

Web Publishing for Everyone

with Macromedia Contribute

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What is Contribute?

Contribute is a lightweight content management system (CMS). It supports some of the same features found in larger, more complex, and more expensive content management systems. With Contribute 3, many of the important and useful features of a CMS are available without the complexity usually associated with an enterprise solution.

--Mike Hazard, University of Rochester



What is Contribute?

- [Easy to use web publishing software that helps non-technical users create and edit web pages
- [Does not require knowledge of web coding or web design
- [How is it different from Dreamweaver?
- [Contribute is a stand-alone application or can be used as part of Macromedia's Web Publishing System

Managing sites with Contribute

- [Content contributor role
- [Site Developer/Administrator role

For the Content Expert:

The workspace/interface

- [Browse, edit, publish paradigm

- [Repurposing Content

- Microsoft Office integration

- Printable document options

- Flashpaper - Converts printable documents to PDF or Flashpaper for viewing and printing

- Independent file upload



For the Developer/Admin

- [Dreamweaver template integration

- [Site connections

 - Connection keys

 - Contribute Publishing Services

- [Contributor Roles

- [Flexible workflow

 - Send for Review



Web Publishing System

— [CT is a stand-alone application or can be used as part of Macromedia's Web Publishing System.

— [Components of the Web Publishing System

— Contribute

— Flashpaper

— Contribute Publishing Services

Contribute Publishing Services

- [Efficient management of connections and contributors
- [Communicate with network directories
- [Supports a “flexible” workflow
- [Generates logs and automatic e-mails for notification
- [Can now manage users and sites within larger organizations



Issues for MIT web publishers

- [File structure

- [Server root administrator designation

- [Some limitations with the Mac OS client

- MS Office Support

- Flashpaper

- Contribute Publishing Services

- Certificate Protected sites



Further Reading

Managing Large Sites with the Web Publishing System

http://www.macromedia.com/managing_sites.html

Exploring Dreamweaver Templates

http://www.macromedia.com/exploring_templates.html

Contribute Developer Center

<http://www.macromedia.com/contribute>



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