

Sitecore Standard Modules. Open standards and a well established developer network has provided an enormous number of modules, available as standard, for the Sitecore product.

Benefits

Sitecore is based on the .NET framework. There are therefore already hundreds of components available to enhance and build a website.

Sitecore have a well established developer network where it is possible to share modules, code and solutions, resulting in an extensive library of Sitecore components.

Therefore when you chose Sitecore, you are in fact choosing an enormous spread of standard components that can be quickly added, without development resource to the website.

Some examples of the more popular 'add-ons' are listed here.

Overview

To build up the basics of the website Sitecore can draw on a variety of menus, horizontal or vertical. Document structure, in a web site, is important for graphical and visual consistency and modules for the document layout, document listing and grouping are available to achieve this. Sitecore also optimises the use of page "real-estate" through the use of alternating spots or banners.

Experts put 'interaction' as one of the top ten factors that improve usability on a website. The News & Press Release modules provide an arena for providing dynamic information to the user while the Forms module gives the opportunity for the user to give feedback – so promoting two-way communication.

The next level of personal interaction is through intranet and extranet features. Sitecore supports these as

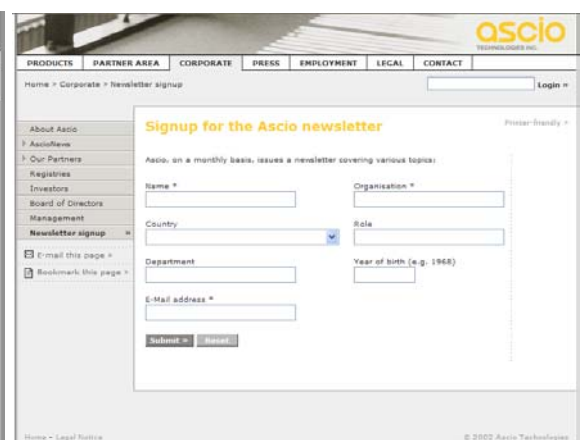
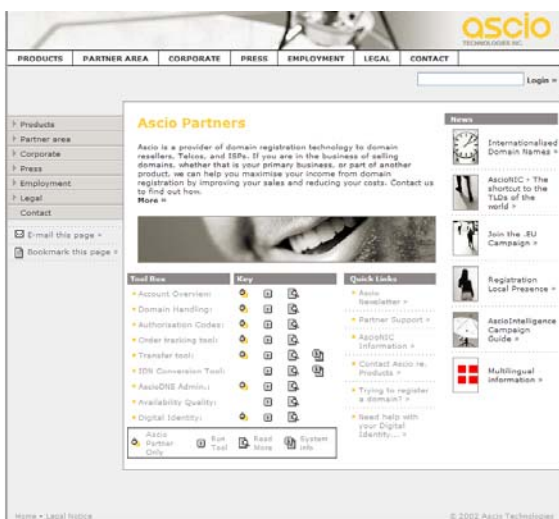
part of the standard licence. So it is natural to provide, as standard, the login module, which supports all types of sign-on, including Digital Identity.

For simple navigation around a site, Sitecore has included both the automatic Sitemap function, which gives the user a rapid, interactive overview of the website. Also included is the breadcrumb trail function, giving the user their location in the site, and a clickable return path. The product catalogue also gives the user a rapid overview of the goods available on the site.

There are many other free modules, and these can be augmented with the impressive set of licensed add-on modules available through Sitecore and their partners.

Standard modules

The Ascio website showing some of the standard modules 'in action'.



Breadcrumb trail
Multilevel menus
Standard forms

Document
Intranet/Extranet Login
Alternating Spots
News

Features

As part of the standard licence an immense number of free, open source modules are included:

Menus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One, two and n-level menus, • Horizontal and vertical menus.
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains data structures (templates) and rendering elements for a generic free-text document on the website.
Document List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays a list of documents. • List can contain abstracts
Document Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays a list of documents grouped by categories.
Spots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays a document as a compact spot with text and image. • Clicking on the spot transfers the user to a designated page.
Alternating Spots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display rotating/alternating text or images. Useful for testimonials, banners, etc. • Allows you to specify the precise rotation interval (either timed or on refresh)
Images	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays a selected image from a selected piece of content.
News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains data structures (templates) and rendering elements for a news section on the website. • Short list summary can be displayed on alternative (front) page
Press Releases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains data structures (templates) and rendering elements for a press release section on the website.
Form Mailer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data entered in a form format on a page can be mailed directly to you in XML format.
Intranet/extranet login	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draws various (extranet/intranet) login style boxes. • Includes Digital Identity login, username/password login, and email/password login.
Site Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draws a generic site map based on your site structure. • Hyper-linked to documents on site • Automatically updates (on publish)
Breadcrumb trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays the breadcrumb trail relative to the user's current navigation. • Clickable return path
Product catalogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains data structures (templates) and rendering elements for a generic product catalogue • Includes examples of how to list and categorize products.
Meta data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows editors and webmasters to use meta data on any web page. • Improves search engine results • Supports the Dublin Coreⁱ standard.
External Pages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draws any external URL within your website. Mostly useful for any older complex web pages or forms that you might have but do not presently want to convert.

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ⁱ <http://dublincore.org/> : Dublin Core is open forum engaged in the development of interoperable online metadata standards