exp:upgradescripts

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Upgrade stage 4, scripts: the PHP upgrade steps, policies and repairs (dry run unless --apply).

Script `bin/php/upgradescripts.php`, code in `kernel/private/classes/commands/upgradescripts.php`. Run it from the installation root, as the user the web server runs as:

Shell

```
./console exp:upgradescripts --help
./console exp:upgrade:scripts --help
php bin/php/upgradescripts.php --help
```

Help text

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Upgrade stage 4: the scripts
The PHP upgrade steps: the scripts of update/common/scripts/ and the setup commands (editor
policies, member management, user approval, ...), run through the same classes with their
default options. Refused while the database stage has pending steps (--force-order runs
anyway). Dry run unless --apply.

./console exp:upgrade:scripts
./console exp:upgrade:scripts --apply --skip=6.0.15-editor-policies
Guide: doc/eng-us/guides/upgrading-with-the-console.md
```

Options

Option	Value	Help
`--apply`		Make the changes (the default is a dry run that lists them and changes nothing)
`--dry-run`		The default, accepted for scripts that pass it: list what would change, change nothing
`--only`	required	Only these steps (step ids, a comma list or repeated); an optional step runs only when named here
`--skip`	required	Never these steps (step ids, a comma list or repeated)
`--format`	required	text (default) or json (the machine output exp-upgrade/1)
`--no-backup`		Write without making a backup first
`--backup-dir`	required	Where the backup goes (default var/backup/upgrade); a directory <time> is made in it
`--force-order`		Run a stage although an earlier stage has pending steps
`--fail-on-pending`		Exit 1 when steps are still pending (for CI)
`--force-no-backup`		With --no-backup on a production installation: write without a backup all the same

Option	Value	Help
`--no-caption`		Write without taking a caption first (the same as --no-backup); refused on production without --force-no-caption
`--force-no-caption`		With --no-caption on a production installation: write without a caption all the same

Read from the option definitions in the code (`startup()`, `getOptions()`, `options()` or `ezcConsoleOption`). Every script also takes the standard options of the script framework (`--help`, `--siteaccess`, `--debug`, `--quiet`, `--allow-root-user` ...).

Related

- All console commands

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