

Simplified Site Management with IBM WebSphere Portal

In this demonstration, Victory Sports uses IBM WebSphere Portal to quickly create and deploy new pages using the site administration feature.

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John, the site administrator, needs to create a new page called World News Today within the intranet portal. He simply navigates to where he wants the page and chooses the “New Page” option from the page dropdown list to create this new page. He fills out the form to name the page, to provide a simple url to the page, and to choose theme and navigation styles.

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Afterwards, he adds portlets through traditional methods for managing pages. He searches for the Google Gadget portlet and adds it to the page. He searches for a video on WebSphere Portal Web 2.0 features and begins to view it.

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While the video continues to play, John opens the Portal Palette provided by WebSphere Portal. He searches for a Feed Reader portlet and simply drags and drops the portlet to the desired location on his page. Client Side Aggregation provided by WebSphere Portal lets him add portlets onto the page without refreshing the entire page, so he can continue to view his video. WebSphere Portal supports open standards such as JSR 268 and provides JSR 268 portlets out of the box, such as the Feed Reader portlet. He configures the Feed Reader portlet inline. When the portlet refreshes, the list of recent demonstrations is instantly made available to him.

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For easier viewing, John simply drags the Feed Reader portlet next to the video. Using Client Side Aggregation, John configured a portlet and changed the page layout, while continuing to watch a video, and he was able to do this without navigating away from his page.

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Now, John is ready to deploy this page to a live server. Site Management features provided by WebSphere Portal make managing multiple portal deployments easier. He views the entire site

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map of his current portal site. Web 2.0 features provide a rich interface, allowing him to refresh specific parts of the site tree.

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To add another server to manage, called Live Server, John provides his security credentials to Site Management.

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Messages are provided to let him know he is successful every step of the way. He views the Live Server in the right hand pane and drills down into the Live Server's site map. After deciding where the new page should be placed, he copies the parent page information and transfers the World News Today page by selecting Publish and choosing the Live Server. Publish progress is provided through the Site Management interface. Once completed successfully, a message is displayed and he sees the new page located on the Live Server.

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Promotion features, provided within the Site Management function of WebSphere Portal, let John preview the page before allowing the public to view the page. Previewers are managed through a simple rule provided by Personalization built into WebSphere Portal. The page is promoted for all to view by simply choosing the "Promote this page" option.

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Web 2.0, Client Side Aggregation, and Site Management features provided by IBM WebSphere Portal make creating, managing, and deploying pages faster. And, simple to use tooling lets business users manage the portal while reducing IT costs.