

## Avatar Tutorial Using flash (for entry level users) - XOOPS

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Access to phpMyadmin, either from your host or by using the Xoops module here [phpMyadmin module](#) The module will need to be installed first, but will be very useful in the future for users without cPanel.

The tutorial file is here [Avatar Tutorial](#) It requires flash to be installed and running on your browser. This is usually available by default on MSIE, but some versions of Mozilla require a plugin installation. I can make a PDF version available, but it's not as good as flash.

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