

# Escenic Widget Framework

Modular Widget Framework for quick & easy creation of websites

## Fast & Flexible

The Escenic Widget Framework is the result of our extensive experience helping clients build sites on the Escenic platform. It is a fast and flexible way to configure sites using pre-made building blocks. Instead of writing a lot of code you configure and place bits of functionality in a predefined grid. Finally you “skin” the site for the desired look-and-feel. Escenic Widget Framework embodies best practice methods and is a great way to get a project off the ground and moving quickly towards completion.

## Modular widget framework

Each page in the Escenic Widget Framework is composed of a collection of widgets; self-contained mini templates with configurable layout and functionality. Every section page contains a page for desking and grouping teaser content and a configuration page for arranging the widgets.

## Template skins

Template skins are used to define the appearance of a publication, both the visual style of elements as well as the layout of elements on the webpages. By changing a skin the look and feel of the website is changed, but also elements can be added or removed from the pages.

## Widgets include:

- Advertisement  
Displays an advertisement on the page
- Bread crumbs  
Displays navigation path
- Carousel  
Displays a number of desked stories as a slide show.
- Latest list  
Displays latest content from specified section and content type.
- Most popular list  
Displays list of most popular content items, based on view statistics or commenting statistics.
- Poll  
Displays a poll and poll results.
- Search  
Displays a simple search form.
- Ticker tape  
Displays a one line tickertape based on desked stories.
- Trailers  
Displays short references (trailers/teasers) to stories.



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## Separation of Configuration & Content

### Configuration

- Site administrator's domain
- Used for defining the layout of pages
- Widgets are positioned on the page

### Content

- Editor's domain
- Used for managing content only
- Involves organising teaser content into groups and areas

## Further development

The Escenic Widget Framework is documented for customers to easily develop new widgets to be included as websites evolve. It is even feasible for customers using the Widget Framework as a basis for their sites to share widgets among themselves. Escenic Widget Framework is a modular approach to creating presentation layers utilizing the standard components of Escenic Content Engine 5.



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