# How to use Eccowitt "Custom upload" protocol

Check also this forum topic https://www.wxforum.net/index.php?topic=38500.0

We use <code>/pwsWD/ecowitt/index.php</code> script to receive the data from your Ecowitt device The most important setting is at line 3 of that script, your passkey.

This is a string of characters unique to your device. The script will only accept the data if the passkey in the data is the same as the passkey on line 3 of the script.

This is a 'chicken or the egg' problem as we do not know what the secret passkey is, before your Ecowitt device is uploading to your site.

**First step:** Tell your ecowitt device to upload the data to your server. Use your "WS View" app and follow the steps

- · Click the menu icon => Device list
- Select your device
- Click More (at the top right) and select "Weather Services"
- Click "Next" (at the top right) until you are at "Customized"
- Select "Enable"
- Select "Ecowitt" protocol
- Type your webserver name <u>www.xxxxx.yyy</u>
- The path should be /pwsWD/ecowitt/You should use your own folder name if not pwsWD/
- The port 80 if your site accepts http or 443 if only https is allowed, but mostly that does not work
- Set the upload interval to a reasonable value in seconds.
   If you set it to fast your provider will block you as the DDOS attach filter will detect it.
  - 2 minutes (120 seconds) is often fast enough but to run a first test 60 seconds can be used.
- Press save and the data should be flowing to your webserver.

## Upload Server Customized Disable Protocol Type Same As Wunderground Server IP / Hostname www.yourserver.com Path /pwsWD/ecowitt/ Port 80 Upload Interval 60 Seconds Save

#### Second step:

We can now inspect using your browser the file /pwsWD/ecowitt/ecco stats.txt.

When there are problems this file will contain debug information.

Also it will list all unknown data. You will see your uploads and the first field shown is labelled passkey [PASSKEY] => 40339301C87CDC747FC3DEAB8C7583C2 [stationtype] => GW . . .

## Third step:

You should now copy that string to line 3 of /pwsWD/ecowitt/index.php so it reads \$passkey1 = '40339301C87CDC747FC3DEAB8C7583C2'; // if PASSKEY is known enter it here

## Fourth step:

What we accomplished is that the receiving script will accept valid data only!

You can change line 33 of /pwsWD/ecowitt/index.php to comment, add a # first position.

# \$test mode = true;

### Extra:

Now you should delete the contents of /pwsWD/ecowitt/ecco\_stats.txt Use your FTP program to do that

### Easyweathersetup:

Now you can set in easyweather the location of the generated file <code>./ecowitt/ecco\_lcl.arr</code>

