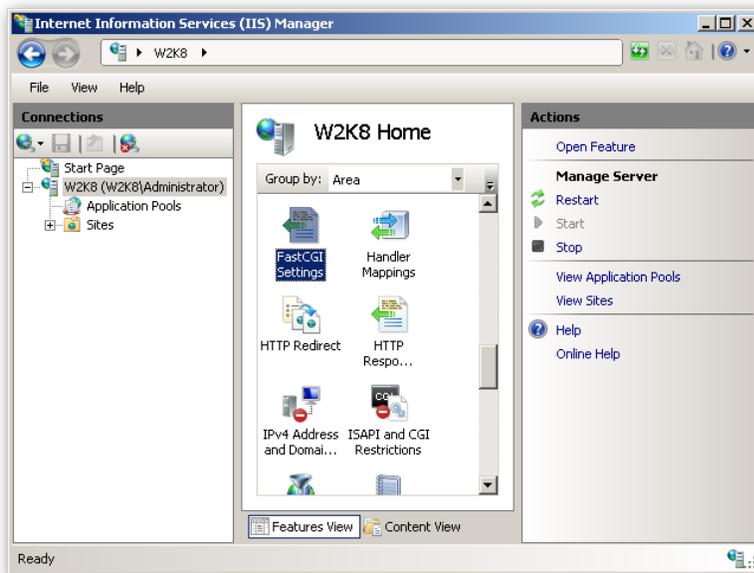
1. To enable FastCGI, go to **Server Manager > Roles > Web Server**.
2. Confirm that the **CGI** option is installed under the **Application Development** section. If it is not, enable this feature and update your IIS 7 installation.

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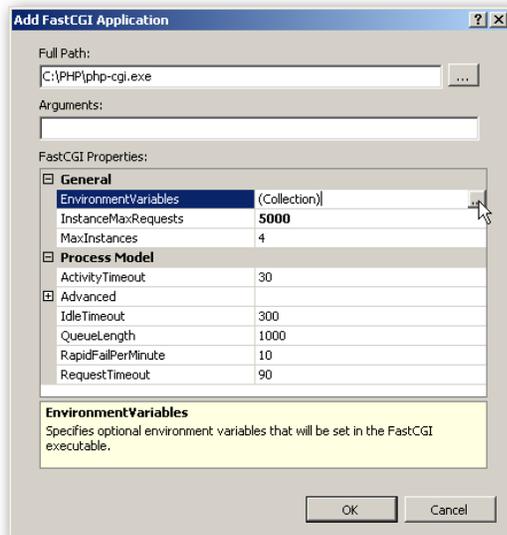
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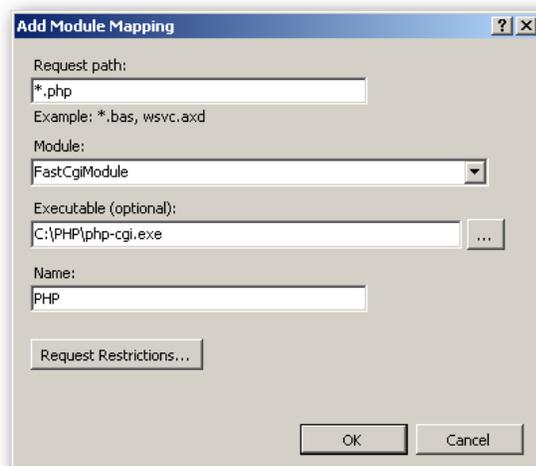
2. On the settings screen, click **Add Application**.



3. Set the php-cgi.exe executable path accordingly, in this case C:/php/php-cgi.exe.



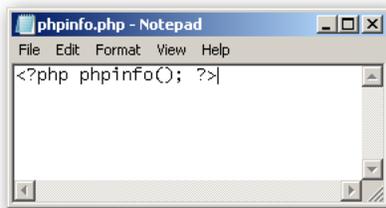
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5. Click the **Handler Mappings** option.
6. Add a new module mapping.
7. Set the module's request path to PHP files (\*.php) with the module interface **FastCgiModule**.
8. Set the executable to the same file that was configured in the FastCGI settings above.
9. Assign a friendly name to this mapping, such as PHP.
10. Click the **OK** button.



### Test PHP

One of the last steps is to confirm your PHP setup through IIS.

1. Create a text file in the root directory “C:\inetpub\wwwroot” named “phpinfo.php” that simply contains this line: `<?php phpinfo(); ?>`



2. Browse to the address “http://localhost/phpinfo.php” on your server.
3. You should see the PHP information page. If the page loads successfully, PHP is now running on your machine.

### Install SQL Server Driver for PHP

1. Download **%SQLServerDriverForPHP.EXE** to a temporary directory.
2. Double-click to run **%SQLServerDriverForPHP.EXE**.
3. Enter an installation directory when prompted. It is recommended that you extract the file to **%ProgramFiles%** with the default directory **Microsoft SQL Server Driver for PHP**.
4. Double-click to open the **SQLServerDriverForPHP.chm** help file.
5. Install the **Microsoft SQL Server Native Client** from the link provided.
6. Copy the **php\_sqlsrv.dll** and **php\_sqlsrv\_ts.dll** files to the **C:\PHP\ext\** directory.
7. Open the **C:\PHP\php.ini** file, and add the following line in the **Extensions** section:

```
Extension=php_sqlsrv.dll
```

8. Click the **Start** button.
9. Select **Search Field**.
10. Type **iisreset**.
11. Click the **Enter** button.

### Appendix E: Configuring PHP on Microsoft Windows Server with IIS

Confirm that you have IIS installed and running. If not, you will need to Install IIS.

#### Install IIS

To install IIS on Microsoft Windows Server, complete the following directions.

1. Begin on the **Start** page.
2. Click the **Server Manager** tile.
3. Click the **OK** button.
4. Navigate to the Server Manager.
5. Select Dashboard.
6. Click the **Add Roles and Features** button.
7. The Add Roles and Features Wizard will open.
8. Navigate to the Before You Begin page.
9. Click the **Next** button.
10. Navigate to the Select Installation Type page.
11. Select Role-based or Feature-based Installation.
12. Click the **Next** button.
13. Navigate to the Select Destination Server page.
14. Click the **Select a Server From the Server Pool** button.
15. Select your server.
16. Click the **Next** button.
17. On the Select Server Roles page, select Web Server (IIS).
18. Click the **Next** button.
19. On the Select Features page, note the preselected features that are installed by default, and then select **CGI**. This selection also installs FastCGI, which is recommended for PHP applications.
20. Click the **Next** button.
21. On the Web Server Role (IIS) page, click the **Next** button.
22. On the **Select Role Services** page, note the preselected role services that are installed by default, and then click **Next**. (**Note:** You only have to install the IIS 8 default role services for a static-content Web server.)
23. On the **Confirm Installation Selections** page, confirm your selections.
24. Click the **Install** button.
25. On the **Installation Progress** page, confirm that your installation of the Web Server (IIS) role and required role services completed successfully.
26. Click the **Close** button.
27. To verify that IIS installed successfully, type the following into a Web browser:

`http://localhost`

28. You should see the default IIS Welcome page.

### Install PHP

To download and install PHP, complete the following directions.

Download PHP and the WinCache extension.

1. Open your browser to [Windows for PHP Download Page](#) and download the PHP *non-thread-safe* .zip package.
2. Download the WinCache extension from the [List of Windows Extensions for PHP](#).

Install PHP and WinCache.

3. Extract all files in the PHP .zip package to a folder of your choice—for example, C:\PHP\.
4. Extract the WinCache .zip package to the PHP extensions folder (\ext)—for example, C:\PHP\ext. The WinCache .zip package contains one file (Php\_wincache.dll).

Add the PHP installation folder to the Path environment variable.

5. Open **Control Panel**.
6. Click **System and Security**.
7. Click **System**.
8. Click **Advanced System Settings**.
9. In the **System Properties** window, select the **Advanced** tab.
10. Click **Environment Variables**.
11. Under **System Variables**, select **Path**.
12. Click **Edit**.
13. Add the path to your PHP installation folder to the end of the **Variable Value**—for example, ;C:\PHP. Click **OK**.

Set up a handler mapping for PHP.

14. Open IIS Manager, select the hostname of your computer in the **Connections** panel, and then double-click **Handler Mappings**.
15. In the **Action** panel, click **Add Module Mapping**.
16. In **Request path**, type \*.php.
17. From the **Module** menu, select **FastCgiModule**.
18. In the **Executable** box, type the full path to Php-cgi.exe—for example, C:\PHP\Phpcgi.exe.
19. In **Name**, type a name for the module mapping—for example, **FastCGI**.
20. Click the **OK** button.

Add default document entries for PHP.

21. Select the hostname of your computer in the **Connections** panel, and double-click **Default Document**.
22. In the **Action** panel, click **Add**.
23. Type **Index.php** in the **Name** box.
24. Click the **OK** button.
25. Click **Add** again.
26. Type **Default.php** in the **Name** box.
27. Click the **OK** button.

Test your PHP installation.

28. Open a text editor—for example, Notepad—as Administrator.
29. In a new file, type the following text: `<?php phpinfo(); ?>`
30. Save the file as **C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Phpinfo.php**.
31. Open a browser and enter the following URL: `http://localhost/phpinfo.php`. A nicely formatted Web page is displayed showing the current PHP settings.

Add Your PHP Application (in this case, EOP ASSIST).

32. Extract the EOP application files and paste them in the Web document root, e.g., `C:\inetpub\wwwroot\`.

### Install MySQL Server

To install MySQL Server, complete the following directions:

1. Download **MySQL Community Server**, which may be found at <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/>. It is recommended that you download Windows Installer.
2. Start **Windows Installer**, or extract all the files from the archive.
3. Start **Setup.exe**. You can use a typical setup or customize the installation to suit your needs.
4. Once the Installation Wizard is completed, it is recommended that you leave the **Configure the MySQL Server Now** checkbox selected.
5. Run the **MySQL Server Instance Configuration Wizard**, and then choose the configurations options that most closely match your environment. For more information, see <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/>.

Best practice recommendations are as follows:

1. Click **Next** in the Instance Configuration Wizard.

2. Select Detailed Configuration.
3. Click **Next**.
4. Select a server type that best suits your environment. If installing MySQL on the same server running IIS, be sure **not to** select **Dedicated MySQL Server Machine**.
5. Select a database option (Multifunctional Database or Transactional Database).
6. Click **Next**.
7. Choose the option that sets the number of concurrent connections you need.
8. You may adjust networking settings to suit your environment or accept defaults, and then click **Next**.
9. Select the default character set that best suits you (**UTF-8** is recommended).
10. Click **Next**.
11. We recommend enabling both Microsoft Windows options here. Select both checkboxes, and then click **Next**.
12. Type the password you want to use for the root account.
13. Click **Next**.
14. Click **Execute** to apply your settings.
15. Click **Finish** to close the Instance Configuration Wizard.

### Finalize Configuration

For PHP to work with MySQL, it is necessary to perform the following modifications to the Php.ini file:

1. Open the **c:\php\php.ini** file with your favorite text editor.
2. Confirm that the `extension_dir` points to the folder where all PHP loadable extensions are located, frequently in the `Ext` folder (for example, `extension_dir=".\\ext"`).
3. Uncomment the following lines by removing the semicolon:

```
extension=php_mysql.dll  
extension=php_mbstring.dll
```

4. Enable dynamic extension for MySQL by uncommenting the corresponding line for the MySQL extension: `extension=php_mysql.dll`.
5. Save and close the Php.ini file.
6. Restart the IIS service by clicking the **Start** button.
7. Select **Search Field**.
8. Type **iisreset**.
9. Click the **Enter** button.

You should then see the **mysql** section on the PHP information page created earlier (<http://localhost/phpinfo.php>). If so, PHP is now configured on IIS. Return to the instructions for installing EOP ASSIST in [Chapter 3](#).

### Appendix F: Upgrading EOP ASSIST 5.0 to 6.0

If you have EOP ASSIST 5.0 (released in August 2019) installed on your server, you will need to upgrade to version 6.0 (released in August 2020) to access the latest features of the software application. It is important to follow the steps below to upgrade from EOP ASSIST 5.0 to version 6.0.

**Before proceeding, please make a backup of the files and database.**

1. Download the correct upgrade package from the Website.
2. Extract or unzip the files.
3. Shut down the server.
4. Do not delete the EOP ASSIST 5.0 files from the server.
5. Copy and replace the unzipped files from the upgrade package to the server where EOP ASSIST 5.0 is currently installed. This will replace all the EOP ASSIST 5.0 files with EOP ASSIST 6.0 files, but will not alter the configuration, uploads, or logs.
6. Restart the server.
7. Clear browser caches.
8. Open EOP ASSIST normally on the browser.
9. Log in as the Super Administrator.
10. The system will then detect the version changes and will execute the database update process. Please do not do anything until this process has finished and you are prompted with a notification dialog indicating whether the process was successful.
11. Click the **OK** button.

You will be redirected to the Login page.

### Appendix G: Upgrading EOP ASSIST 4.0 to 5.0

If you have EOP ASSIST 4.0 (released in August 2017) installed on your server, you will need to upgrade to version 5.0 (released in August 2019) to access the latest features of the software application. It is important to follow the steps below to upgrade from EOP ASSIST 4.0 to version 5.0.

**Before proceeding, please make a backup of the files and database.**

1. Download the correct upgrade package from the Website.
2. Extract or unzip the files.
3. Shut down the server.
4. Do not delete the EOP ASSIST 4.0 files from the server.
5. Copy and replace the unzipped files from the upgrade package to the server where EOP ASSIST 4.0 is currently installed. This will replace all the EOP ASSIST 4.0 files with EOP ASSIST 5.0 files, but will not alter the configuration, uploads, or logs.
6. Restart the server.
7. Clear browser caches.
8. Open EOP ASSIST normally on the browser.
9. Log in as the Super Administrator.
10. The system will then detect the version changes and will execute the database update process. Please do not do anything until this process has finished and you are prompted with a notification dialog indicating whether the process was successful.
11. Click the **OK** button.

You will be redirected to the Login page.

### Appendix H: Upgrading EOP ASSIST 3.0 to 4.0

If you have EOP ASSIST 3.0 (released in February 2017) installed on your server, you will need to first upgrade to version 4.0 (released in August 2017) before upgrading to version 5.0 (released in August 2019). It is important to follow the steps below to upgrade from EOP ASSIST 3.0 to version 4.0.

**Before proceeding, please make a backup of the files and database.**

1. Download the correct upgrade package from the Website.
2. Extract or unzip the files.
3. Shut down the server.
4. Do not delete the EOP ASSIST 3.0 files from the server.
5. Copy and replace the unzipped files from the upgrade package to the server where EOP ASSIST 3.0 is currently installed. This will replace all the EOP ASSIST 3.0 files with EOP ASSIST 4.0 files, but will not alter the configuration, uploads, or logs.
6. Restart the server.
7. Clear browser caches.
8. Open EOP ASSIST normally in the browser.
9. Log in as the Super Administrator.
10. The system will then detect the version changes and will execute the database update process. Please do not do anything until this process has finished and you are prompted with a notification dialog indicating whether the process was successful.
11. Click the **OK** button.
12. You will be redirected to the Login page.

### Appendix I: Upgrading EOP ASSIST 2.0 to 3.0

If you have EOP ASSIST 2.0 (released in September 2015) installed on your server, you will need to first upgrade to version 3.0 (released in February 2017) before upgrading to versions 4.0 (released in August 2017) and finally 5.0 (released in August 2019). It is important to follow the steps below to upgrade from EOP ASSIST 2.0 to version 3.0.

**Before proceeding, please make a backup of the files and database.**

1. Download the correct upgrade package from the Website.
2. Extract or unzip the files.
3. Shut down the server.
4. Do not delete the EOP ASSIST 2.0 files from the server.
5. Copy and replace the unzipped files from the upgrade package to the server where EOP ASSIST 2.0 is currently installed. This will replace all the EOP ASSIST 2.0 files with EOP ASSIST 3.0 files, but will not alter the configuration, uploads, and logs.
6. Restart the server.
7. Clear browser caches.
8. Open EOP ASSIST normally at the browser.
9. Log in as the Super Administrator.
10. The system will then detect the version changes and will execute the database update process. Please do not do anything until this process has finished and you are prompted with a notification dialog indicating whether the process was successful.
11. Click the **OK** button.
12. You will be redirected to the Login page.