

Upgrading Blog CFC from 5.8.001 to 5.9.3.006

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I've been having the odd database login problem, and RSS feed issue when this site gets spidered by search bots. I can't really give my web host much grief about it as I don't know if either of these issues have been fixed in newer releases of Blog CFC.

So last night I set about upgrading to the newest release. Now like most developers I rarely find that an application does exactly what I want out of the box, so I had modified several small areas of the installation to suit my needs. This left me with the dilemma of not being able to just copy the new code over the top.

There is a tool I have used in the past called Beyond Compare from Scooter software <http://www.scootersoftware.com/> . It is a file and folder comparison tool that allows you to enter individual files and resolve potential conflicts at line level if need be.



After an hour or so of running through the newest release of Blog CFC, which you can get here, <http://blogcfc.riaforge.org/> I had merged in all the new change sets into my base code, and run the database scripts and bingo! I was up-to-date. Far more easily done than I would have thought.

My only gripe is that he wrote SQL change scripts for mySQL rather than MSSQL, but then that's just personal preference.

It would be nice to have an entirely separate skinning module, that way you could just replace code bases, but if you are running your Blog then chances are you can deal with that.