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Website Integration Guide

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FreeCMS Overview

FreeCMS is a free online content management system. Its core purpose is to allow a person with little or no web development knowledge to update content (text, images, videos, etc) on a website created by somebody with web design knowledge.

This document is geared towards those users with web design knowledge. From this point forward they will be referred to as 'Designers'. The users with little or no web development knowledge who are primarily interested in editing content will be referred to as 'Editors'. The portions of a web page with content that can be edited are known as 'Editable Regions'.

Designers have 3 basic responsibilities per website:

- Website Integration - Prepare the website for use with FreeCMS
- Website Administration – Add and configure the website with their FreeCMS account
- Editor Administration - Add editors who have access to edit content on the website

At FreeCMS our main goal is satisfied customers; it's in everybody's best interest. If at any point in the process of using our site you have questions, comments, or suggestions we welcome you to contact us directly or post an entry to our forums. We'll do our best to respond as quickly as possible.

Website Integration

Overview

It's easy to integrate your current website with FreeCMS no matter what technology you use to build your site (HTML, PHP, Ruby, Asp.Net, etc). All it takes is adding a specific class name to any HTML tag.

Define Editable Content

Decide which pages on the website will have editable content. Go through each of those pages and use the process below to mark regions of editable content.

Editable regions are defined by adding a class name to an HTML tag. The class name is a specially defined name that can be configured per website. Everything within the HTML tag is editable.

Correct Example: Assume the class name to mark an editable region is 'editable'. In this example, everything within the tags is editable.

```
<span class="editable">Your editable content here</span>
```

Correct Example: This example illustrates how to define an editable region for an HTML tag that already uses an existing CSS class (note the space between the class names).

```
<span class="someClass editable">Your editable content here</span>
```

Incorrect Example: Do **NOT** nest editable regions.

```
<div class="editable"><span class="editable">Bad editable region.</span></div>
```

There are 3 different types of class name that can be used. The different names allow the designer some control over the type of content editing control displayed to the editor. These names can be changed in the website settings section. The 3 types are:

1. **Standard (default: "editable")** – When you use this class name in your webpage, FreeCMS will select the most appropriate control to allow your editor to edit content. For example, if you use it within a tag and
2. **Text (default: "editable-t")** – When you use this class name, the editor will only be allowed to enter text for the editable content.
3. **WYSIWYG (default: "editable-w")** – When you use this class name, the editor will be given a full WYSIWYG text editor (similar to Microsoft Word but for HTML) to edit their content.

Adding a Title: You may optionally add a *Title* to HTML Tags that have editable content. This Title will be displayed to your editor when they are updating content. It is a good way to help describe or remind your Editor exactly what they are editing.

Example:

```
<div class="editable" title="SD Business Address">  
  3199 Gilman Ave  
  San Diego, CA 92007  
</div>
```

Example:

```
Friday Hours: <span class="editable" title="Friday Hours">7am-6pm</span>
```

Images: Along with **div** and **span** tags, you can also apply the *Standard* content class name to **image** tags. In these cases, the Editor will be able to upload an image from their local computer and replace the image on the server.

Example:

```

```

Advanced Features: Once FreeCMS has completed its *Beta Phase*, we will introduce more advanced options for Website Integration such as:

Allowing *Content Areas* to be cloned and duplicated within a page

Allowing *Content Areas* to be deleted completely from a webpage