

End-user guide

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Introduction

This guide is designed for client end-users of the Textpattern content management system. It is written for end users who often have little or no technical knowledge so need helping through the basics of publishing using Textpattern. Some basic Textile commands are included where users may need this in particular sections.

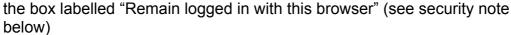
Accessing Textpattern

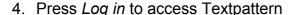
To log into the Textpattern content management system type in the URL of the administration system into your web browser: http://www.yourdomain.com/textpattern

Logging in

A username and password will be supplied to you by your administrator. Use the instructions below to log into Textpattern:

- 1. Enter the your username in the *name* box
- Enter the your password in the password box. This will be obscured to ensure your password remains confidential.
- 3. If you would like Textpattern to remember your details each time you access the administration system tick





Security note: If you use "Remain logged in with this browser" you will allow anyone with access to your PC to update your website. If you use a shared PC or do not want anyone else to be able to update your website do not use this option.

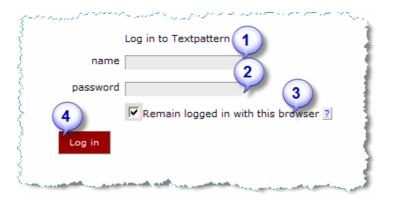
Menu Options

Once you have logged in you will be shown a range of options on different tabs. The options you are shown will depend on the privileges you have been given by your administrator. The screenshots in this document show the full range of options.



The main options you will use for creating new content and amending existing content will be the *write* and *articles* options. To access a particular option click on the title for the option you require.

The write option is selected automatically when you log in.



New Content

In the Texpattern content management system pages of content are stored as "articles". When you first access the system you will be shown a page that allows you to write a new article and publish it.

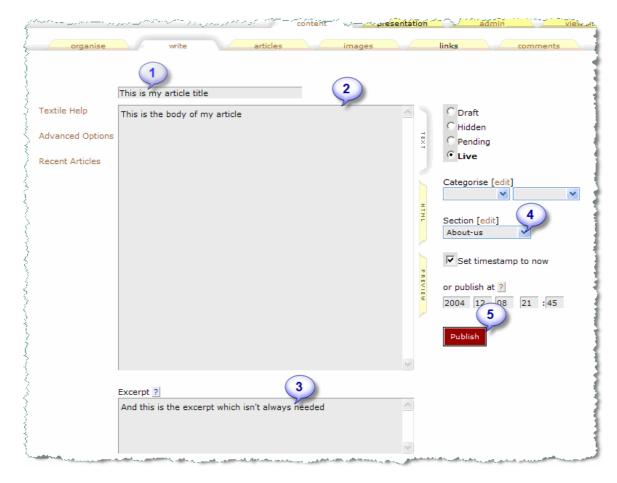
Each article has a title, body and excerpt. How these are displayed will depend on the setup of the site. As a minimum the title and body fields should be completed.

If you have just logged into Textpattern you will already be on the *write* option. If for any reason you are not just click *write* to access the page.



Creating a new article

To create a new article follow the instructions below:



- 1. Enter the title of your article into the title field
- 2. Enter your page content into the body field. You can also copy and paste text into this field.

The Textpattern system is not a WYSIWYG ("what you see is what you get") system. To format your content you will need to use a range of simple instructions to format your content—these are known as Textile commands. For more information on Textile commands see page 10.

- 3. If an excerpt is required for your article enter it into the excerpt field. You can use Textile commands here to format your excerpt.
- 4. You now need to decide which section of your website your new article should appear in. You do this by choosing the appropriate section name from the drop down box on the right hand side of the page.
- 5. Now click on the *Publish* button to publish your new article onto your website.

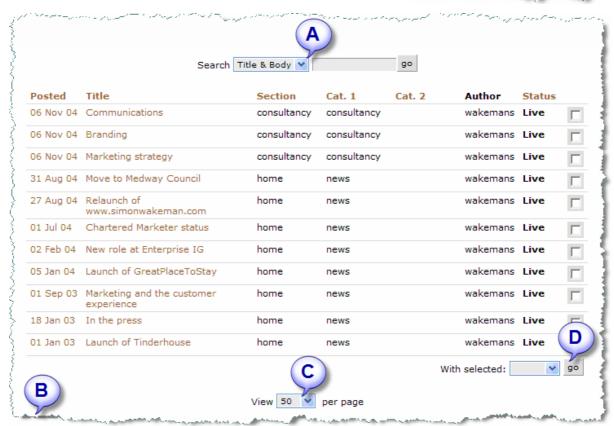
A range of more advanced options are also available when publishing an article on this page—these include:

- storing the article as a draft—it is saved for later but is not published on the site until you select the *Live* button. You can do this by selecting the *Draft* button before publishing the article
- publishing an article at a specific time by entering a date and time in the Publish At fields and then selecting Publish

Existing Content

To see a list of the articles that are currently stored in the Textpattern content management system select the *articles* tab.





The articles list can be sorted by clicking on any column heading in the same way as in MS Excel. You can also search for words in articles, titles etc by using the search function at the top of the page **A**.

If you cannot immediately see the article you are looking for check that it is not on a subsequent page **B**. By default Textpattern only shows 25 articles per page, although this can be increased using the option at the bottom of the *articles* page **C**.

Editing an article

To edit content in an article or to change it's status just click on the article's title. This will take you to the article on the *write* page where you can make your changes. For more details on how this works please see the section about creating a new article earlier in this document. Don't forget to click the *Publish* button to save your changes once you have finished on the *write* page.

Deleting an article

To delete an article from your website you need to find it on the *articles* page, tick the appropriate box on the right hand side of the page and then at the bottom of the page select "Delete" from the With Selected options. Then click *Go* and your article will be deleted permanently **D**

There is no undo facility in the Textpattern content management system so if you may need your article again in the future it's better to change the status to draft on the *write* page rather than deleting it completely.

Textile

Textpattern uses a simple system called Textile to control formatting of content within articles and excerpts. This system avoids you having to use HTML coding to format your content.

Some of the most commonly used Textile commands are shown in the table below:

Feature	You type in Textpattern
Bold text	*your text to be bold*
Italic text	_your text to be italic_
Hyperlink	"Name of link":http://www.yourlink.com
Image or picture	!/location/of/image.jpg(ALT text)!
Numbered list	# item 1 # item 2 etc

It's easier to see how Textile works by looking at an example. The content below is shown as Textile code as entered into the *write* option on Textpattern, and as the formatted content that is displayed on your site.

Α

"Here is something we want to emphasize .

В

And something to be *bold*



"This is a link (optional title)":http://www.simonwakeman.com



!/common/textist.gif(optional alt text)!

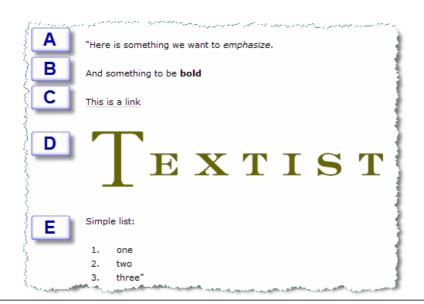


Simple list:

one

two

three"



Administration

Being an administrator gives you full control over who can do what with your website. The main use you will make of this is to set up new users and give them privileges to edit the website.

Accessing the administration area

Do not change any of the settings in the *admin* area other than those mentioned below—you could prevent your website from operating properly. To access the admin area follow the steps below:

- 1. Select *admin* from the top row of options. If you do not have this option displayed it is likely you are not set up as an administrator.
- 2. Select site admin from the lower row of options



Privileges

To give some access to the Textpattern content management system you need to set them up as a user and give them certain privileges. There are six levels of privileges you can set for a new user

Privileges level	Privileges
Publisher	Can create, edit or delete any article, link or comment Can change article status Can edit site preferences Has access to all site design areas Can edit sections and categories Can add and remove authors Can grant and restrict privileges. This is the privilege level that administrators have.
Managing Editor	Can edit and delete any article, link or comment Can change article status from Pending to Live Can edit site preferences Has access to all site design areas Can edit sections and categories
Copy Editor	Can edit any article, link or comment Can edit page Page and Form HTML
Staff Writer	Can create, edit, publish and delete own articles Can upload images
Freelancer	Can create and edit own articles Can change article status from Draft to Pending
Designer	Can edit Page HTML, Forms, and CSS

I recommend you set users up as copy editors or staff writers depending on whether you want to them to be able to edit just their own articles (staff writer privileges) or all articles (copy editor privileges).

Setting up new users

To set up a new user follow the instructions below:

- 1. Type in the author's full name in the Real Name field
- 2. Choose a login name for them and enter it in the *Login* field
- 3. Enter their email address in the *Email* field
- 4. Use the drop down box to choose the privilege level for this user
- 5. Click Save to set up the new user

The new user will then be emailed a password that Textpattern generates automatically. The email also includes details of how to log into Textpattern.



Deleting or amending an existing user

To delete a user just click the X button next to the relevant user details (A). To change a users name, email address or privileges level just make the changes you wish and then click on the *Save* button (B).



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