

Installation of Apache OpenMeetings 7.0.0 on Ubuntu 18.04 lts

The present tutorial is made based on a minimal fresh installations of

bionic-desktop-amd64.iso

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It is made step by step.

Starting...

1)

First, we update and upgrade the OS:

`sudo apt update`

`sudo apt upgrade`

2)

----- **Installation of Java** -----

OpenMeetings 7.0.0 need Java 17 to work. So we install OpenJava 17:

```
sudo apt install openjdk-17-jdk openjdk-17-jdk-headless nano
```

Now, please, select OpenJava 17, if you have more than one java versions installed:

```
sudo update-alternatives --config java
```

To see the active java version:

```
java -version
```

3)

----- Installation of LibreOffice -----

LibreOffice is need it to convert to pdf the uploaded office files.

The ubuntu desktop iso have already LibreOffice installed.

But we install it specially for server iso:

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:libreoffice/ppa
```

```
sudo apt update
```

```
sudo apt install libreoffice
```

4)

----- Installation ImageMagick and Sox -----

ImageMagick, will work the image files, png, jpg, gif, etc. Will install it and some more libraries and paquets:

```
sudo apt install -y imagemagick libjpeg62 zlib1g-dev
```

We modify ImageMagick, so OpenMeetings can upload office files to whiteboard:

```
sudo nano /etc/ImageMagick-6/policy.xml
```

...and comment the two follow lines, near to bottom file:

```
<policy domain="coder" rights="none" pattern="PS" />
<policy domain="coder" rights="none" pattern="PDF" />
```

...to:

```
<!-- <policy domain="coder" rights="none" pattern="PS" /> -->
<!-- <policy domain="coder" rights="none" pattern="PDF" /> -->
```

Press in the keyboard **Ctrl+x**, will ask to save, press **Y**, and press **Enter** to exit nano editor. This last must be repeated every time you update the ImageMagick, or maybe you'll be asked to keep or replace the "policy.xml" file (modified by us), then pres "Keep" button.

Sox, work the sound. We install it:

```
sudo apt install sox
```

5)

----- Installation of FFmpeg -----

FFmpeg will work the video. We install together to vlc for watch the videos:

```
sudo apt install ffmpeg vlc
```

6)

----- Installation of MariaDB data base server -----

MariaDB is the data base server. Will install it:

```
sudo apt install mariadb-server
```

Run MariaDB:

```
sudo /etc/init.d/mysql start
```

Now we give a root password to MariaDB. Please, replace **new-password** with your own:

```
sudo mysqladmin -u root password new-password
```

Make a database with his own user for OpenMeetings:

```
sudo mysql -u root -p
```

...will ask for the root password that you have just choosen, type it...

```
MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE DATABASE open700 DEFAULT CHARACTER SET 'utf8';
```

(Only one line with space between both)

```
MariaDB [(none)]> GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON open700.* TO 'hola'@'localhost'
IDENTIFIED BY '1a2B3c4D' WITH GRANT OPTION;
```

- * open700is the database name.
- * holais the user name for this database.
- * 1a2B3c4D ..is the password for this user.

You can change the data...but remember it! Later we'll need it.

...now we leave MariaDB:

```
MariaDB [(none)]> quit
```

7)

----- Installation of Kurento Media Server -----

Kurento Media Server is needed for access to cam, mic-audio, recording and share dektop.
We install keys and add the repo for kurento:

```
sudo apt-key adv --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com --recv-keys 5AFA7A83
```

```
sudo nano /etc/apt/sources.list.d/kurento-dev.list
```

...copy-paste the following three lines:

```
deb [arch=amd64] http://ubuntu.openvidu.io/6.13.0 bionic kms6
deb [arch=amd64] http://mirror.yandex.ru/ubuntu/ bionic main restricted
deb [arch=amd64] http://mirror.yandex.ru/ubuntu/ bionic universe
```

Press in the keyboard **Ctrl+x**, will ask to save, press **Y**, and press **Enter** to exit nano editor.

Update:

```
sudo apt update
```

...install kurento:

```
sudo apt install --yes kurento-media-server
```

...and run it:

```
sudo /etc/init.d/kurento-media-server start
```

8)

----- Kurento's Configuration -----

We should configure Kurento with “nobody” user, just the same like Tomcat and the installation folder of OpenMeetings /opt/open700. For this we edit the configuration file:

```
sudo nano /etc/default/kurento-media-server
```

...and replace in the line number 7:

```
DAEMON_USER="kurento"
```

...to

```
DAEMON_USER="nobody"
```

...press in the keyboard **Ctrl+x**, will ask to save, press **Y**, and press **Enter** to exit nano editor.

Restart kurento:

```
sudo /etc/init.d/kurento-media-server restart
```

After install OpenNmeetings you can access to OpenMeetings and his rooms to record.

9)

----- Installation of OpenMeetings -----

We'll install OpenMeetings in /opt/open700. All the following information will be based on this directory:

```
cd /opt
```

...download the tomcat-OpenMeetings file:

```
sudo wget https://archive.apache.org/dist/openmeetings/7.0.0/bin/apache-openmeetings-7.0.0.tar.gz
```

...uncompress it:

```
sudo tar xzvf apache-openmeetings-7.0.0.tar.gz
```

...and rename the obtained folder:

```
sudo mv apache-openmeetings-7.0.0 open700
```

We make some folders for the recordings we'll make at the different OpenMeetings rooms:

```
sudo mkdir -p /opt/open700/webapps/openmeetings/data/streams/{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14}
```

```
sudo mkdir -p /opt/open700/webapps/openmeetings/data/streams/hibernate
```

...restrict the access to these folders:

```
sudo chmod -R 750 /opt/open700/webapps/openmeetings/data/streams
```

...and we do to "nobody" user owner of OpenMeetings installation folder:

```
sudo chown -R nobody:nogroup /opt/open700
```

Download and install the connector between OpenMeetings and MariaDB:

```
cd /opt
```

(Only one line without space between both)

```
sudo wget https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/mysql/mysql-connector-java/8.0.30/mysql-connector-java-8.0.30.jar
```

...and copy it to where must be:

```
sudo cp /opt/mysql-connector-java-8.0.30.jar /opt/open700/webapps/openmeetings/WEB-INF/lib
```

10)

----- **Script to launch Tomcat-OpenMeetings** -----

Please, download the tomcat run script:

```
cd /opt
```

```
sudo wget https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/download/attachments/27838216/tomcat4
```

...copy it to:

```
sudo cp tomcat4 /etc/init.d/
```

...and concede permission of execution:

```
sudo chmod +x /etc/init.d/tomcat4
```

If you would made the installation in any other different path to /opt/open700, please edit the script and modify the line:

```
CATALINA_HOME==/opt/open700
```

...to

```
CATALINA_HOME==/your-path-installation
```

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----- **Run Tomcat-OpenMeetings** -----

Start MariaDB, if still it is not:

```
sudo /etc/init.d/mysql start
```

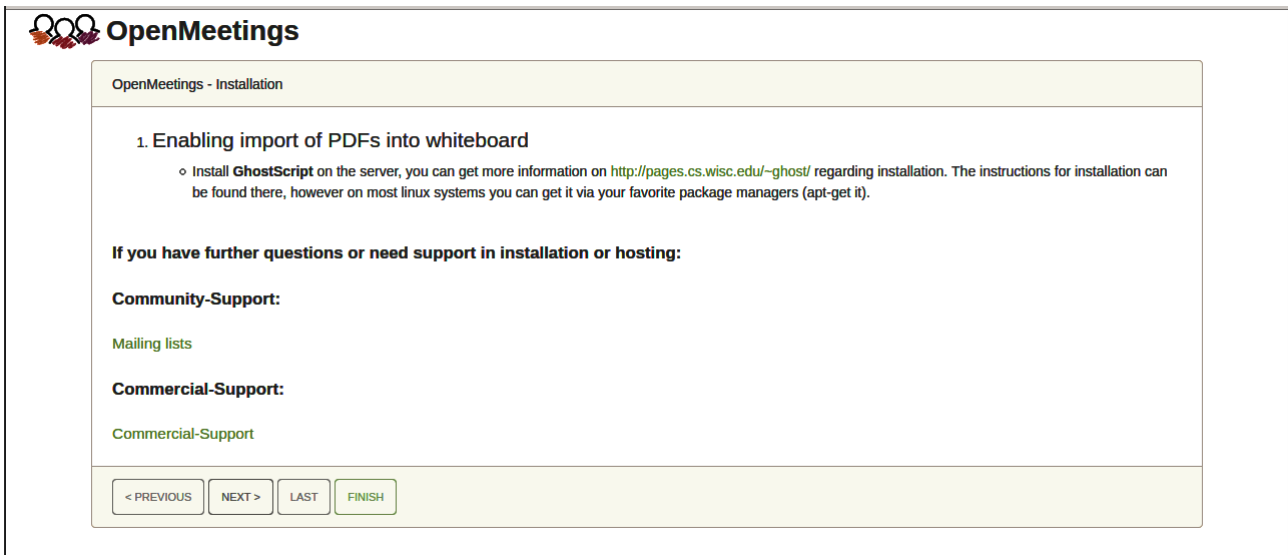
...and now start tomcat-OpenMeetings:

```
sudo /etc/init.d/tomcat4 start
```

...wait 40 seconds at least, in order that tomcat runing completely. And after this, can go to:

<https://localhost:5443/openmeetings>

...there will appear a page similar to this one:



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1. Enabling import of PDFs into whiteboard

- Install **GhostScript** on the server, you can get more information on <http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost/> regarding installation. The instructions for installation can be found there, however on most linux systems you can get it via your favorite package managers (apt-get it).

If you have further questions or need support in installation or hosting:

Community-Support:

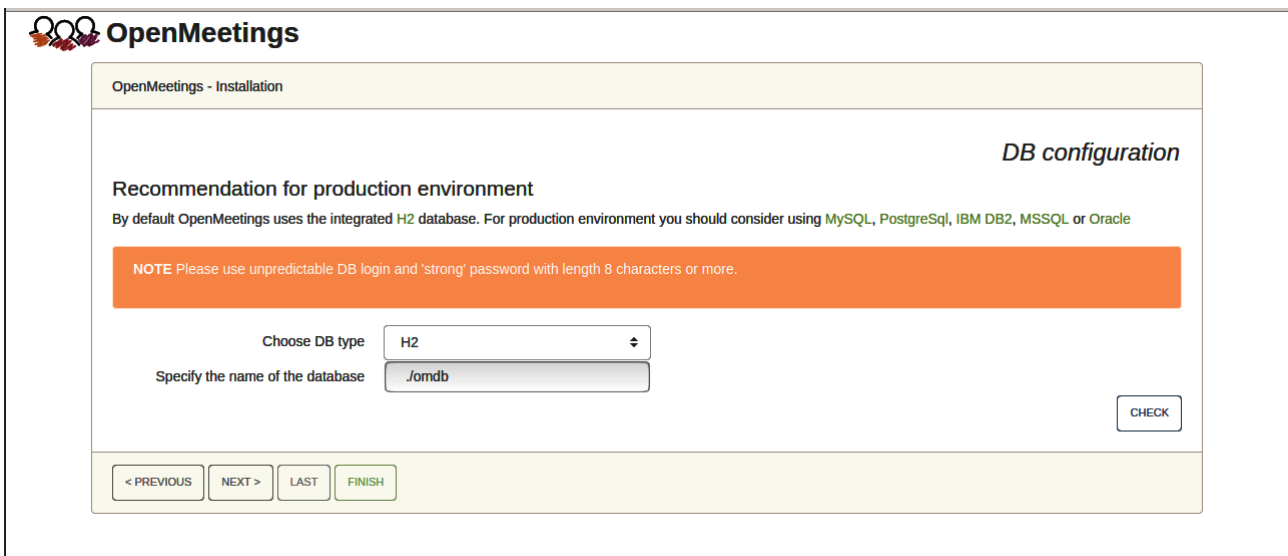
[Mailing lists](#)

Commercial-Support:

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...press on “**Next >**” button (bottom), and will show the default database configuration with H2, but we employ MySQL (MariaDB),



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DB configuration

Recommendation for production environment

By default OpenMeetings uses the integrated H2 database. For production environment you should consider using MySQL, PostgreSQL, IBM DB2, MSSQL or Oracle

NOTE Please use unpredictable DB login and 'strong' password with length 8 characters or more.

Choose DB type:

Specify the name of the database:

CHECK

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...then, scroll and **Choose DB type** to MySQL:

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Choose DB type:

Specify DB host:

Specify DB port:

Specify the name of the database:

Specify DB user:

Specify DB password:

< PREVIOUS NEXT > LAST FINISH

Now we must introduce the database name, user name and his password, we did at the step 6:

Specify the name of the database = open700

Specify DB user = hola

Specify DB password = 1a2B3c4D

...if you choose any other data, please type it here. Please push “Next >” button, and will go to:

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Userdata

Username:

Userpass:

E-Mail:

User Time Zone:

Group(Domains)

Name:

< PREVIOUS NEXT > LAST FINISH

Here, we must introduce a user name for OpenMeetings, and his password. This must have 8 digits minimum, and at least 1 special symbol like: + (% # ! ...etc.

Username = a-name ...this user will be administrator.

Userpass = password ...for the previous user.


Email = email-address ...of the previous user.

User Time Zone = country where is this server.

Name = example-openmeetings ...group name to choose.

Write down your username and password on a piece of paper, then it will be used to access OpenMeetings later.

Press the button “Next >” and will lead us to a new page (below) where you can select the language for your OpenMeetings server, as well as other options such as the configuration of the mail server being used to send invitations or meetings from OpenMeetings:



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Configuration

Allow self-registering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Send Email to new registered Users	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Users need to verify their EMail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Default DB objects of all types will be created (including Rooms, OAuth2 servers etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mail-Referer	<input type="text" value="noreply@openmeetings.apache.org"/>
SMTP-Server	<input type="text" value="localhost"/>
SMTP-Server Port(default SmtP-Server Port is 25)	<input type="text" value="25"/>
SMTP-Username	<input type="text"/>
SMTP-Userpass	<input type="text"/>
Enable TLS in Mail Server Auth	<input type="checkbox"/>
Set inviter's email address as ReplyTo in email invitations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default Language	<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="text" value="English"/>

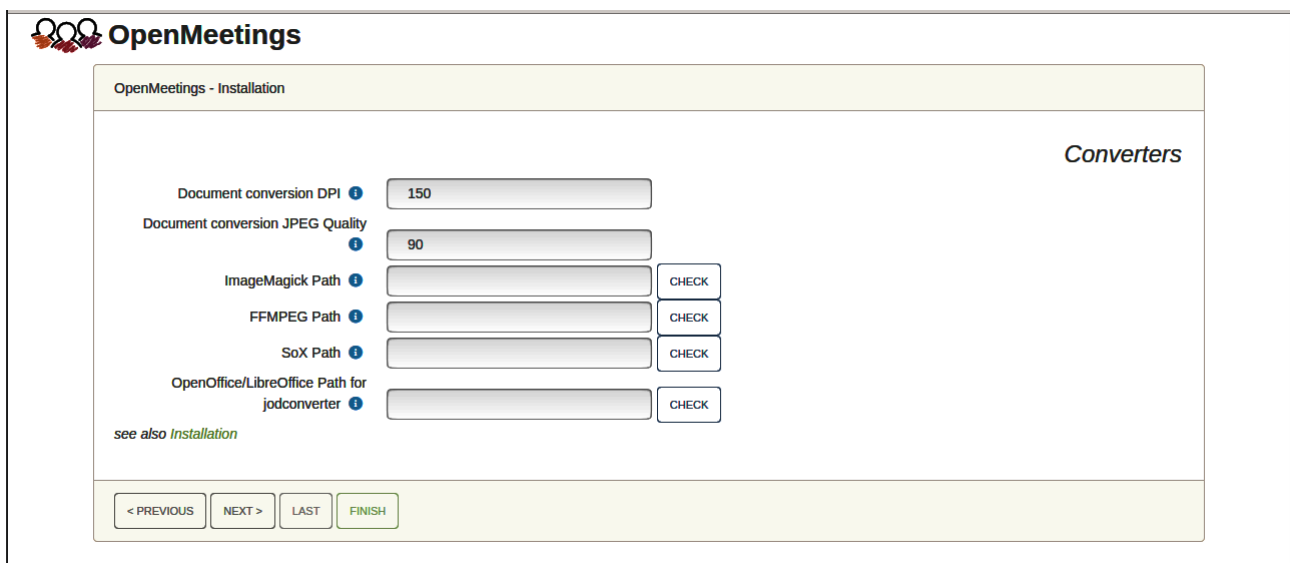
A valid example to configure the mail server with Gmail, is as follows:

(replace **john@gmail.com** with your real Gmail account)

Mail-Refer	==	john@gmail.com
SMTP-Server	==	smtp.gmail.com
SMTP-Server Port (default SmtP-Server Port is 25)	==	587
SMTP-Username	==	john@gmail.com
SMTP-Userpass	==	password of john@gmail.com
Enable TLS in Mail Server Auth	==	...turn green the button to activate
Default Language	==	...select your language

...the rest you can change it as you likes.

Now press the button “**Next >**” and a new page will appear:



The screenshot shows the 'OpenMeetings - Installation' window. The title bar includes the OpenMeetings logo and the text 'OpenMeetings - Installation'. The main content area is titled 'Converters' and contains several configuration options, each with a text input field and a 'CHECK' button:

- Document conversion DPI: 150
- Document conversion JPEG Quality: 90
- ImageMagick Path: [input field] CHECK
- FFMPEG Path: [input field] CHECK
- SoX Path: [input field] CHECK
- OpenOffice/LibreOffice Path for jodconverter: [input field] CHECK

Below these fields, there is a link that says 'see also Installation'. At the bottom of the window, there are four navigation buttons: '< PREVIOUS', 'NEXT >', 'LAST', and 'FINISH'.

Here we'll introduce the respective paths for the image, video, audio and conversion of uploaded files:

ImageMagick Path == ...here empty

FFMPEG Path == ...here empty

SOX Path == ...here empty

OpenOffice/LibreOffice Path for jodconverter == /usr/lib/libreoffice (32bit - 64bit)

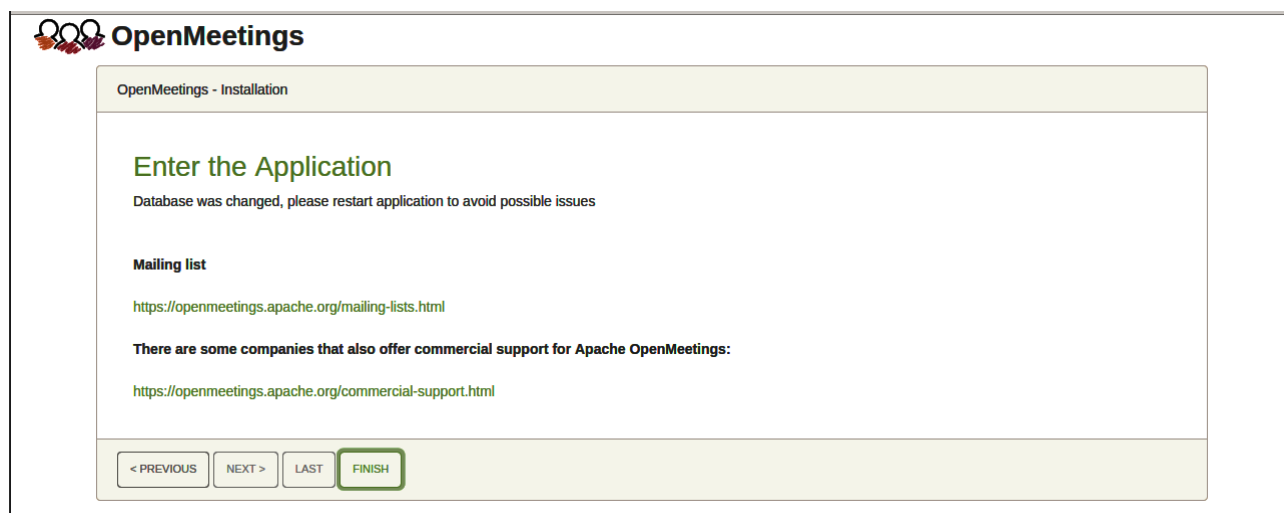
As you go introducing paths, you can check if they are correct by pressing the button labeled **Check**.

Once completed the paths, please click the button “**Next >**” and move on to another page that we will leave as is:

Now push the button “**Next >**” and will show this window:

Press “**Finish**” button ...wait a seconds untill the tables are fill in the database.
When has concluded, this another page will appear. **Don't** clic on **Enter the Application**.
First is needed restart the server:

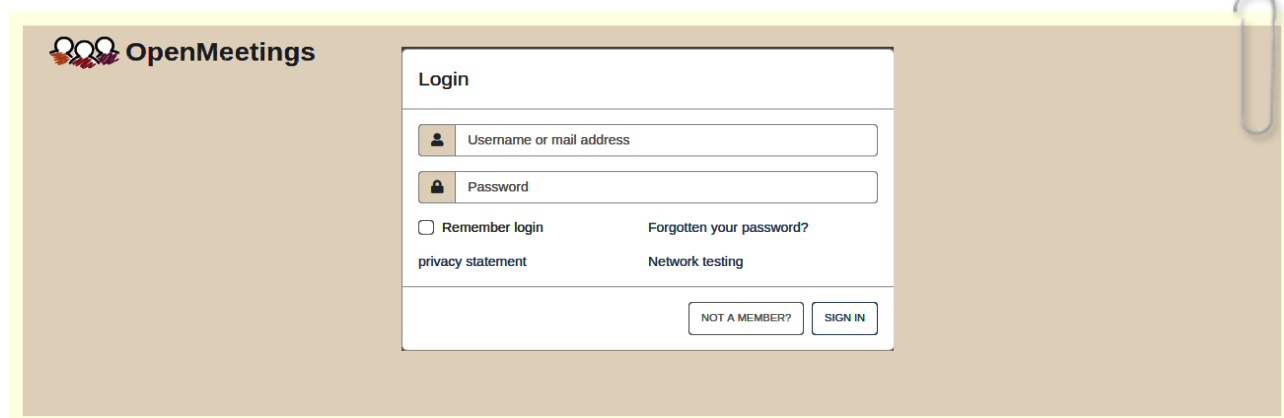
`sudo /etc/init.d/tomcat4 restart`



Now yes, you can clic on [Enter the Application](#), or go with your browser to:

<https://localhost:5443/openmeetings/>

...and will take us to the entry of OpenMeetings:



Introduce the user's name and the password that you have choosen during the installation, push “**Sign in**” button, and...

...**Congratulations!**

After installing OpenMeetings, you still need to install Coturn (Turn server) for which you can download the following tutorial and follow it from step 5:

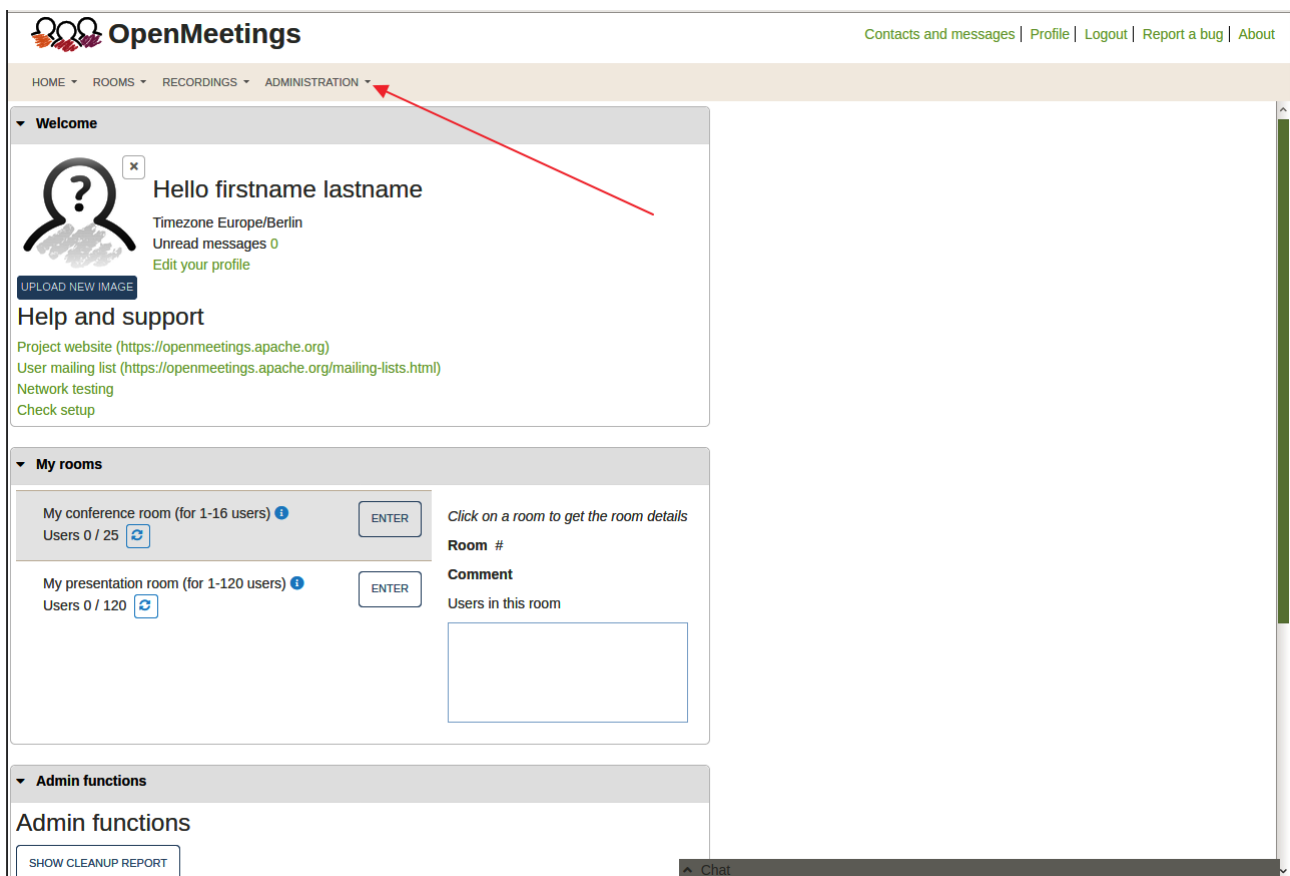
[Installation SSL certificates and Coturn for OpenMeetings 7.0.0 on Ubuntu 18.04 lts](#)

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----- OpenMeetings's Configuration -----

Once you acced to OpenMeetings, if you would like to do any modification in the configuration, please go to:

Administration → Configuration



...and following the order of the red arrows:

OpenMeetings Contacts and messages | Profile | Logout | Report a bug | About

HOME ROOMS RECORDINGS ADMINISTRATION

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ID	Key	Value
1	crypt.class.name	org.apache.openmeetings.util.crypt.SCryptImplementation
2	allow.frontend.register	true
3	allow.soap.register	true
4	allow.oauth.register	true
5	default.group.id	1
6	mail.smtp.server	localhost
7	mail.smtp.port	25
8	mail.smtp.system.email	noreply@openmeetings.apache.org
9	mail.smtp.user	
10	mail.smtp.pass	
11	mail.smtp.starttls.enable	false
12	mail.smtp.connection.timeout	30000
13	mail.smtp.timeout	30000
14	application.name	OpenMeetings
15	default.lang.id	1
16	document.dpi	150
17	document.quality	90
18	path.imagemagick	
19	path.sox	
20	path.ffmpeg	/usr/local/bin
21	path.office	/usr/lib/libreoffice
22	dashboard.rss.feed1	https://mail-archives.apache.org/mod_mbox/openmeetings-user/?format=atom

Configuration

Type: STRING

Key:

Value:

Last update:

Updated by:

Comment:

1 2 3

So to finish, the commands remember to run the servers are:

- sudo /etc/init.d/mysql start ...MariaDB data server
- sudo /etc/init.d/kurento-media-server start ...Kurento media server
- sudo /etc/init.d/tomcat4 start ...Tomcat-OpenMeetings

If you have some doubt or question, please raise it in the Apache OpenMeetings forums:

<https://openmeetings.apache.org/mailling-lists.html>



Also you can download if you like, a wallpaper of OpenMeetings for different devices such as:

PC, Mac, Smartphone, iPhone and Tablets. Here is the link to download:

[OpenMeetings Wallpaper Download](#)

A dvd live iso with OpenMeetings 7.0.0 on Ubuntu 18.04 lts, it is at your disposal.

Can find it here:

[Live iso download](#)

Thank you.

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