

Upgrade Announcement

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ExSite 3.6 Features

The following outlines new features and modules for the Exware Content Management System. Not all features and modules will be applicable for all client sites. If you have questions about this announcement or how your site can incorporate these new features, please call or email us.

NEW APPEARANCE

- New design, and new plug-in icons.
- Plug-ins will self-organize into categories.



ONLINE SUPPORT SITE

Exware Solutions has unveiled a new Online Support Site, allowing clients and users better information and help on how to best maintain their website.

<http://support.exsitewebware.com>

CONTENT MANAGEMENT

Menu Management

You can now easily reconfigure your menus by dragging and dropping pages into their proper positions in the site map, using the SimpleMenu control panel.

Keyword Tags

Webmaster can tag any site, page, photo, document, or article with keywords. The system will automatically generate a keyword index allowing you to find all content related to a keyword.

Topics

- [animals](#) (4)
- [art](#) (4)
- [computing](#) (4)
- [fencing](#) (2)
- [history](#) (3)
- [humour](#) (6)
- [internet](#) (11)
- [photography](#) (5)
- [politics](#) (3)
- [science](#) (6)
- [travel](#) (3)
- [writing](#) (13)

Browser Support

Safari added to list of browsers that can run the HTML editor.

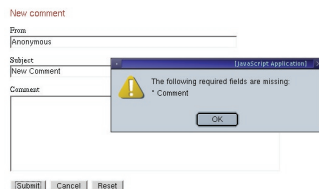
Automated Publishing

Pages can be configured to publish automatically at set times, or at hourly, daily, or weekly intervals.

WEB FORMS

Client-side Form Validation

Forms will now detect that they have missing data before you submit them, so you don't have to go back if data was missing.



Captchas

- Available on more forms and plugins.
- More features to block robots.

Dynamic Page Titles

Plug-ins can re-title pages if they choose to, which makes for better tabs/taskbar labels, history lists, and SEO. Useful for plug-ins that handle many content objects with their own names, such as news articles or catalog products.

Search

Advanced search options: put a '+' in front of a search term to require it in the results, and a '-' in front of a term to exclude it from the results. Search indexes are more efficient.

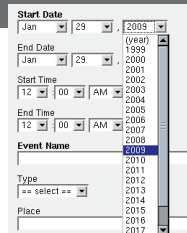
File Server

Maintain a large archive of downloadable files, with varying degrees of access for your website members.

Documents	4 KB	Aug 21, 2008	
Archive	4 KB	Sep 22, 2008	
Committee	4 KB	Oct 23, 2008	
Board_of_Directors	4 KB	Jan 9, 2009	

Date Selectors

Date fields on forms can optionally have drop-down day and year selectors. Not recommended for all cases (eg. dates of birth) since it is clumsy to show all possible years in a drop-down.



Content Filtering

- You can enable a censorship option that will try to catch and filter bad words that users enter into your site.
- Useful for forums or other content that is being received from untrusted sources.



INTERNATIONALIZATION

Multilingual system messages

- It will be possible to translate all system messages (text that is not your content but is printed automatically by ExSite and/or plugins) into any language, and support any number of languages at once.
- It will require a translator to actually do the translations, of course.

Emails

- Improved support for emails in other languages.

PRODUCTIVITY



ToDo

- Plug-ins can add items to the system to-do list, if they can detect that work needs to be done. Examples: the Website Manager can show you content that has been updated, but not published; E-Zines can show you comments that have been received but not moderated.
- Use the ToDo plug-in to view your to-do list and see what work is waiting for you.
- Makes it easy to see all your tasks at once, rather than visiting each plug-in separately.
- Not all plug-ins will necessarily make use of this feature.

Scheduler

- Some plug-ins can schedule tasks to be performed at set times or intervals. Example: scheduled publishing, scheduled emails, daily digests, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS PLUG-INS



E-Zines

Daily and weekly digests of updates to your e-Zines can now be e-mailed to your members. Accepts document attachments.



Membership

Membership management tools have been upgrade to improve configurability, and tracking of membership status.



Login

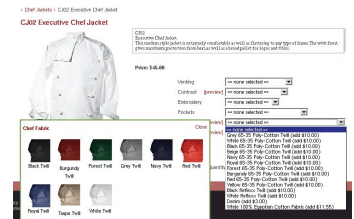
- Can correctly generate login and logout links even on static pages.
- Persistent logins ("remember me")

The screenshot shows a login form with the following elements: a title "Login", input fields for "Login" and "Password", a checked checkbox for "Remember me on this computer", "Log in" and "Cancel" buttons, and a link for "Forgot your login/password?".



Catalogs

New add-ons to Catalog + Shopping Cart system allow you to set up multiple options for your products and optionally specify additional costs for each option. Options can be previewed through an inline image gallery.



Logs

A plug-in tool to inspect your ExSite log files.



Location Finder

New plug-in to search for different geographic locations, eg. stores, agents, etc.

PERFORMANCE & SECURITY

Caching

New caching system makes websites faster and consumes less memory, allowing your site to handle more traffic.

Load Sensing

When your website is under high stress due to a spike in traffic or an attack by robots, the system can automatically disable some features to reduce the load, and re-enable them automatically when the traffic subsides.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Markup generation

Support for XHTML and XML code generation.

URL Management

Improved tools for handling links and addresses give you more options for friendly URLs, and better standards compliance.

If you have any questions about these new updates, please call us at 604-684-9440.