

**Introduction**

This document describes the update of an existing GMS 5.x (5.0, 5.1, 5.2) installation to GMS 5.5. For instructions on performing a complete GMS 5.5 installation from scratch, see the documents “GMS 5.5 Simple NexusDB installation” and/or “GMS 5 installation and migration” documents.

Unlike most applications, GMS can be used without a formal installation process. Running the installer initially helps – it will create your shortcuts, configures the database, and handles registration.

**Upgrading**

If GMS 5 – any version – is already installed on your machine or on your network, upgrading is simple:

1. Download the latest version of the GMS binaries
2. Ensure that no one is currently using GMS
3. Copy the files into your existing GMS folder, overwriting the existing files

*Required files:*

GMS5.exe    GMS itself

nxServer.exe    NexusDB server (only if you're using NexusDB in client/server mode, and only on the machine which is acting as the server)

*Recommended files:*

GMS5EnterpriseManager.exe    Tools for manipulating and repairing your data

*Optional files:*

GMSConvert.exe

If there are multiple machines on your network which do not share a common executable, you'll need to repeat this process on all of the machines which have their own copies of GMS5.exe.

There is nothing else to the process – no data needs to be converted, no settings need to be changed.

**Enabling enhancements**

There are a few enhancements added in the various versions of GMS 5 that you may want to enable – comments, lists and scheduling. When enabled, GMS will show you the tools which can be used with them where appropriate.

1. Click on the “System configuration” icon
2. Click on the “System Setup” icon
3. On the “Enabling” tab, you'll find buttons for turning on “Comments and attached photos”, “Scheduling system” and “Lists system”.