

Welcome to E-Blah!

Thank you for your interest in E-Blah. E-Blah has been my “pet project” for the past five years now. There’s something for everyone in E-Blah. The community and I have expanded E-Blah over the years and we hope you have an awesome experience! I would like you to know that in life, there’s one thing that’s always free – and your soul depends on it: “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9 NLT). Enjoy E-Blah!

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E-Blah Founder and Owner

Donating

E-Blah is open-source: meaning it’s free. We’re providing this software to you for free because we believe free software is **better**. If you would like to contribute to this project, please do so via **PayPal** (www.paypal.com; “Send Money” to justin@eblah.com).

Installing / Upgrading your Forum

Due to the fact that help documents can be improved upon after release, we’ve placed them on our sister site, Blah Docs. Any help you’ll need in installing your forum will be found there.

www.blahdocs.com/installnew/

If you happen to get stuck installing your forum, our **support community** (www.eblah.com/forum/) is available to help you. We have *very* quick turnaround time as we want to make sure you have your forum up and running in the quickest time possible.

If you have trouble installing E-Blah and would like it installed for you, **I do installations for a small installation fee** (www.eblah.com/pricing.php).

Change Log

There should be an accompanying file with this download, ChangeLog.txt, which will show any changes E-Blah has had since the last released version.

Online Resources

There are only a few resources you need remember for E-Blah.

★ **E-Blah** / www.eblah.com

Be sure to stay up to date with the latest version of E-Blah from the E-Blah Website.

★ **Test Pit** / pit.eblah.com

The latest versions of E-Blah are located on the E-Blah Test Pit. These are nightly archived upgrades that may be applied on top of the latest public version.

★ **Blah Docs** / www.blahdocs.com

The latest documentation can be found on the Blah Docs website. There are also many resources for your forum on the Blah Docs website, such as themes.

System Requirements

E-Blah runs on nearly every server variety available. However, the bare minimum requirements are:

- ★ Perl version 5 or higher
- ★ At least 10 MB's free web space (more is recommended)

The latest documentation has more requirements and should be consulted if you are in doubt of meeting these requirements. We estimate that around 98% of all servers have the minimum requirements required to run E-Blah.

Converting from another Forum System

If you are running another forum system, such as phpBB, YaBB 2, or vBulletin, you can easily convert them to the E-Blah format. To do this, you will need to download the latest conversion packs from the main **E-Blah Downloads** (www.eblah.com/downloads.php) page. Some of these systems may require you install an older version of E-Blah and then upgrade to the latest version after your forum has been converted.

Questions, Comments, or Accolades?

If you have any questions, comments, or accolades on the E-Blah Forum System, don't be shy: post them! We're here to offer support! Check out the **E-Blah Community** (www.eblah.com/forum/) for any questions you have with E-Blah.

GPL License

Before you install E-Blah you must agree to the **terms and conditions** of the GPL license agreement, which should be found accompanying the main E-Blah download. It is also available online via the **E-Blah website** (www.eblah.com) or the **GNU website** (www.gnu.org/copyleft/gpl.html).