

Take Control With  modx

Tame Your Web Site With The MODx Content Management System

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Introduction

- What is a CMS and what is MODx? Why should I build my website with it?
- A content management system is software designed to allow users with little knowledge of web markup languages or programming to create and maintain web content.
- There are disadvantages like lock-in.



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A little bit of history:

Web sites were originally designed to be editable.

1. HTML (1990)

Separation of Presentation & Content

2. HTML + CSS (1996)

Further separation of content from HTML

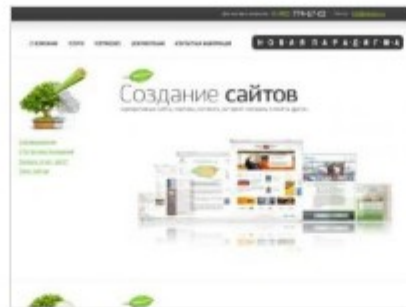
3. HTML + CSS + Database (1996-ish)

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- MODx is a CMS started in 2005 based on the Etomite project.
- MODx has been designed from the start to be secure and makes it easy to create SEO-friendly web pages.
- Editing web content is easy for novices and a powerful interface (API) is available for developers.
- Main website is modx.com



MODx Gallery



Behind The Scenes

- Let's take a look at the MODx administrative interface ...

Working With MODx

- Let's edit some content on our sample web site – the home page. We'll also create a new blog entry and create a whole new page.

The Gory Details

- Resources – the pages
- Templates – the HTML
- Template Variables – custom page variables
- Chunks – boilerplate text
- Snippets – scriptable content (php)
- Plugins – php code attached to page events

What Next?

- Companies with point-and-click MODx installation: Godaddy, Hostgator, Bluehost, Hostcolor, many more.
- Practically any web hosting company can run MODx.
- Thank you!