

What's new in EPiServer CMS 5? Editor News

EPiServer CMS 5 is based on Microsoft .NET 3.0 technology for greater assurance for our customers. With EPiServer CMS 5, we have made great technological strides. We have laid the foundation for larger, more engaging and powerful Web site creation.

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Cross browser compatibility (with some limitations)

EPiServer CMS 5 Edit Mode and Administration Mode can be accessed in other browsers than Internet Explorer. However, not all functions will work in browsers other than Microsoft Internet Explorer. The editor for example will not work but can be replaced with a third party editor.

Pluggable editor

It is possible to use another editor other than the built-in editor. This will for example be useful when using other browsers than Internet Explorer which is a requirement to use the built-in content editor.

File Management using the Windows Explorer (or any WebDAV client)

Users can now manage files in EPiServer CMS 5 from within the Windows Explorer (or other WebDAV clients). Users can create, copy, move and delete files as if they were files on their own hard disk. This is managed through WebDAV.

Improved performance in the author environment

The page structure tree is rewritten, Ajax enabled and data management is optimized. This means for example that browsing in Edit mode now will be a lot faster, especially in large sites. Minor improvements include a target indicator when dragging and dropping pages and an indicator when a page tree structure is expanded.

Improved copy

In previous EPiServer CMS versions copying a page did not mean that you copied all of the pages contents with it. Today you do. When copying a page you will now also copy all items in the file folder belonging to the page and references will point to the new copy.

Persistent Links

Links to pages and files in content are now saved with globally unique identifiers in the database, which leads to a better and more robust copy, import and export functionality as well as support for link persistence. When a file is renamed, links leading to it will adjust automatically. Links are resolved dynamically in run-time.

Consistent behavior in edit/admin

All pages in Edit and Admin mode are based on one Master Page. All client scripts are managed by one ScriptManager and all buttons are managed by one control. This will give the author a more robust Edit and Admin mode experience. It will also be easier to plug in features and functions in the environment.

Replaceable Publishing flow

The built in Page Publish workflow is now replaced with two new approval workflows, a parallel approval workflow where all approvers are set to approve the page simultaneously and a sequential approval workflow where the approvers approve the page one by one. The approvals workflows that are shipped with EPiServer CMS 5 can be replaced with own custom approval workflows.

Workflows for Approval, Feedback and Multilanguage management

The previous workflow management is replaced with the new Microsoft Workflow Foundation which is part of the .NET Framework 3.0. We are delivering four pre-built workflows in the standard EPiServer CMS 5 installation related to approval, translation and feedback. The source code for the workflows shipped with EPiServer CMS 5 is planned to be downloadable for partners, meaning they can act as a starting point or inspiration for custom workflows.

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EPiServer AB is a Swedish product company, founded in 1994, and is the leading company in Content Management and portal solutions through the platform EPiServer CMS 5. The company is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner and has held AAA ranking by Dun & Bradstreet since 2000.

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