

Warning: Trying to access array offset on value of type null in  
/var/www/vhosts/thecmsbcookbook.com/httpdocs/recipeDetail3.php on line 44

# The CMS Builder Cookbook

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**INTRODUCTION - Mar 23rd, 2015**

If you're reading this then you have probably started to create your first web sites with CMS Builder, either from scratch or as conversions of existing web sites. You've also probably started to research the CMSB forum and have

found, like I did when I first started designing with CMSB, that this PHP stuff is like learning a new language.

Although I was pretty proficient with HTML coding and using Dreamweaver, when I started applying this new approach, it was clear that the devil is in the details and that I had a lot to learn about those details.

I started documenting everything that I learned, either from much trial and many errors, from the excellent Interactive Tools users forum, or from Dave and others on the Interactive Tools staff, who freely gave of their time to help us newbies solve what seemed to be the same problems over and over again.

This cookbook is designed to answer many of the questions that you'll have as you try to understand this powerful and versatile new web design paradigm.

The first chapter, "Where to Begin" describes the basic philosophy of how CMS Builder works and describes some basic approaches to understanding some of the concepts required to make your design work correctly.

As you continue to develop pages, designing with content management in mind will become easier, the new concepts will become clearer, and you'll discover, as I did, that CMS Builder is the best professional content management system in the marketplace.

## THE FINE PRINT

Since, in most cases the examples in the cookbook came from a number of designers, you'll have to replace paths, table names, field names and other information to match your particular application.

We don't guarantee that the recipes provided in our cookbook will be appropriate for your application exactly as written, but they should give you a good idea of how to approach and accomplish a given task.

Although we've made an effort to correct mistakes and ambiguities in the examples, there are probably some that got away from us.

Also, as CMS Builder has developed over time, some menus and functions have been modified. Because of this, some of the details in the examples may reference the placement or menu entries in previous versions.

If you find any mistakes or ambiguities we'd appreciate it if you'd drop us an e-mail about them, including your corrections, to: [corrections@thecmsbcookbook.com](mailto:corrections@thecmsbcookbook.com) We'll incorporate your suggestions into subsequent editions of the cookbook and post them on our web site.

The CMSB Cookbook is a compilation of some of the hottest ideas from web designers around the world who have discovered the power and flexibility of CMS Builder and were willing to share their discoveries with the rest of the CMSB user community.

While developing your applications, you'll be learning new tricks and having some "Ah Ha" moments. It's important that you document those discoveries so that they'll be available to you the next time they're needed. We hope that you'll share your discoveries with us so that we can share them with other CMSBers by sending them to: [share@thecmsbcookbook.com](mailto:share@thecmsbcookbook.com)

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