



Installation of Apache OpenMeetings 6.3.0 on Debian 11

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

debian-11.0.0-amd64-netinst.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 6.3.0 need Java to work. So we install OpenJava 17:

```
sudo apt install openjdk-17-jre openjdk-17-jre-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 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:

```
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 following lines, if is not, 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.

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/mariadb 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 MariaDB root password that you have just chosen, type it...

```
MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE DATABASE open630 DEFAULT CHARACTER SET 'utf8';
```

(Only one line with space between both)

```
MariaDB [(none)]> GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON open630.* TO 'hola'@'localhost'  
IDENTIFIED BY '1a2B3c4D' WITH GRANT OPTION;
```

- * open630is 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 OpenMeetings -----

We'll install OpenMeetings in /opt/open630. 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/6.3.0/bin/apache-openmeetings-6.3.0.tar.gz
```

...uncompress it:

```
sudo tar xzvf apache-openmeetings-6.3.0.tar.gz
```

...and rename the obtained folder:

```
sudo mv apache-openmeetings-6.3.0 open630
```

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

```
sudo chown -R nobody:nogroup /opt/open630
```

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/8.0.28/mysql-connector-java-8.0.28.jar
```

...and copy it to where must be:

```
sudo cp /opt/mysql-connector-java-8.0.28.jar /opt/open630/webapps/openmeetings/WEB-INF/lib
```

8)

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

Please, download the tomcat run script:

```
cd /opt
```

```
sudo wget https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/download/attachments/27838216/tomcat34
```

...copy it to:

```
sudo cp tomcat34 /etc/init.d/
```

...and concede permission of execution:

```
sudo chmod +x /etc/init.d/tomcat34
```

If you would made the installation in any other different path to /opt/open630, please edit the script and modify the line:

```
CATALINA_HOME==/opt/open630
```

...to

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

9)

----- Installation of Docker -----

We'll install Docker as recipient of Kurento Media Server. For that, we'll create his repository:

```
sudo nano /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list
```

...and copy-paste the following line:

```
deb [arch=amd64] https://download.docker.com/linux/debian buster stable
```

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

Install the public claves for this repository:

```
sudo wget https://download.docker.com/linux/debian/gpg -O- | sudo apt-key add
```

...update:

```
sudo apt update
```

...and install Docker:

```
sudo apt install -y docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io
```

To test it works right, we'll install "hello world":

```
sudo docker run hello-world
```

...and appear this announce:

```
"Hello from Docker!
```

```
This message shows that your installation appears to be working correctly."
```

```
.....  
.....
```

For a normal user, no root, can run Docker , we add it to docker group:

```
sudo adduser your-user docker
```

(change **your-user** by your real user system name)

10)

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

We install Kurento Media Server, needed for cam, micro-audio, recording and share desktop.

First run docker:

```
sudo systemctl start docker.service
```

...and now we'll install kurento-media-server. But first we'll create the folder where will be the video recorder files we should make in rooms, as well as the uploaded files and documents:

```
sudo mkdir -p /opt/om_data
```

...and install kurento:

(Only one line, with space between both)

```
sudo docker run -d --name kms -p 8888:8888 --mount  
type=bind,source=/opt/om_data,target=/opt/om_data kurento/kurento-media-server
```

11)

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

Start MariaDB, if still it is not:

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

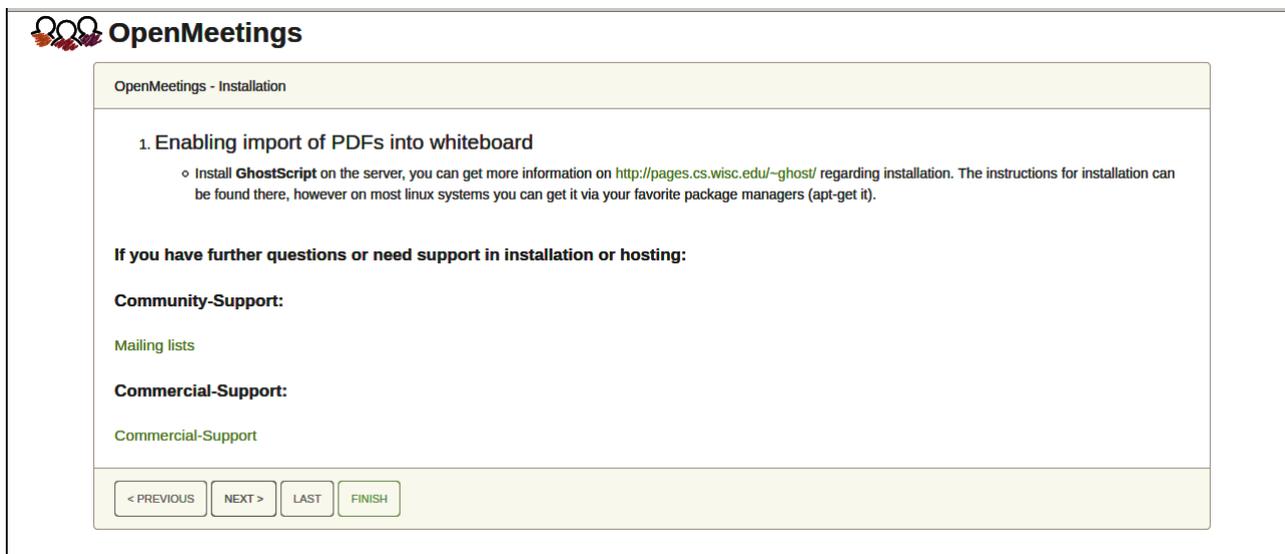
...and now start tomcat-OpenMeetings:

```
sudo /etc/init.d/tomcat34 start
```

...wait 30 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:

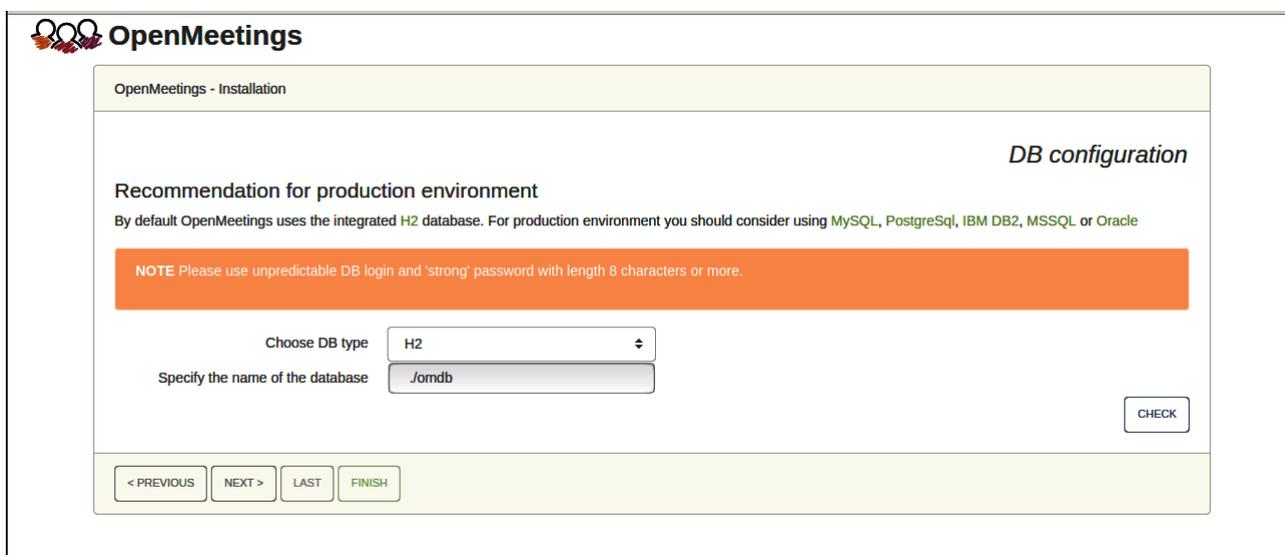
[Mailing lists](#)

Commercial-Support:

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< PREVIOUS NEXT > LAST FINISH

...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

< PREVIOUS NEXT > LAST FINISH

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

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

Specify the name of the database = [open630](#)

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:

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"/>

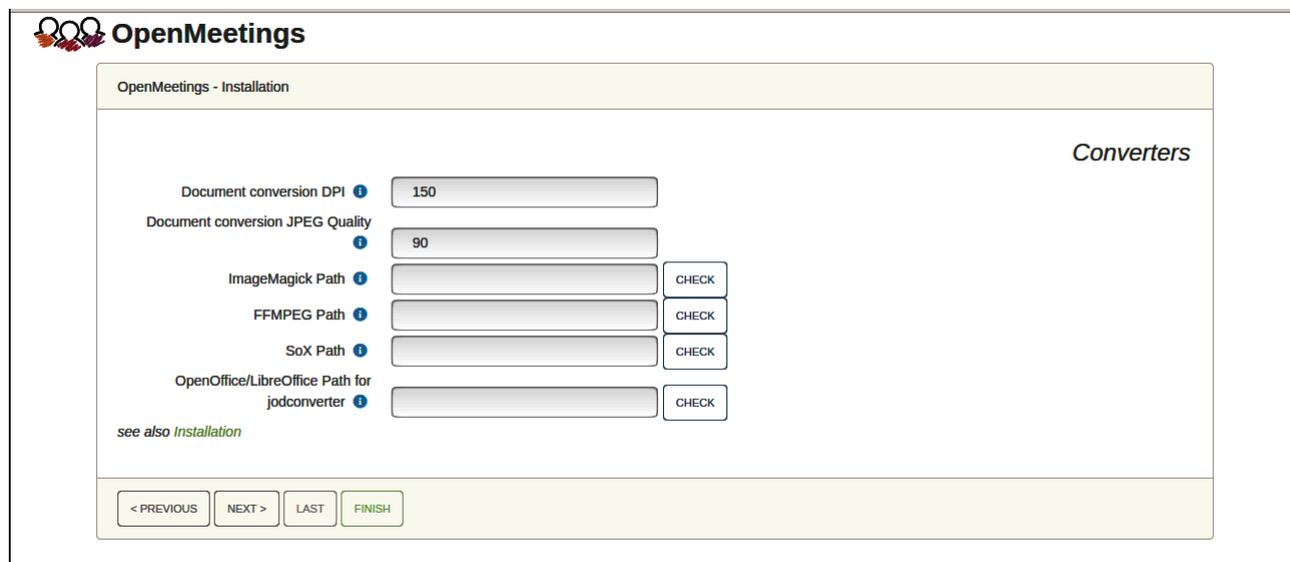
A valid example to configure the mail server with Gmail, is as follows:

(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'. The main content area is titled 'OpenMeetings - Installation' and features a section for configuring converters. On the right side of this section, the word 'Converters' is displayed. The configuration options include:

- 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 options, 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**.

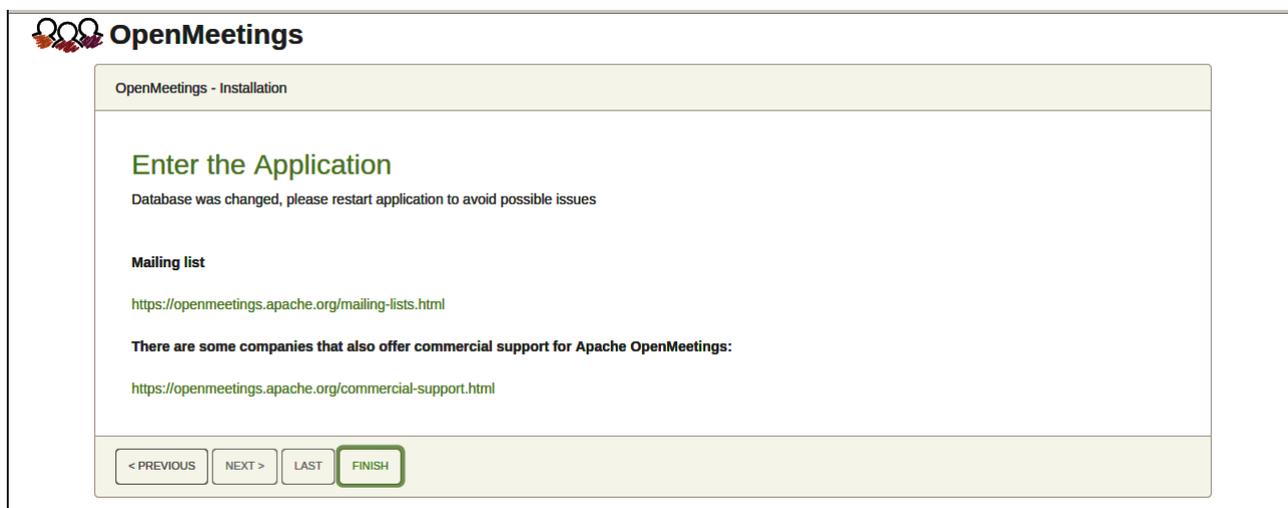
Once completed the paths, please click the button “**Next >**” and move on to another page that we will leave as is:

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

Press “**Finish**” button ...wait a seconds until 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:

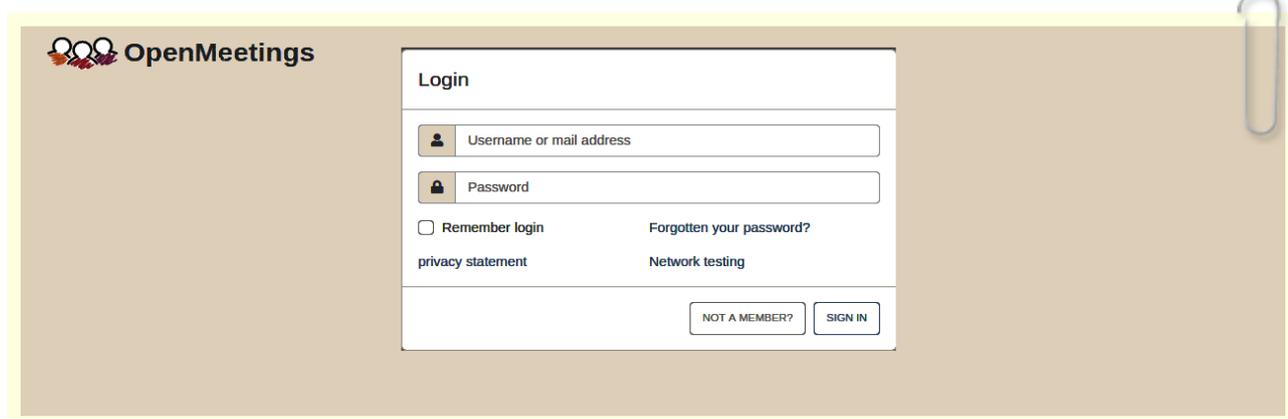
```
sudo /etc/init.d/tomcat34 restart
```



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 chosen during the installation, push "Sign in" button, and...

...Congratulations!

We need install also Coturn (Turn server), and configure it (**after finish** the present tutorial) starting in step 5. You can download it from here:

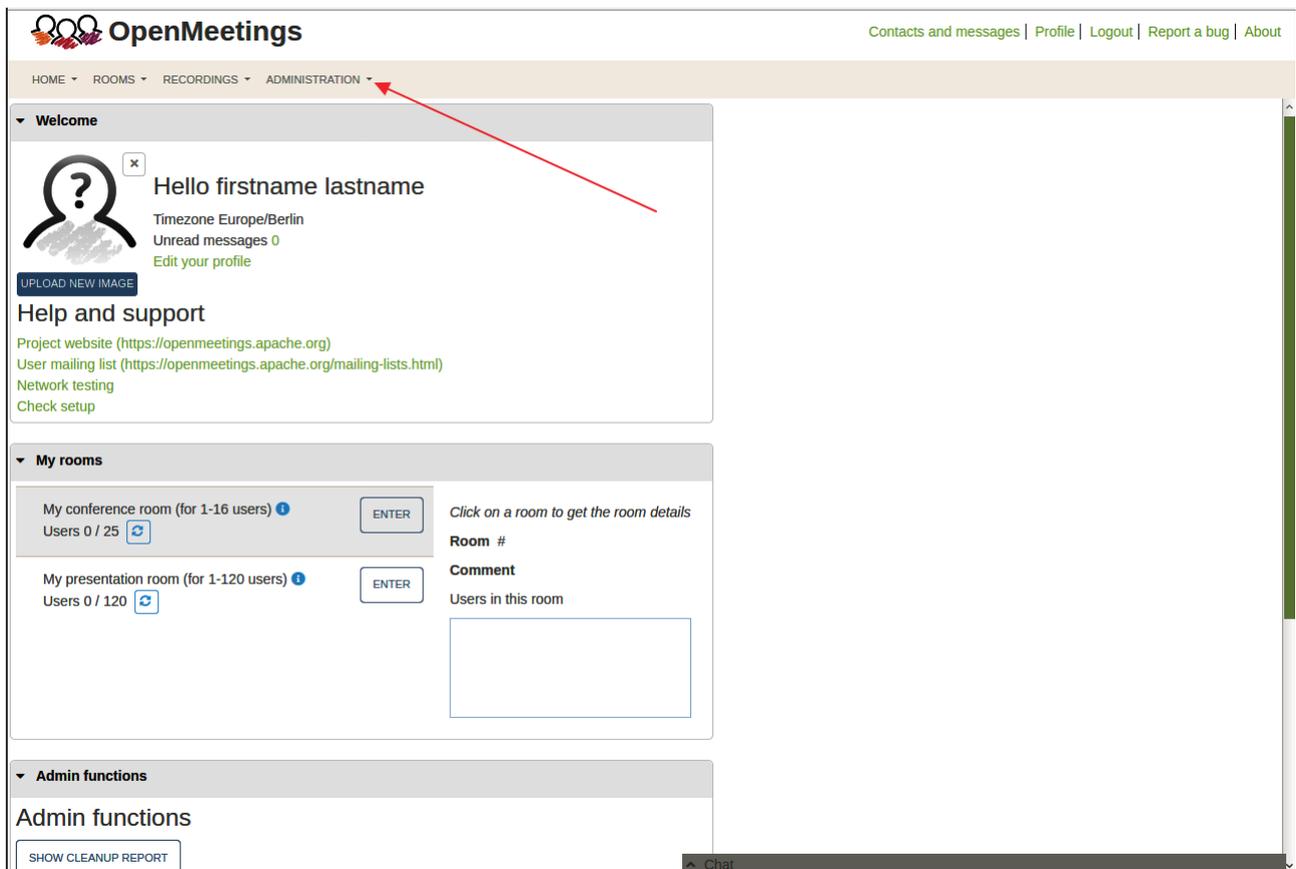
[Download Installation SSL certificates and Coturn for OpenMeetings 6.3.0 on Debian 11](#)

12)

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

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

Administration → Configuration



The screenshot displays the OpenMeetings web interface. At the top, the logo and name 'OpenMeetings' are visible on the left, and navigation links 'Contacts and messages | Profile | Logout | Report a bug | About' are on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'ROOMS', 'RECORDINGS', and 'ADMINISTRATION'. A red arrow points to the 'ADMINISTRATION' menu item. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Welcome' with a user profile card (Hello firstname lastname, Timezone Europe/Berlin, Unread messages 0, Edit your profile), 'Help and support' with links to the project website, user mailing list, network testing, and check setup; 'My rooms' with two room entries: 'My conference room (for 1-16 users)' and 'My presentation room (for 1-120 users)', each with an 'ENTER' button and a 'Room #' field; and 'Admin functions' with a 'SHOW CLEANUP REPORT' button. A 'Chat' button is visible at the bottom right.

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

The screenshot shows the OpenMeetings Administration interface. On the left is a table of configuration items, and on the right is a configuration form for a selected item. Red arrows indicate the flow of information from the table to the form.

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

The configuration form on the right includes fields for Type (STRING), Key, Value, Last update, Updated by, and Comment. Red arrows point from the table to the form: arrow 1 points to the 'mail.smtp.server' row, arrow 2 points to the 'Value' field, and arrow 3 points to the 'Type' dropdown.

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

- `sudo /etc/init.d/mariadb start` MariaDB data server
- `sudo systemctl start docker.service` Docker
- `sudo docker start kms` ...Kurento Media Server
- `sudo /etc/init.d/tomcat34 start` Tomcat-OpenMeetings

Remember, now is needed to follow the other downloaded tutorial for Coturn and configurations.

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 6.3.0 on Ubuntu 18.04 lts, it is at your disposal.

Can find it here:

[Live iso download](#)

Thank you.

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