Creating and managing Content Types

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Creating own Content Types let you completely customize the way you deliver content.

Even though you get a ready set of Content Types in the Demo Bundle, to fully tap the potential of eZ you need to create your own Content Types. This allows you to precisely adapt the content architecture to your business needs.

To create a new Content Type you need to choose what Fields of which Field Types it will consist of.

Creating a new Content Type

To create a new Content Type:

1. In the Navigation hub click **Admin panel**.

2. Select **Content types**.

A list of all Content Type Groups appears.

3. Click the Content Type Group you want to add to. When creating typical Content Types you need to select the "Content" or "Media" group.

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Content type group

ID	Name	Identifier	Modification date	
2	Article	article	20 Apr 2004 11:56:29	
13	Comment	comment	20 Apr 2004 11:59:04	
1	Folder	folder	20 Apr 2004 11:54:35	
11	Link	link	20 Apr 2004 11:57:52	

+ Create a content type

A list of all Content Types in the chosen group appears.

4. Click **+ Create a content type** at the bottom of the screen.

An empty form appears where you can configure your new Content Type.

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Edit <New ContentType>

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Name	New ContentType
Identifier	
Description	
Content name pattern	
URL alias name pattern	
Container	☐
Default field for sorting children	Publication date ▾
Default sort order	Descending ▾
Default content availability	☑

Content field definitions

Remove selected field definitions

| Field type selection | Authors ▾ | Add field definition |

Configuring the new Content Type

To configure the basics of a Content Type, you need to provide the following parameters:

Parameter	Description
Name	General name of the Content Type
Identifier	Name with which the Content Type is identified in the system
Description	Short description of the Content Type
Content name pattern	Rules according to which a name for a Content item is created
URL alias name pattern	Rules according to which a URL alias for a Content item is created
Container	When checked, Content of this Type can serve as a container in the Content tree
Default field for sorting children	Criterion by which children of this Content will be sorted in the tree
Default sort order	Order in which the children will be sorted

Default content availability	When checked, Content of this Type will by default be always available, even if it does not have a language version corresponding to the current siteaccess.

Adding Fields

To add a Field to the new Content Type, select a Field Type in the **Field Type selection** drop-down menu and click **Add field definition**.

> A new Field is added, with its own parameters.

You can determine the order in which Fields will be displayed by setting their **Position** parameter.

In the same way you can add any number of Fields to a Content Type.

> To delete Field(s), check the boxes next to any Field names and click **Remove selected field definitions** at the bottom of the screen.

> **Note**
> When a Content Type is modified, each instance of this type (each Content item based on this Content Type) will be changed as well. If a new Field is added to a Content Type, this field will appear (empty) in every relevant Content item. If a Field is deleted from the Content Type definition, all these Fields will be removed from Content items of this type.

Configuring Fields

See Field Types to learn about Field Type properties and how to configure them.

Deleting Content Types

To delete a Content Type, enter a Content Type Group. Click the **Delete** button next to the type you want to remove.

> The **Delete** button will be grayed out next to Content Types that have at least one existing instance of Content in the website. In this case you cannot remove the Content Type.