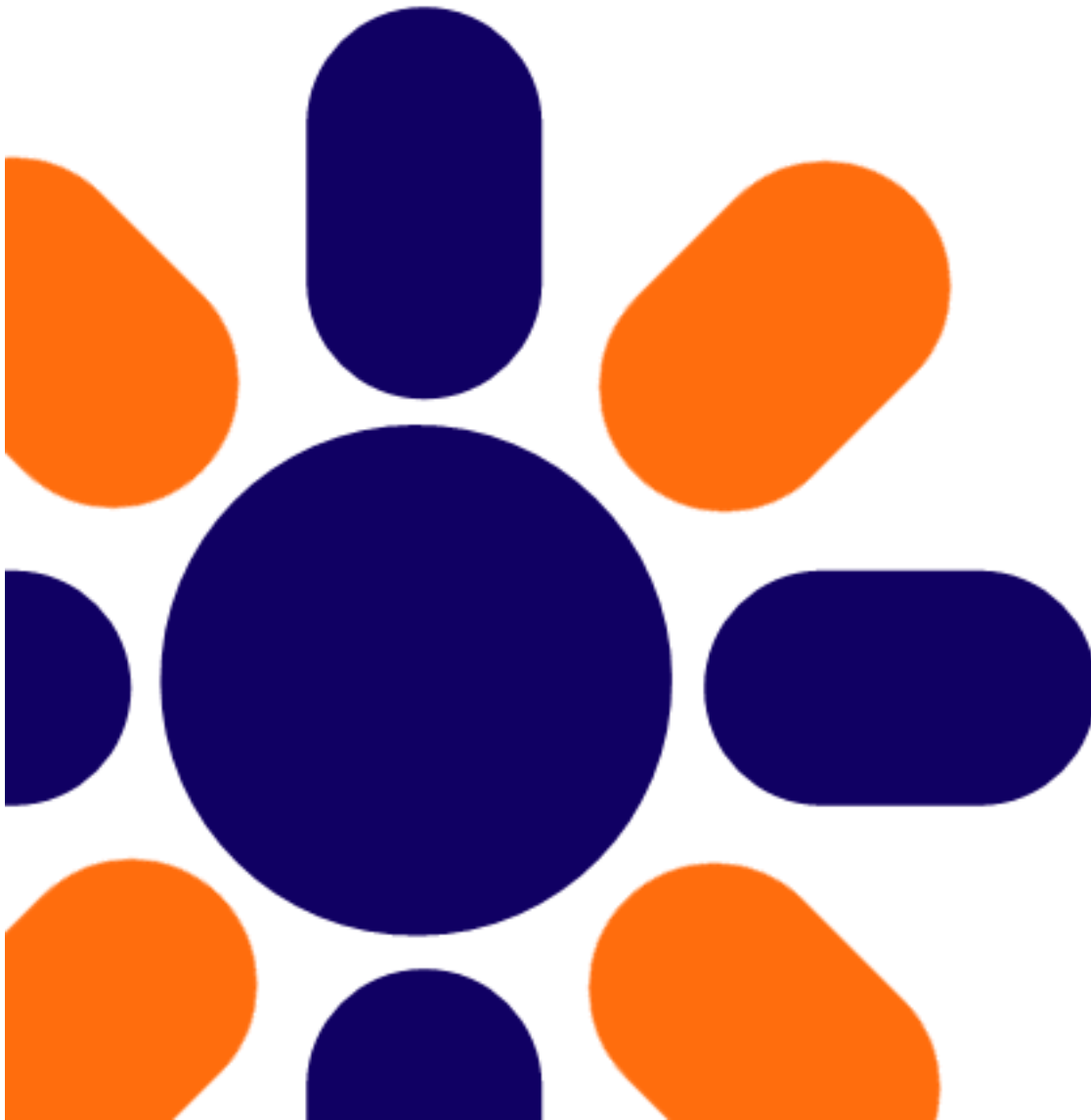


# Kentico CMS Community Site Guide



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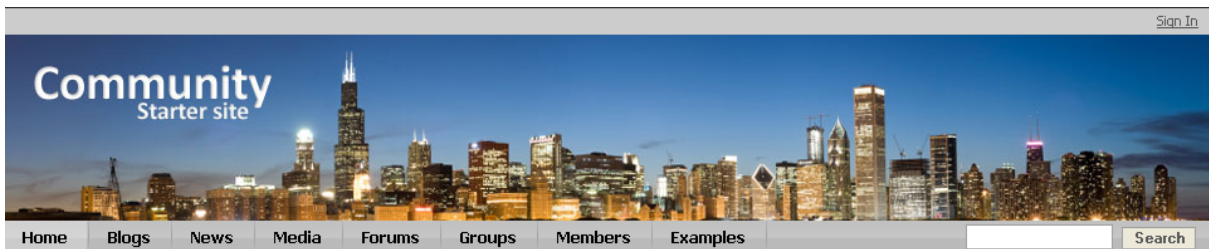


# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 About this guide

Welcome to **Kentico CMS Community Guide**. This guide will provide you assistance with building on-line communities using Kentico CMS.


Kentico CMS comes with the sample **Community Starter site**. This sample web site template can be conveniently used as a starting point of your own community site development. In the first part of this guide, we will go through the various customization tasks that need to be done if you want to develop your community site based on this template. The second part will describe building community sites from scratch.



## Welcome to our community

[Sign in >>](#)
[Join now >>](#)

This community site is a virtual meeting point for those who like travelling, adventure, discovering new places, meeting new people and all the things related to it. If you are interested in this sort of things, don't hesitate and join now!



**Sign in**

### Latest blog posts

**The long long flight**

Finally, after some 23 hours of flight, I am on the other side of the world than I was yesterday around this time. I feel terribly tired after the long flight, but before I go to sleep, I found some time to write about the first impressions of my journey.

Posted on **10/26/2008 3:05:12 PM**

**Flying tomorrow**

Hi everybody, my name is Kelly Taylor and I come from Brno, Czech Republic. Tomorrow is my big day. Finally, after six months of hard everyday work, I decided to have some nice time and go on holiday. Australia has always been one of the places I had wanted to visit one day, and now, with my great new job and the wage I get for it, it is finally affordable for me to get there.

Posted on **10/26/2008 2:19:18 PM**

### Latest forum posts

**RE:Hostels in London**

Well, ok...well...there is actually not enough room for two guests in my place...

Posted on **1/7/2009 3:13:50 PM**

**RE:Hostels in London**

Thanks, but the reason why I'm looking for a hostel in London is actually that I'm gonna be waiting for my boyfriend there. He'll be returning from the States and his plane lands at Heathrow... But we can come to Edinburgh together some time later and stay at your place if you want...?

Posted on **1/7/2009 3:11:33 PM**

**RE:Hostels in London**

**Shortcuts**


[Join the community](#)

**Latest news**

**Travellers' community site launched**

We have just launched our new community site intended to become a virtual meeting point for travellers from all around the world.

**Latest Groups**

 **African travellers**

This is a group of travellers living in Africa. If you are one of them, please register to the group. It is a great chance f...

## 1.2 Community features

Community sites are such web sites that bring the possibility of on-line interconnection of people, usually those who share the same interests or who are members of some real-world group and have the need to meet on-line. For the purposes of the community, such site should provide the possibility of gathering in groups, discussing in forums, blogging, advanced membership with the possibility of friendship between users, customized user profiles, various sign-in possibilities, etc.

Kentico CMS is a full-featured solution for building complex community sites without any complex programming. Here is a list of the most important built-in community features of Kentico CMS:

- Community Groups
- Forums
- Blogs
- User profiles
- Badges
- Friends
- Bad words
- Abuse report
- Polls
- Content rating
- Time zones

All the implementation processes have been diminished to only a few clicks, so that you can use most of the features out-of-the-box.

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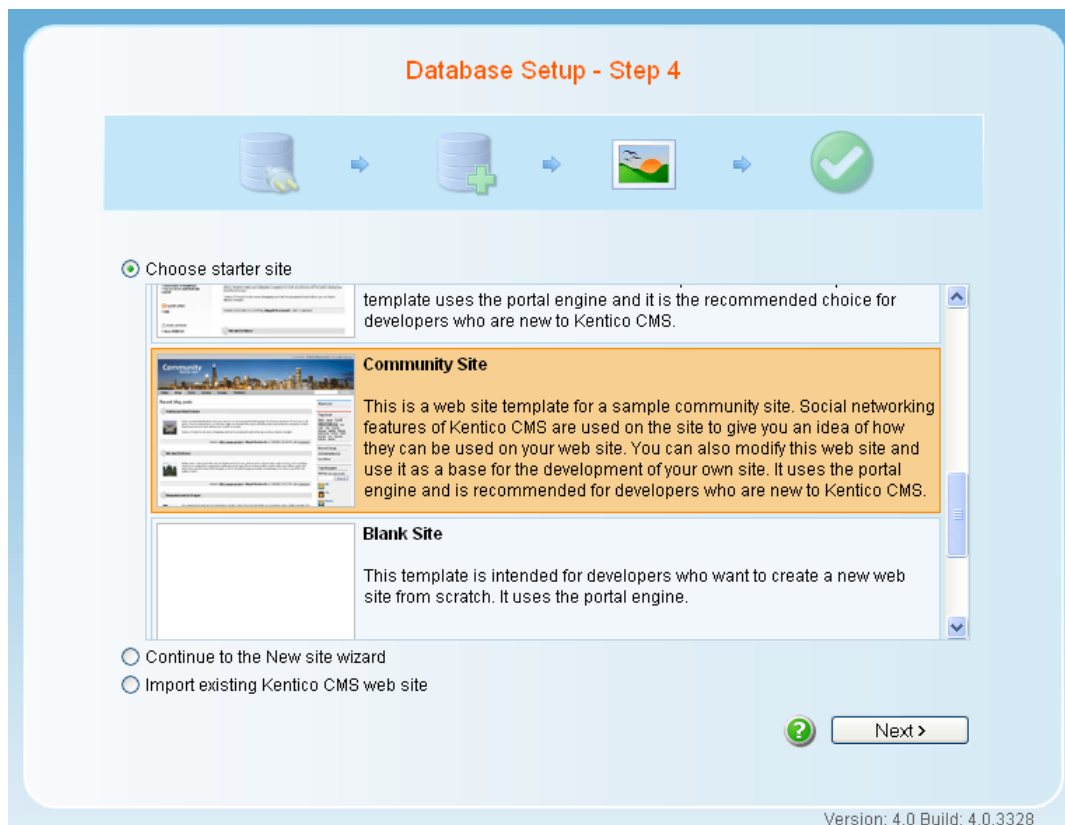
## 2 Part 1

### 2.1 Getting started

#### 2.1.1 Installing the site

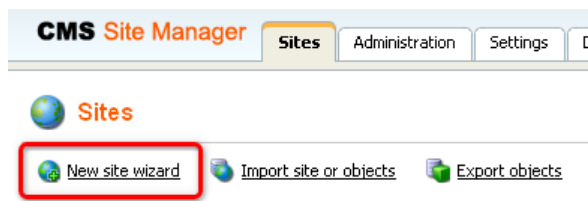
To get started, you need to have the sample Community Site installed. There are two ways how this can be achieved:

1. If you are performing a new installation, you can choose the site in **Step 4** of the **Database Setup**. Select the **Choose starter site** radio-button and choose the **Community Site** from the list of starter sites. Click **Next** to finish the setup procedure.



2. If you already have Kentico CMS installed, but without the Community Site, you can easily add the site in **Site Manager -> Sites**.

a) Click the **New site wizard** link at the top left corner of the page.



b) In Step 1, choose **Use web site template** and click **Next**.

### Step 1

#### Choose default web site

If you choose to create a blank site, the wizard will guide you through the process of creating a new site. If you choose to use a template, you will be able to choose one of the predefined web site templates.

Create a new site using a wizard

Use web site template


Next >


c) In Step 2, choose **Community Site** form the list of available web site templates and click **Next**.


### Step 2


#### Choose web site template

Choose the predefined web site template that will be used for your new web site. The web site template may contain site structure, design, basic content, new document types and other settings.

 capabilities and it can be used as a starting site that you modify as needed. It uses the portal engine and it's the recommended choice for developers who are new to Kentico CMS.

**Personal Site**  
This is a web template for a sample Personal site. Several Kentico CMS features, such as blogs, forums and photo galleries, are included. It can be used as a cornerstone for the custom personal site development. The template uses the portal engine and it is the recommended choice for developers who are new to Kentico CMS.

**Community Site**  
This is a web site template for a sample community site. Social networking features of Kentico CMS are used on the site to give you an idea of how they can be used on your web site. You can also modify this web site and use it as a base for the development of your own site. It uses the portal engine and is recommended for developers who are new to Kentico CMS.

**Blank Site**  
This template is intended for developers who want to create a new web site from scratch. It uses the portal engine.

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d) In Step 3, specify the **display name**, **code name** and **domain name** of your site and click **Next**.

**Step 3**

**Enter new site settings**  
Enter the display name and code name of the web site. The Domain field must contain the domain that you will use to access the web site during development (you may change it when the site goes live). The default culture is the main language of the web site.

Site display name:

Site code name:

Domain name:

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e) In Step 4, leave the settings at their default values and click **Next**.

### Step 4

#### Objects selection

Please select objects which should be imported.

All objects

- Web site
  - Documents
  - Tools
  - Administration
  - Settings
  - Development
- Global objects
  - Tools
  - Administration
  - Development

#### Import objects

?

**Please note:** The import process may overwrite your existing objects. The existing objects are marked with \* and will be overwritten if checked.

Please select the object type from the tree if you wish to change the default selection. Click **Next** to start the import of selected objects.

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**Global selection**

[Load default selection](#)  
 [Select all objects](#)  
 [Select only new objects](#)  
 [Deselect all objects](#)

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**Import settings**

- Assign all objects to the imported site (recommended)
- Run the site after import
- Delete incomplete site when import fails
- Import files (recommended)
- Do not import objects where parent object is missing

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f) Wait until the end of site import process and click **Next**.

### Step 5

#### Import progress

Objects are being imported.

**Import has successfully finished**

Starting site 'Community Site'

Copying objects files

Importing 'Notification templates' objects

Importing board 'Announcements of Global Administrator' messages

Importing board 'Comments on Global Administrator' messages

Importing board 'Group Czech Republic fans board' messages

Importing board 'Group American travellers board' messages

Importing board 'Group Asian travellers board' messages

Importing board 'Group European travellers board' messages

Importing board 'Group Australian travellers board' messages

Importing board 'Announcements of Jane Oakley' messages

Importing board 'Comments on Noel Turpin' messages

Importing board 'Group message board' messages

Importing 'Message boards' objects

Importing media library 'Czech cities' file objects

Importing media library 'Czech nature' file objects

Importing media library 'Media' file objects

Importing 'Media libraries' objects

Importing 'Forum user favorites' objects

Importing forum 'General discussion' posts

Importing forum 'General discussion' posts

Importing forum 'General discussion' posts

Importing forum 'General discussion' posts

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Importing forum 'General discussion' posts

Import in progress

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Cancel
Next >

g) In the last step, you can click the **Edit your new web site** link to go to **CMS Desk**, where you can start editing the site immediately.


**Step 6** | **The web site has been created successfully**  
Now you can view and edit your new web site.

[Edit your new web site](#)


If this is your first web site, the default user account is administrator without password.

[Finish](#)


You can also click the **Finish** button to go back to **Site Manager -> Sites**, where the site should be listed with the name specified in Step 3.

 **Sites**

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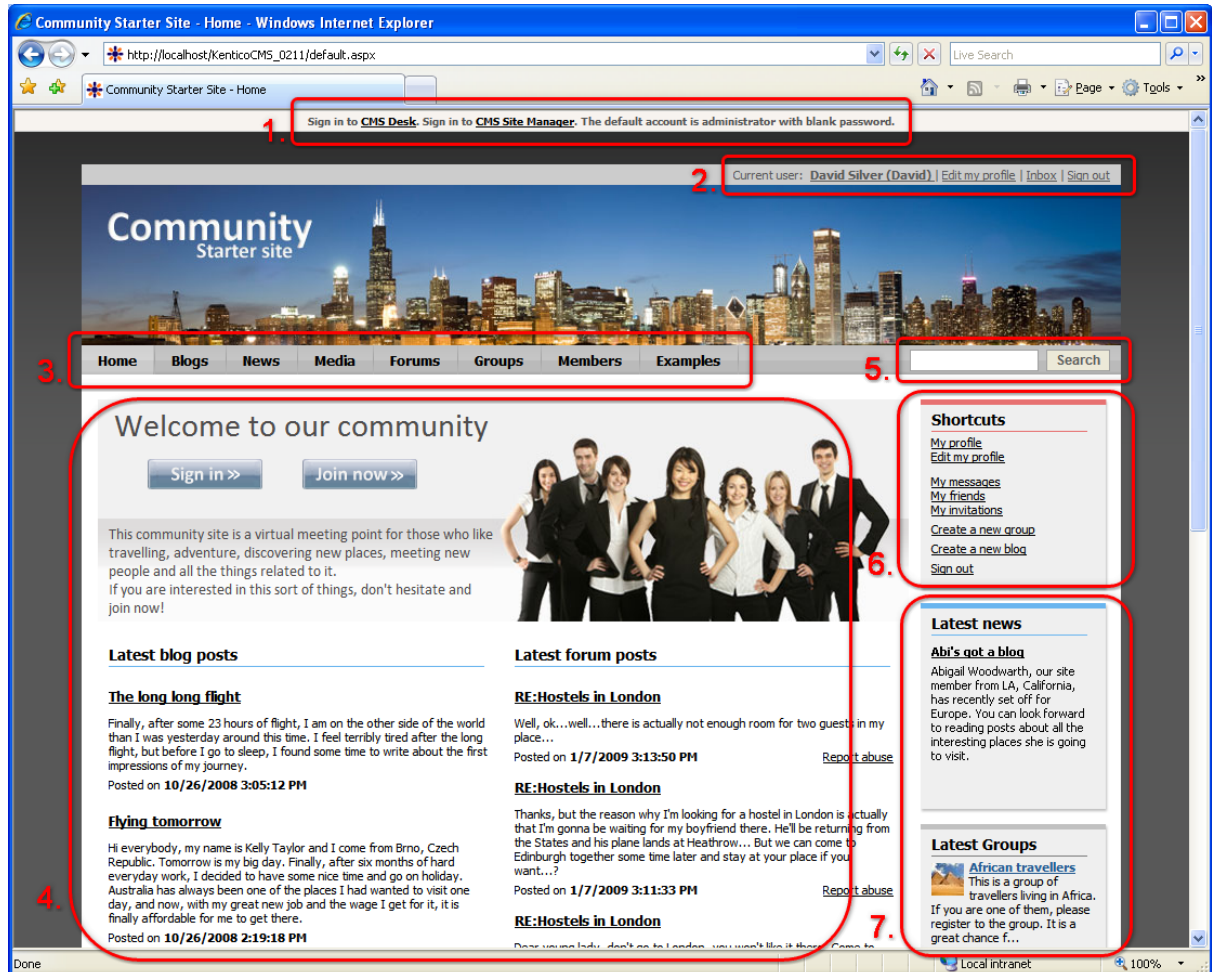
 [New site wizard](#)  [Import site or objects](#)  [Export objects](#)

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Actions	Site name ▲	Status
       Community Site		Running

## 2.1.2 First sight

When you have the Community Site installed and running, why not go to the live site and see it in action. To see all the features working, sign in using the **Sign in** form at the top of the right side column. Use e.g. user name **David** with blank password. Once signed-in, you should see the site as in the screenshot below:



1. At the very top of the page, you can see the **CMS Desk** and **CMS Site Manager** links. These can be used to access the administration interface from the live site. Default user name is *administrator* with blank password. Alternatively, the administration interface can be accessed via the following URLs: `<site domain>/CMSDesk` or `<site domain>/CMSSiteManager`.

2. Links to the current **user's public profile**, **profile editing**, **internal messaging inbox** and the **Sign out** link that can be used to log off the site.

3. Main menu. The menu reflects site structure, particular items in the menu lead to the following sections:

- **Home** - home page of the web site, displaying latest blog and forum posts in the main area and various other information in the side column
- **Blogs** - in this section, you can read blog posts in site users' blogs or easily create your own blog right on the live site and start blogging immediately
- **News** - the news section is designed for displaying news items created by authorized CMS Desk

users, typically site administrators and editors

- **Media** - in this section, you can view content of the site's public media libraries; various types of files can be stored in these libraries, while large file sizes (several GB) are supported
- **Forums** - discussion forums, you can read or join discussions on various topics and create new topics; both classical and Q-A forum types are supported
- **Groups** - in this section, you can view existing community groups and join some of them or even create your own new group; groups can have their own media libraries, forums, polls and message boards
- **Members** - this is where you can see a complete list of site members; by right clicking their avatars, you can display a context menu allowing you to do several actions related to the clicked user; by left-clicking a user's avatar, you can view her public profile
- **Examples** - in this section, you can find isolated examples of particular community web parts; these examples are particularly useful when you access them from CMS Desk, where you can view web part properties settings

4. This is the main zone where the **content** is displayed. On the Home page, it displays the Sign-in/Join banner and extracts from the latest blog and forum posts.

5. Integrated **full-text search** of all documents on the site.

6. The shortcuts box displays **shortcuts to various community functions**. It offers different actions depending on which section of the site is currently displayed.

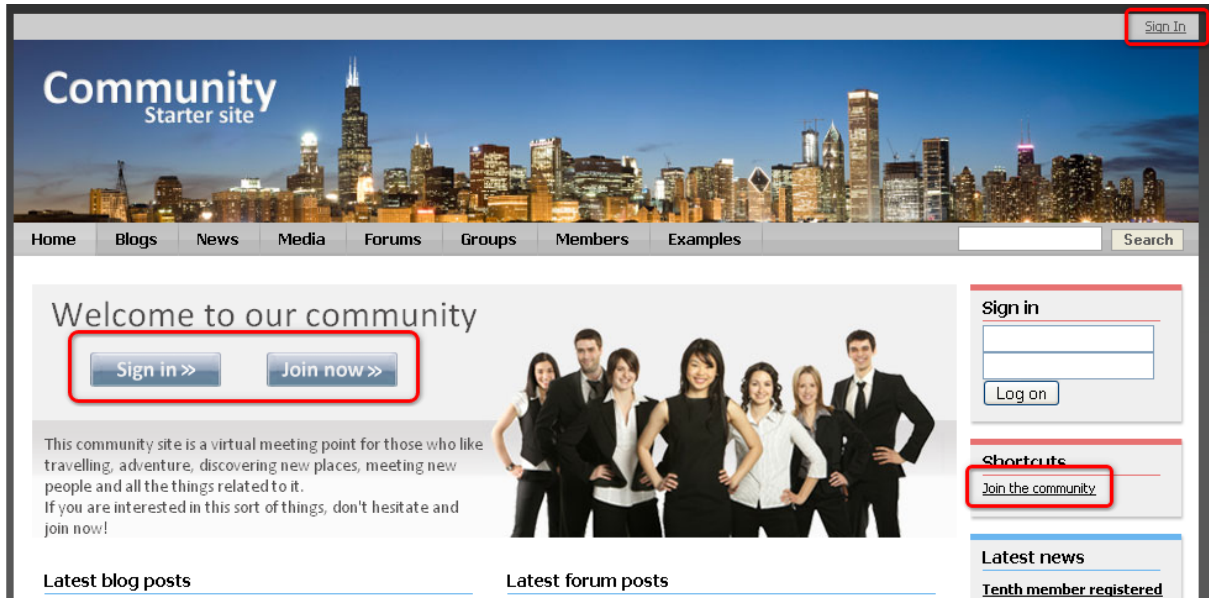
7. The rest of the side column displays various repeaters and information boxes depending on which section of the site is currently displayed.

## 2.2 User registration and Sign-in

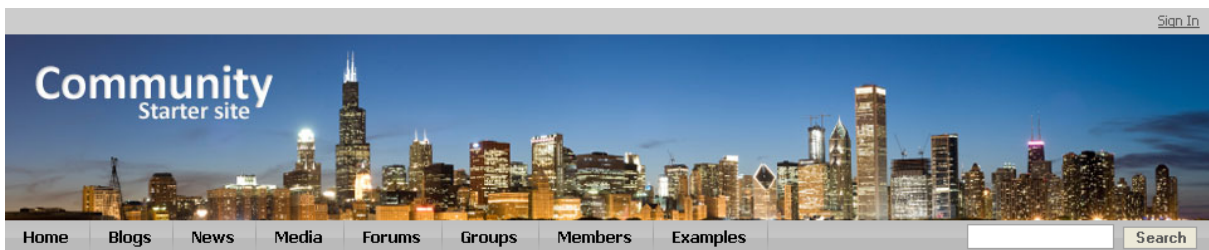
### 2.2.1 Current functionality

In the following example, you will learn how to register to the site and become its member.

1. If you come to the site as a site visitor and want to register, there are several links to click. All of the links highlighted in the screenshot below will take you to the **Logon page** where registration can be performed. Click one of them.



2. On the logon page, site visitors can register by filling in the **Join the community** form. Enter some sample details and click **Register**.



#### Sign in

User name:

Password:

Remember me

[Forgotten password](#)

#### Join the community

User name:

First name:

Last name:

E-mail:

Password:

Confirm password:


Gender:  Male  Female



3. You will be redirected to your public profile. This profile is visible to all site visitors and users and gives them an overview about yourself. Let's modify your details a bit now. Click the **Edit my profile** link in the **Shortcuts** menu. You will be redirected to the profile editing page.


Current user: [Derek McKenzie \(Derek\)](#) | [Edit my profile](#) | [Inbox](#) | [Sign out](#)

# Community Starter site



[Home](#) [Blogs](#) [News](#) [Media](#) [Forums](#) [Groups](#) [Members](#) [Examples](#)  [Search](#)

## Member profile



### Derek

**Badge:**  
**Full name:** Derek McKenzie  
**E-mail:** derek.mckenzie@example.com  
**Created:** 2/16/2009  
**Gender:** Male  
**Date of birth:** N/A

**Forum posts:** 0  
**Message board posts:** 0  
**Blog posts:** 0  
**Blog comments:** 0  
**Community points:**

#### My announcements

There are currently no announcements.

[Leave message](#) [Subscribe](#)

### Shortcuts

- [My profile](#)
- [Edit my profile](#)
- [My messages](#)
- [My friends](#)
- [My invitations](#)
- [Create a new group](#)
- [Create a new blog](#)
- [Sign out](#)

### My friends

Currently doesn't have any friends.

### My blogs

Currently doesn't have any blogs.

### My groups

Currently is not member of any group.

4. Let's choose some avatar so that your profile looks more personal. Click the **Select pre-defined avatar** link as highlighted in the screenshot below.

Community Starter site

Home Blogs News Media Forums Groups Members Examples Search

### My profile

Personal settings Change password Notifications

Username: Derek

Full name:

E-mail:

Display my e-mail to:  Nobody  All  Site members  Friends

Nickname:

Signature:

Messaging notification e-mail:

Time zone:

Avatar: Upload:  Browse... **Select pre-defined avatar**

Gender:  Male  Female

Date of birth:

**Shortcuts**

- [My profile](#)
- [Edit my profile](#)
- [My messages](#)
- [My friends](#)
- [My invitations](#)
- [Create a new group](#)
- [Create a new blog](#)
- [Sign out](#)

**My blogs**

You currently do not have any blogs.

**My groups**

You are currently not member of any group.

**Forum favorites**

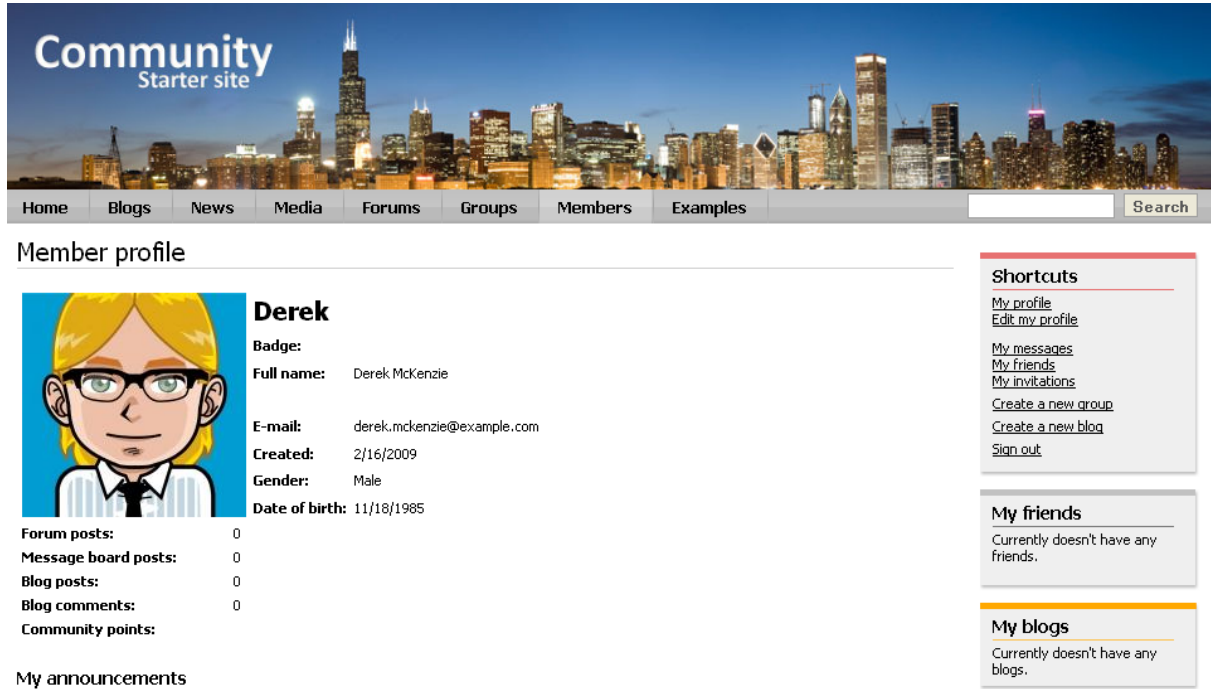
No favorites found

5. The gallery of pre-defined avatars will be displayed. Choose one and click **OK**.



6. Let's also add your date of birth. Click the calendar icon next to the **Date of birth** field, pick a date and click **OK**.


7. Finally, click **OK** on the profile editing page to save the changes. If you click the **My profile** link in the **Shortcuts** menu again, you will see your profile with the avatar and date of birth added.



**Community**  
Starter site

Home Blogs News Media Forums Groups Members Examples Search

### Member profile



**Derek**

**Badge:**

**Full name:** Derek McKenzie

**E-mail:** derek.mckenzie@example.com

**Created:** 2/16/2009

**Gender:** Male

**Date of birth:** 11/18/1985

**Forum posts:** 0

**Message board posts:** 0

**Blog posts:** 0

**Blog comments:** 0

**Community points:** 0

[My announcements](#)

**Shortcuts**

- [My profile](#)
- [Edit my profile](#)
- [My messages](#)
- [My friends](#)
- [My invitations](#)
- [Create a new group](#)
- [Create a new blog](#)
- [Sign out](#)

**My friends**

Currently doesn't have any friends.

**My blogs**


Currently doesn't have any blogs.

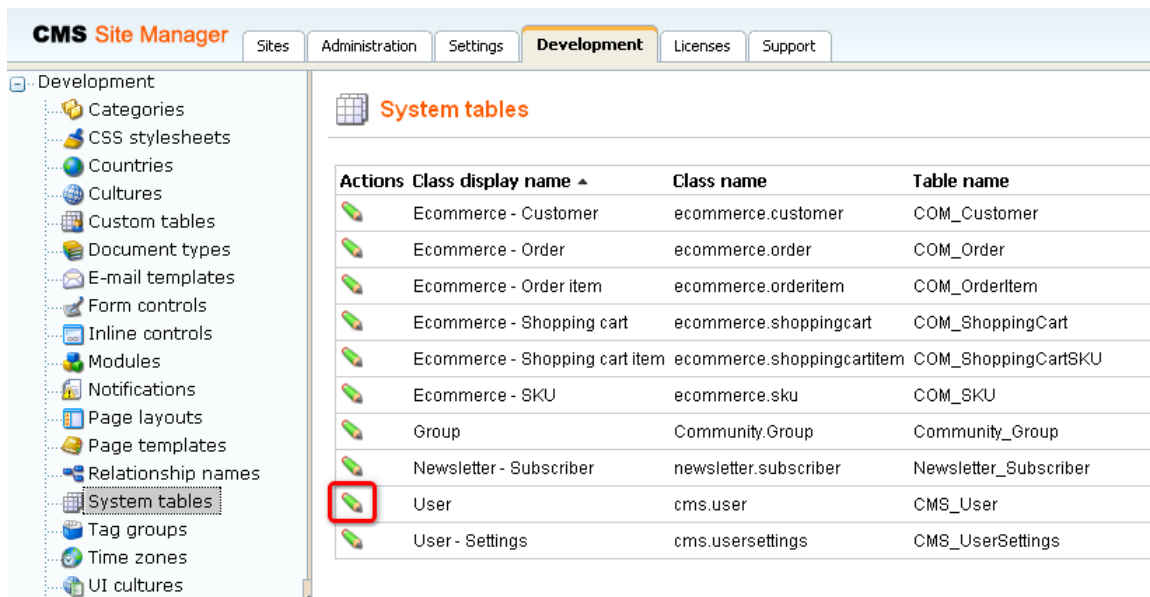
**Further steps:** This was only a brief example of what can be done. Try playing around with the settings and explore the various possibilities. You can for example use an image from your local disk instead of the pre-defined avatars. You can also go to the **Members** section, where profiles of all sample site users can be accessed from. Notice that the **Shortcuts** menu displays various actions depending on what content is currently displayed. Performing the actions is very intuitive, so don't be afraid and try them out.

## 2.2.2 Modifying the registration form











In the following example, you will learn how to modify the registration form used on the logon page. For the purpose of this example, we will want the **Middle name** field to be specified by users on registration.


The registration form is displayed using the **Custom registration form** web part. This web part enables user registration based on an **alternative form** of the **CMS\_User** system table. For more information about the Alternative forms concept, please refer to the [Module Alternative forms](#) chapter of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

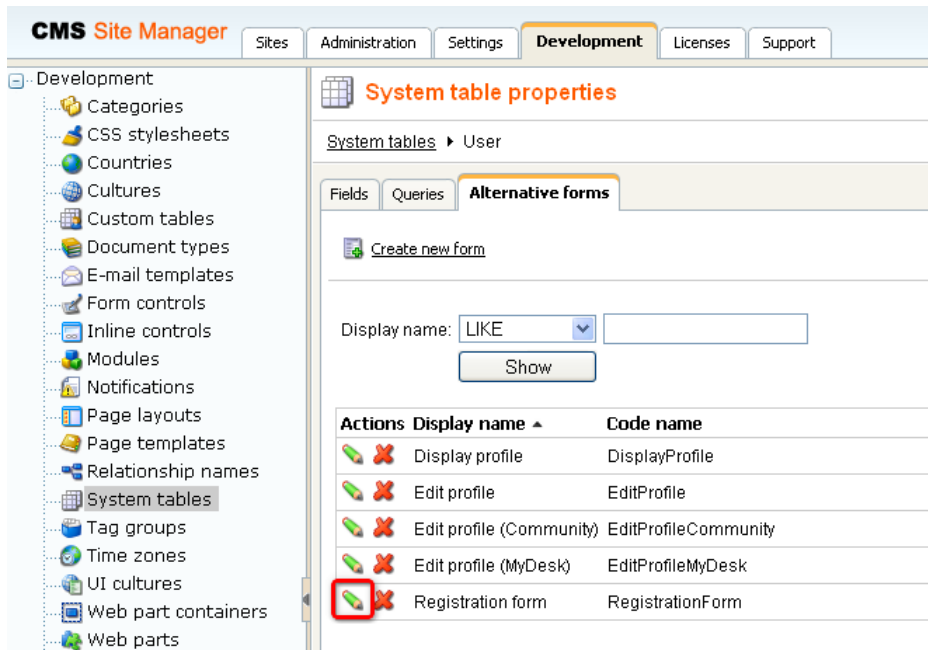
1. Sign in to **Site Manager** (login *administrator* with blank password by default). Go to **Development - > System tables** and choose to **Edit** () the **User** (CMS\_User) system table.













The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface with the 'Development' tab selected. The left sidebar contains a tree view of system components, with 'System tables' selected. The main content area displays a table of system tables. The 'User' table is highlighted with a red box around its edit icon.

Actions	Class display name ^	Class name	Table name
	Ecommerce - Customer	ecommerce.customer	COM_Customer
	Ecommerce - Order	ecommerce.order	COM_Order
	Ecommerce - Order item	ecommerce.orderitem	COM_OrderItem
	Ecommerce - Shopping cart	ecommerce.shoppingcart	COM_ShoppingCart
	Ecommerce - Shopping cart item	ecommerce.shoppingcartitem	COM_ShoppingCartSKU
	Ecommerce - SKU	ecommerce.sku	COM_SKU
	Group	Community.Group	Community_Group
	Newsletter - Subscriber	newsletter.subscriber	Newsletter_Subscriber
	User	cms.user	CMS_User
	User - Settings	cms.usersettings	CMS_UserSettings

2. Switch to the **Alternative forms** tab. Choose to **Edit** (  ) the **Registration form** alternative form, which is the one currently used on the logon page. As you can see, the other alternative forms are used for user profile displaying and editing.



The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The left sidebar contains a tree view of system tables, with 'System tables' expanded. The main content area is titled 'System table properties' and shows the 'User' table. The 'Alternative forms' tab is selected, displaying a 'Create new form' button and a 'Display name' field set to 'LIKE'. Below this is a table of existing alternative forms.

Actions	Display name	Code name
 	Display profile	DisplayProfile
 	Edit profile	EditProfile
 	Edit profile (Community)	EditProfileCommunity
 	Edit profile (MyDesk)	EditProfileMyDesk
 	Registration form	RegistrationForm

3. Switch to the **Fields** tab. This is where you can define which fields of the **User** system table will be displayed in the form. Select the **MiddleName** field from the list on the left and check the **Display attribute in the editing form** check-box. Enter the following details:

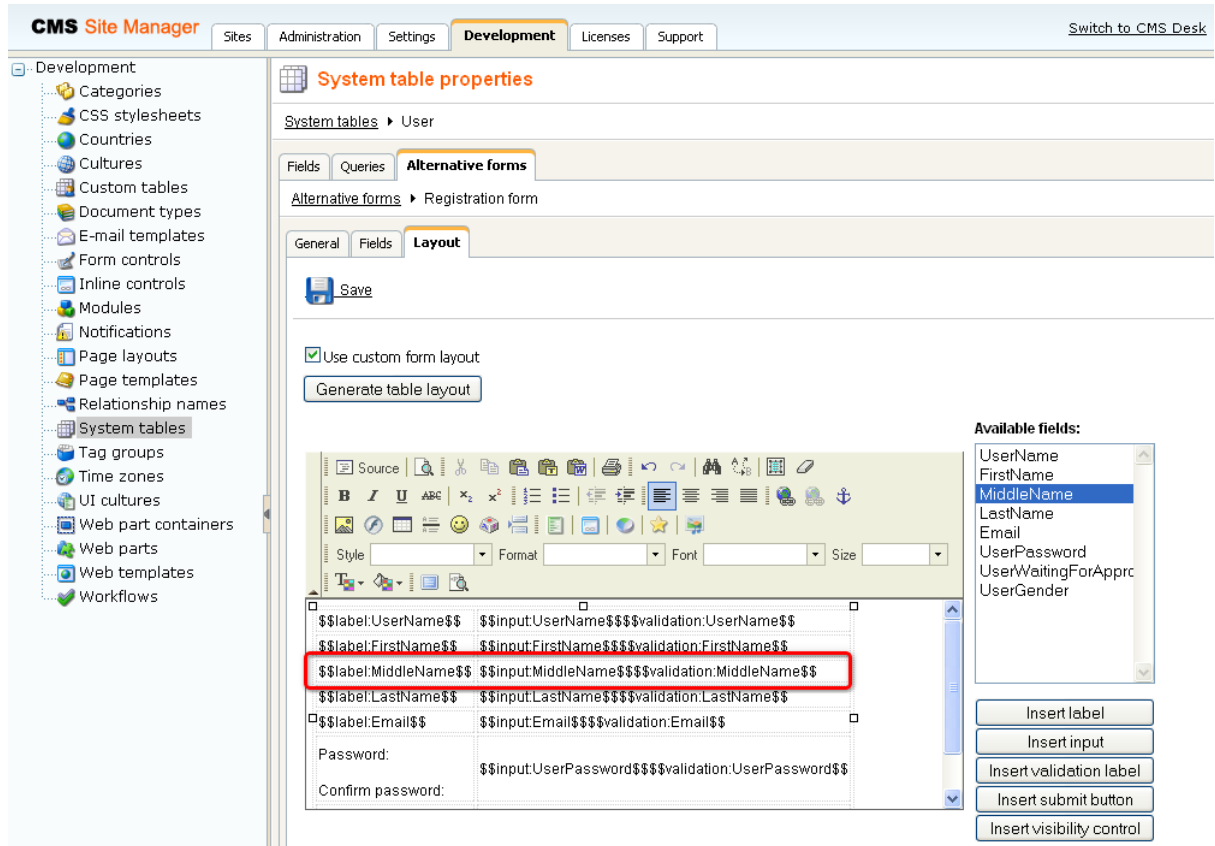
- **Field caption:** Middle name
- **Field type:** Text box

Click **OK**.

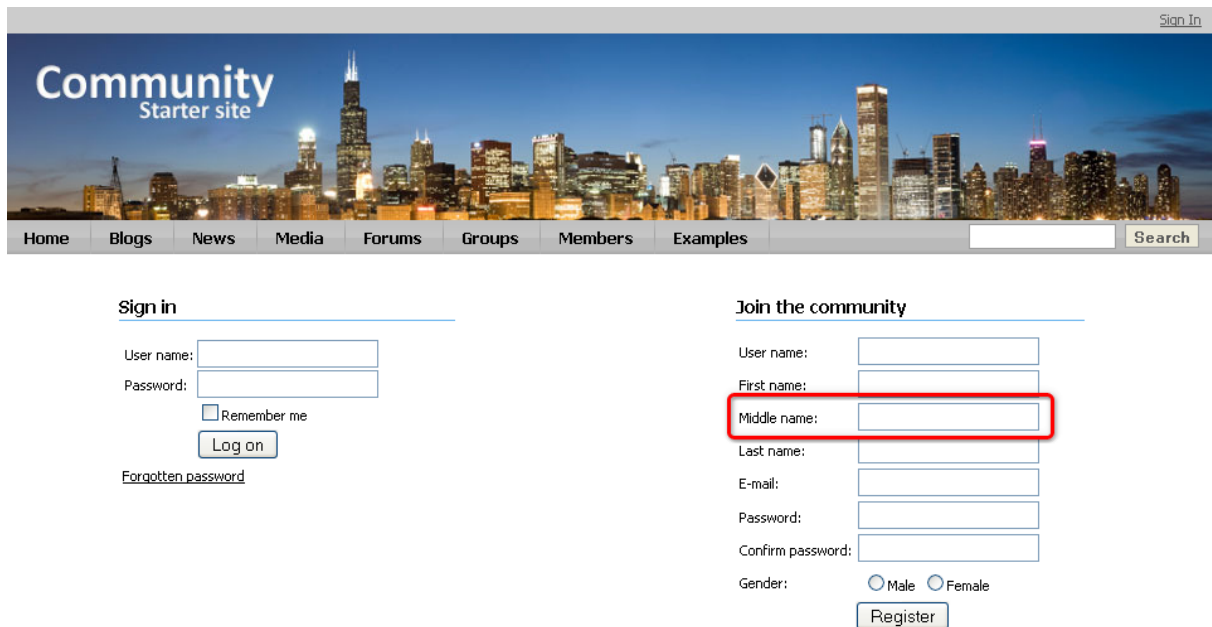
The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS Site Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Sites', 'Administration', 'Settings', 'Development', 'Licenses', and 'Support'. The 'Development' tab is selected. On the left, a tree view shows 'System tables' expanded, with 'User' selected. The main area displays 'System table properties' for the 'User' system table. The 'Fields' tab is active, and the 'MiddleName' field is selected in the list on the left. The 'Display attribute in the editing form' checkbox is checked. The field caption is set to 'Middle name' and the field type is set to 'Text box'. The 'OK' button is visible at the bottom right.

4. Switch to the **Layout** tab. This is where you can define the layout of the form. Right-click the line with the **FirstName** controls. From the context menu, choose **Row -> Insert row after**. Select **MiddleName** from the **Available fields** list and use the **Insert label**, **Insert input** and **Insert validation label** buttons below to insert the label, input and validation controls into the new table row. The result should look as in the following screenshot.

Click **Save**.



5. If you go to the live site now and open the **Logon page**, you should see the modified version of the alternative form, just as in the screenshot below.



The screenshot displays the 'Community Starter site' header with a city skyline background. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home, Blogs, News, Media, Forums, Groups, Members, Examples, and a Search box. The main content area is divided into two sections:

- Sign in:** Includes fields for 'User name:' and 'Password:', a 'Remember me' checkbox, a 'Log on' button, and a 'Forgotten password' link.
- Join the community:** Includes fields for 'User name:', 'First name:', 'Middle name:' (highlighted with a red box), 'Last name:', 'E-mail:', 'Password:', and 'Confirm password:'. It also features radio buttons for 'Gender' (Male and Female) and a 'Register' button.

**Further steps:** You have learned how to modify the registration alternative form. The same way, you can add other fields to the form according to your needs. You may also try creating a completely new alternative form and using it for registration. The new alternative form needs to be specified in the **Alternative form** property of the **Custom registration form** web part. You can find a step-by-step tutorial on how to do this in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Membership and User registration -> Creating a custom registration form](#).

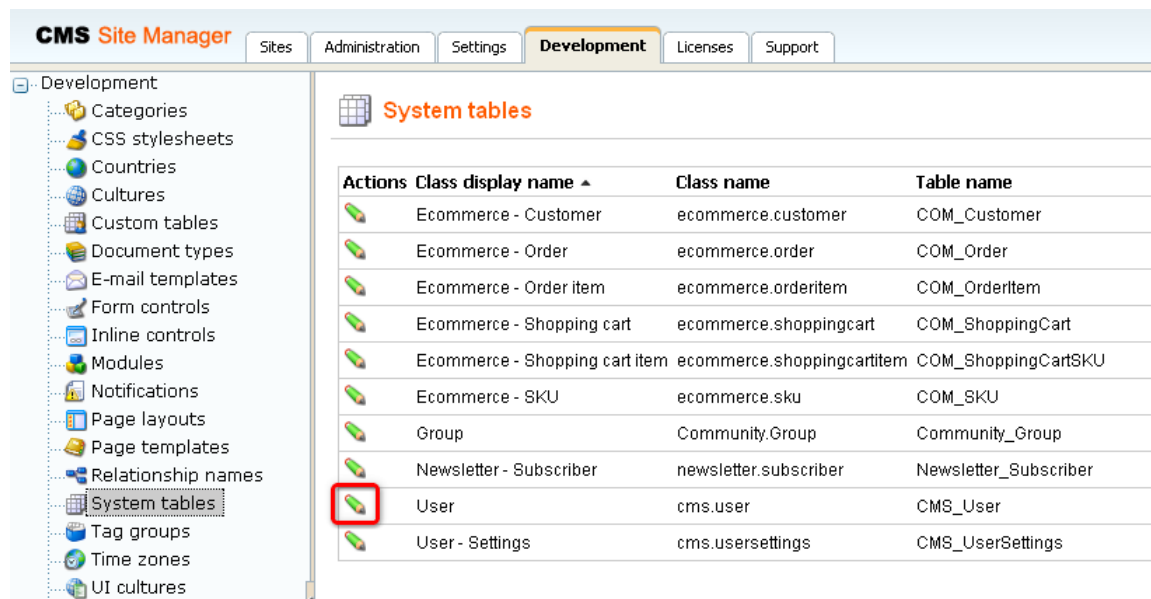


### 2.2.3 Modifying user profiles

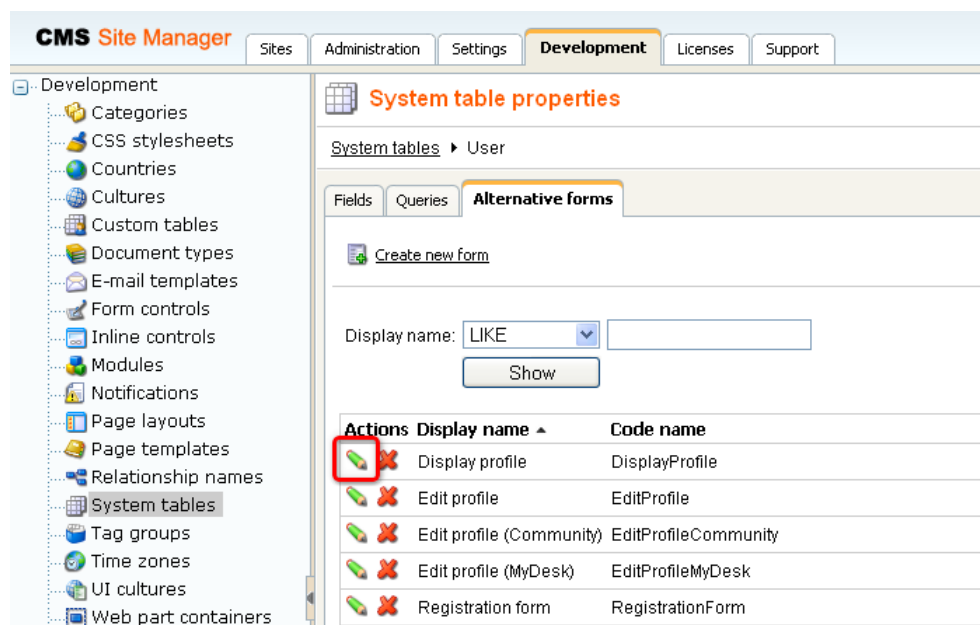
You can define which information will be displayed on users' public profiles. In the following example, you will learn how to add the User ID field to the public profiles.

User public profiles display information from the **CMS\_User** system table using an alternative form. In our case, it is the **Display profile** alternative form. We will have to modify the alternative form to achieve the required functionality. For more information about the Alternative forms concept, please refer to the [Module Alternative forms](#) chapter of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

1. Sign in to **Site Manager** (login *administrator* with blank password by default). Go to **Development > System tables** and choose to **Edit** (🖋️) the **User** (CMS\_User) system table.



2. Switch to the **Alternative forms** tab and choose to **Edit** (🖋️) the **Display profile** alternative form.



3. Switch to the **Fields** tab. Select the **UserID** field from the list on the right and check the **Display attribute in the editing form** check-box. Click **OK** to save the changes.

The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS Site Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Sites', 'Administration', 'Settings', 'Development', 'Licenses', and 'Support'. The 'Development' tab is selected. On the left, a tree view shows various system components, with 'System tables' expanded. The main area displays 'System table properties' for the 'User' table. The 'Fields' tab is active, and the 'UserID' field is selected in the list. The 'Display attribute in the editing form' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. Other settings for the field include 'Database' (Attribute name: UserID, Attribute type: Integer Number), 'Field' (Default visibility: Display to all, Visibility control: Visibility (drop down list)), and 'Allow user to change field visibility' (unchecked). An 'OK' button is visible at the bottom right.

4. Now we need to modify the layout of the profile, so switch to the **Layout** tab. Place the cursor in the first column of the empty line below the FullName line and choose **UserID** from the **Available fields** list on the right.

Click the **Insert label** button. Select the text that was entered and make it bold so that it looks the same as the other labels. Place the cursor to the second column of the line and click the **Insert input** button.

The result should look as in the screenshot below. Finally, click **Save** to save the changes.

The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The main window displays the 'System table properties' for the 'User' table. The 'Alternative forms' section is expanded to 'Display profile'. The 'Layout' tab is active, showing a table of form fields. The 'Available fields' list on the right includes 'UserID', which is selected. The 'Insert label' and 'Insert input' buttons are visible.

Field	Input
\$\$input:UserName\$\$	\$\$input:UserName\$\$
\$\$label:UserBadgeID\$\$	\$\$input:UserBadgeID\$\$
\$\$label:FullName\$\$	\$\$input:FullName\$\$
\$\$label:UserID\$\$	\$\$input:UserID\$\$
\$\$label:Email\$\$	\$\$input:Email\$\$
\$\$label:UserCreated\$\$	\$\$input:UserCreated\$\$

Available fields:

- UserID
- UserName
- FullName
- Email
- UserCreated
- UserNickName
- UserWaitingForAppro
- UserAvatarID
- UserBadgeID
- UserActivityPoints
- UserForumPosts
- UserBlogComments

Buttons:


- Insert label
- Insert input
- Insert validation label
- Insert submit button
- Insert visibility control

5. Now if you switch to the live site and sign in as some of the sample users (e.g. *David* with blank password), you should see the UserID field present on his profile, as highlighted in the screenshot below.

**Community Site starter site**

Home Blogs News Media Forums Groups Members Examples Search

### Member profile



**David**

Badge: 🏆 🥇 🥈

Full name: David Silver

**UserID:** 77

E-mail: david.silver@mydomainXY.com

Created: 10/25/2008

Gender: Male



Date of birth: 5/6/1987

Forum posts:	3
Message board posts:	2
Blog posts:	0
Blog comments:	0
Community points:	12

**Shortcuts**

- [My profile](#)
- [Edit my profile](#)
- [My messages](#)
- [My friends](#)
- [My invitations](#)
- [Create a new group](#)
- [Create a new blog](#)
- [Sign out](#)

**My friends**

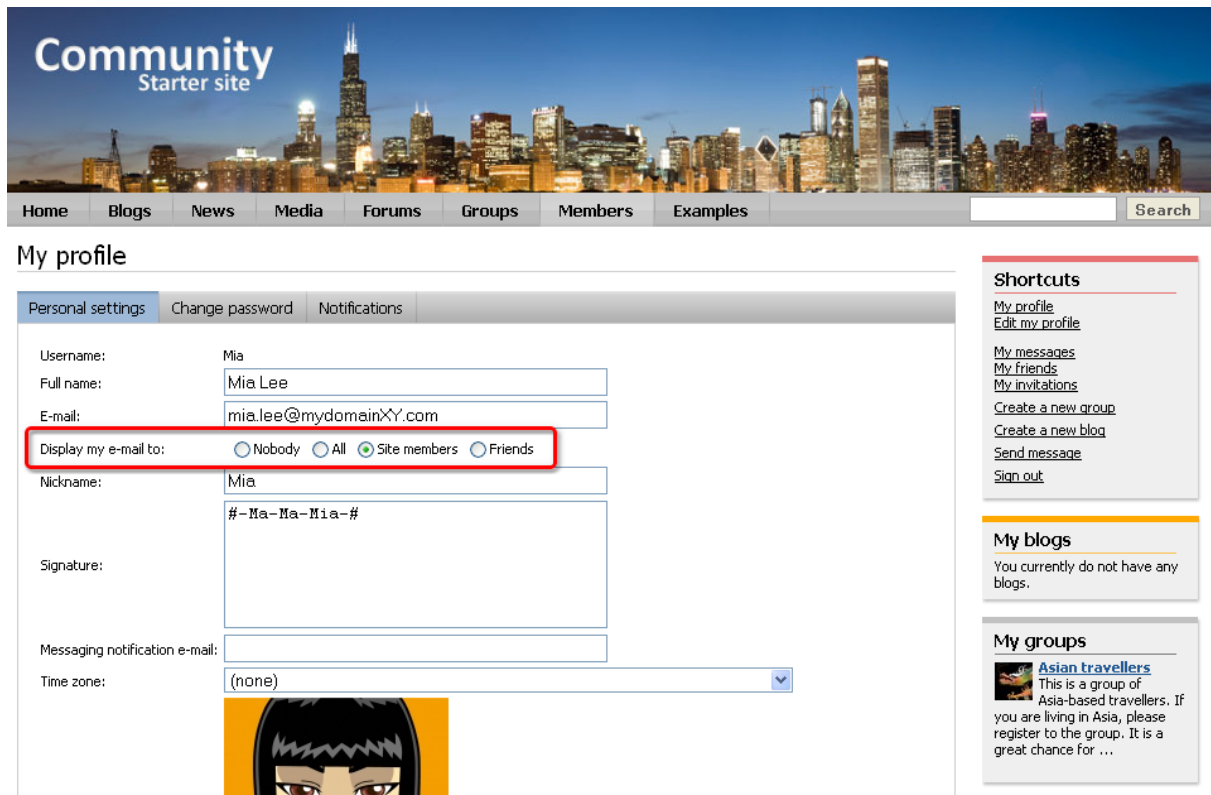
-  [Tessie](#)  
Gender: Female  
Age: 24
-  [Kelly](#)  
Gender: Female  
Age: 26

**Further steps:** You have learned how to modify the user public profile. This way, you can add any other field to the profile. You may also try creating your own alternative form and use it for displaying user profiles. The new alternative form needs to be specified in the **Form name** property of the **User public profile** web part. You may also try modifying the **Edit profile (Community)** alternative form the same way. Like this, you can allow users to modify some additional details of their profile on the profile editing page.

## 2.2.4 Enabling public profile fields visibility controls

You can let users specify who will see particular details on their public profiles. By default, this is enabled for the e-mail field, as you can see in the screenshot below. Using the highlighted radio-buttons, users can make their e-mail address visible to:


- **Nobody** - nobody can see the e-mail address
- **All** - everyone including anonymous site visitors can see the e-mail address
- **Site members** - only authenticated site users can see the e-mail address
- **Friends** - only authenticated site users who are among the user's friends can see the e-mail address

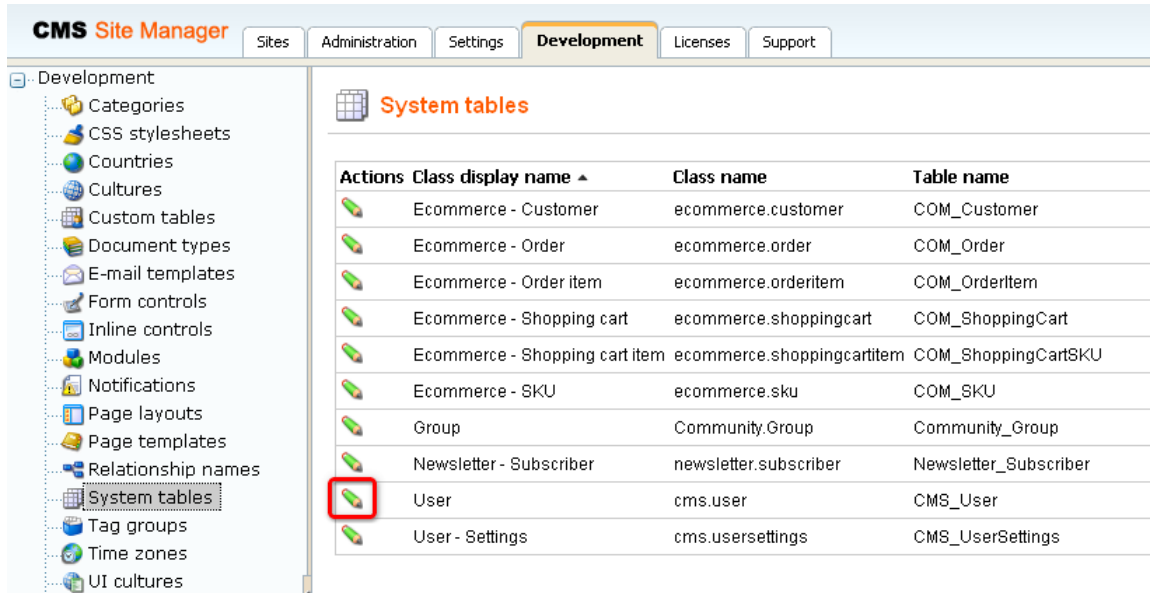


The screenshot shows a user profile page for 'Mia Lee' on a 'Community Starter site'. The page has a navigation bar with links for Home, Blogs, News, Media, Forums, Groups, Members, and Examples, along with a search box. The profile page is titled 'My profile' and has tabs for 'Personal settings', 'Change password', and 'Notifications'. The 'Personal settings' tab is active, showing fields for Username (Mia), Full name (Mia Lee), E-mail (mia.lee@mydomainXY.com), Nickname (Mia), Signature (#-Ma-Ma-Mia-#), Messaging notification e-mail, and Time zone (none). A red box highlights the 'Display my e-mail to:' section, which contains four radio buttons: 'Nobody', 'All', 'Site members' (which is selected), and 'Friends'. To the right of the profile settings are three sidebar sections: 'Shortcuts' with links for My profile, Edit my profile, My messages, My friends, My invitations, Create a new group, Create a new blog, Send message, and Sign out; 'My blogs' with the message 'You currently do not have any blogs.'; and 'My groups' with a group named 'Asian travellers' and a description: 'This is a group of Asia-based travellers. If you are living in Asia, please register to the group. It is a great chance for ...'.











In the following example, you will learn how to let users set the visibility of their full name.


User profiles display data stored in the **CMS\_User** system table based on the specified alternative form. In our case, it is the **Edit profile (Community)** alternative form. We will have to modify it to achieve the required functionality. For more information about the Alternative forms concept, please refer to the [Module Alternative forms](#) chapter of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

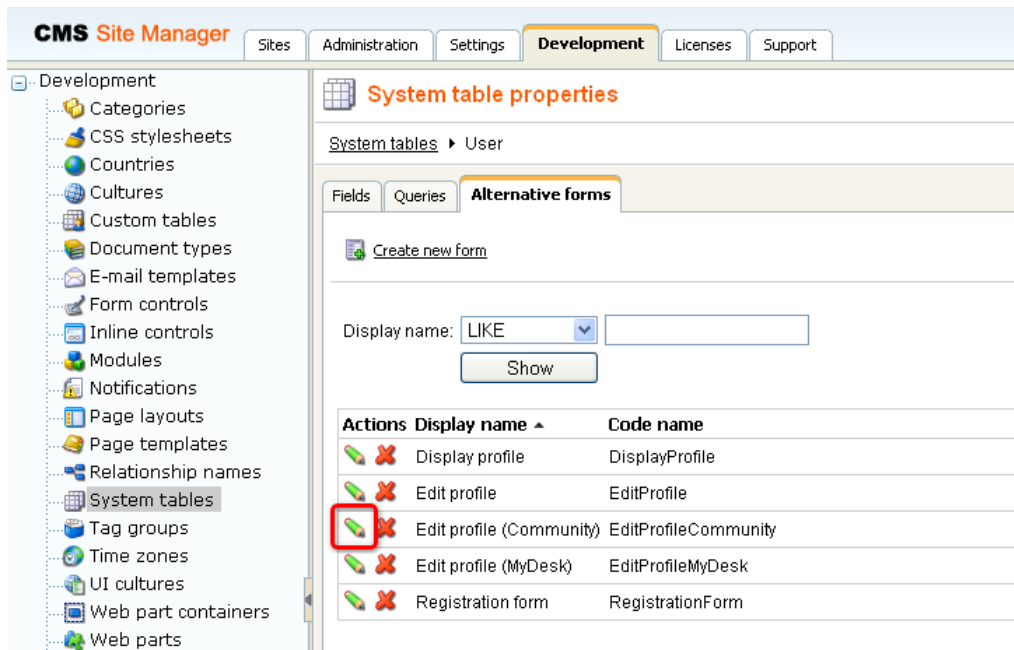
1. Sign in to **Site Manager** (login *administrator* with blank password by default). Go to **Development - > System tables** and choose to **Edit** (  ) the **User** (CMS\_User) system table.













The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS Site Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Sites, Administration, Settings, Development (selected), Licenses, and Support. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the system, with 'System tables' selected. The main content area displays a table of system tables with columns for Actions, Class display name, Class name, and Table name. The 'User' row is highlighted with a red box around its pencil icon.

Actions	Class display name ▲	Class name	Table name
	Ecommerce - Customer	ecommerce.customer	COM_Customer
	Ecommerce - Order	ecommerce.order	COM_Order
	Ecommerce - Order item	ecommerce.orderitem	COM_OrderItem
	Ecommerce - Shopping cart	ecommerce.shoppingcart	COM_ShoppingCart
	Ecommerce - Shopping cart item	ecommerce.shoppingcartitem	COM_ShoppingCartSKU
	Ecommerce - SKU	ecommerce.sku	COM_SKU
	Group	Community.Group	Community_Group
	Newsletter - Subscriber	newsletter.subscriber	Newsletter_Subscriber
	User	cms.user	CMS_User
	User - Settings	cms.usersettings	CMS_UserSettings

2. Switch to the **Alternative forms** tab and choose to **Edit** (  ) the **Edit profile (Community)** alternative form.



The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The left sidebar contains a tree view of system tables, with 'System tables' expanded to show 'User'. The main content area is titled 'System table properties' and has tabs for 'Fields', 'Queries', and 'Alternative forms'. The 'Alternative forms' tab is active, showing a 'Create new form' button and a 'Display name' dropdown menu set to 'LIKE'. Below this is a 'Show' button. A table lists the available alternative forms:

Actions	Display name	Code name
 	Display profile	DisplayProfile
 	Edit profile	EditProfile
 	Edit profile (Community)	EditProfileCommunity
 	Edit profile (MyDesk)	EditProfileMyDesk
 	Registration form	RegistrationForm

- Switch to the **Fields** tab and select **FullName** from the list on the left. Check the **Allow user to change field visibility** check box and switch the value of the **Visibility control** drop-down list to **Visibility (radio buttons - horizontal)**. Click **OK** to save the changes.

The screenshot displays the 'System table properties' dialog in the Kentico CMS Site Manager. The 'Development' tab is selected, and the 'System tables' section is expanded to show the 'User' table. The 'Alternative forms' section is active, and the 'Edit profile (Community)' form is selected. The 'Fields' tab is active, and the 'FullName' field is selected in the list on the left. The 'Field' configuration panel on the right shows the following settings:

- Display attribute in the editing form
- Default visibility: Display to all
- Visibility control: Visibility (radio buttons - horizontal)
- Allow user to change field visibility:
- Field caption: Full name
- Field type: Text box
- Field description: (empty text area)

An 'OK' button is visible at the bottom right of the dialog.



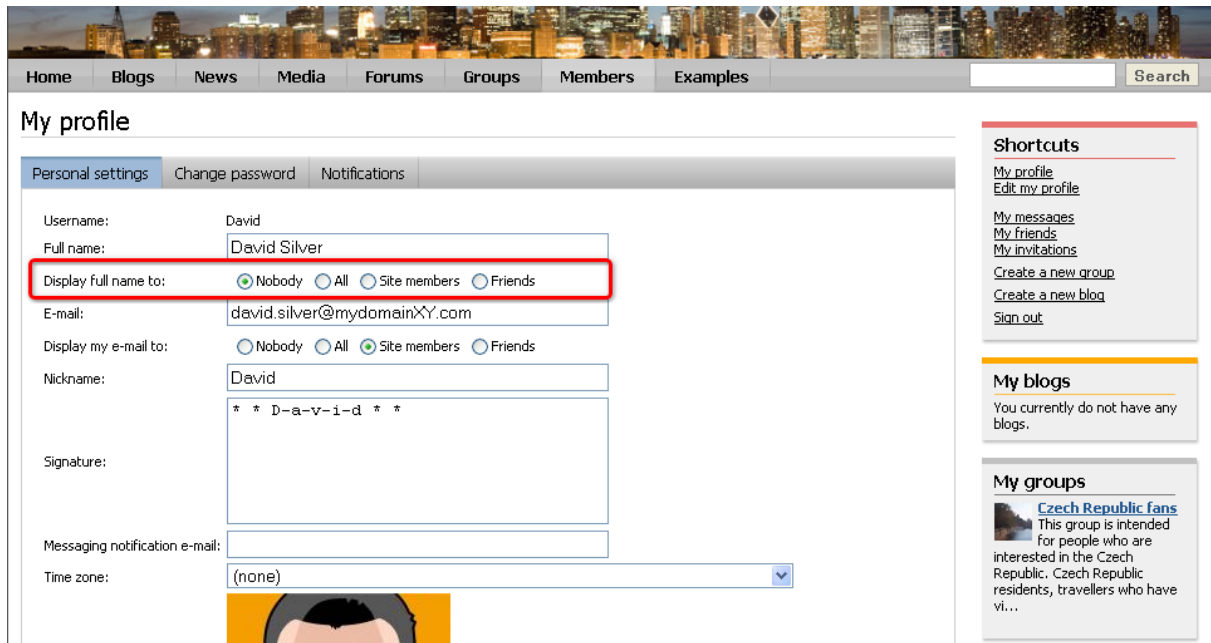
4. Switch to the **Layout** tab. Place the cursor to the FullName line, right-click and from the context menu, select **Row -> Insert Row After**. Type 'Display full name to:' into the first column of the new line. Then place the cursor into the second column, choose FullName from the **Available fields** list and click the **Insert visibility control** button. The result should look as in the screenshot below.

Click **Save** to save the changes.

The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The left sidebar contains a tree view of system tables, with 'System tables' expanded. The main area displays the 'System table properties' for the 'User' table. The 'Alternative forms' section is active, showing the 'Edit profile (Community)' form. The 'Layout' tab is selected, and a 'Save' button is visible. A checkbox for 'Use custom form layout' is checked, and a 'Generate table layout' button is present. Below this is a rich text editor toolbar. The main content area shows a table with two columns: the first for labels and the second for visibility controls. A new row has been inserted with the label 'Display full name to:' and the visibility control '\$\$visibility:FullName\$\$'. To the right, an 'Available fields' list is shown, with 'FullName' selected. Below the list are buttons for 'Insert label', 'Insert input', 'Insert validation label', 'Insert submit button', and 'Insert visibility control'.

Label	Visibility Control
\$\$label:UserName\$\$	\$\$input:UserName\$\$ \$\$validation:UserName\$\$
\$\$label:FullName\$\$	\$\$input:FullName\$\$ \$\$validation:FullName\$\$
Display full name to:	\$\$visibility:FullName\$\$
\$\$label:Email\$\$	\$\$input:Email\$\$ \$\$validation:Email\$\$
Display my e-mail to:	\$\$visibility:Email\$\$
\$\$label:UserNickName\$\$	\$\$input:UserNickName\$\$ \$\$validation:UserNickName\$\$
	\$\$input:UserSignature\$\$

5. Now if you go to the live site and sign in as some of the sample users (e.g. **David** with blank password) and go to the profile editing section (click **Edit my profile** in the **Shortcuts** menu), you should be able to choose the Full name field visibility, as shown in the screenshot below.



The screenshot shows the 'My profile' editing interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Blogs, News, Media, Forums, Groups, Members, Examples, and a Search box. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'My profile'. There are three tabs: 'Personal settings' (selected), 'Change password', and 'Notifications'. The 'Personal settings' tab contains the following fields:

- Username: David
- Full name: David Silver
- Display full name to:  Nobody  All  Site members  Friends (This row is highlighted with a red box in the original image)
- E-mail: david.silver@mydomainXY.com
- Display my e-mail to:  Nobody  All  Site members  Friends
- Nickname: David
- Signature: \* \* D-a-v-i-d \* \*
- Messaging notification e-mail: (empty field)
- Time zone: (none) (dropdown menu)

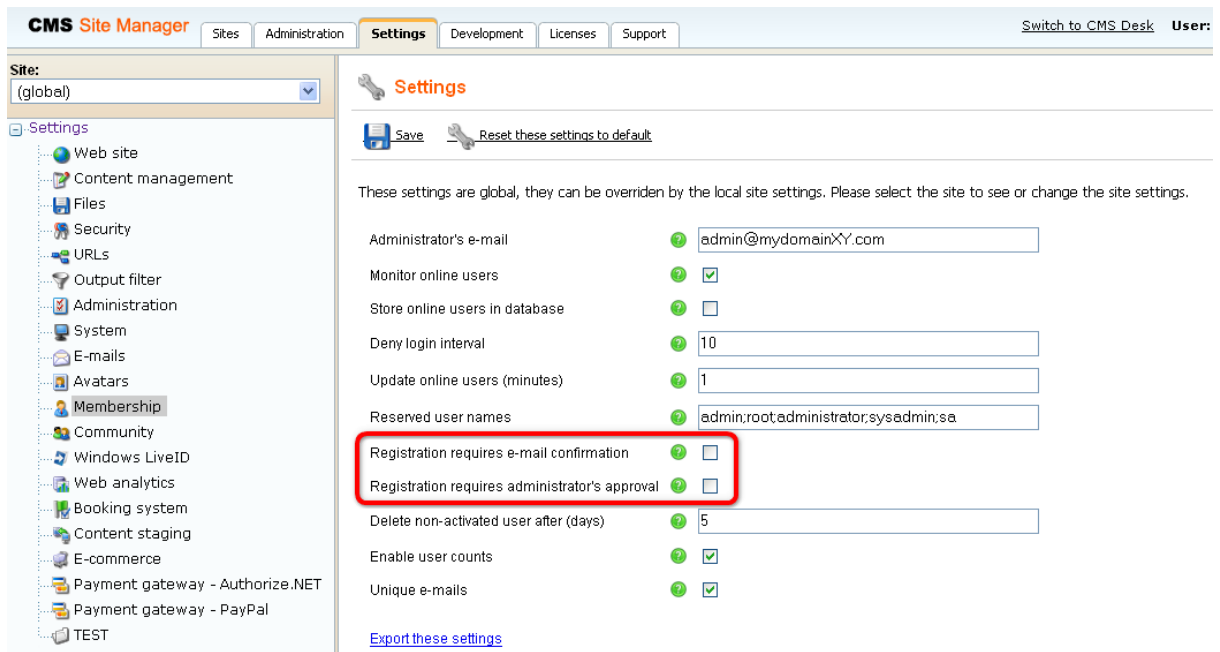
On the right side of the page, there are three sections:

- Shortcuts**: My profile, Edit my profile, My messages, My friends, My invitations, Create a new group, Create a new blog, Sign out.
- My blogs**: You currently do not have any blogs.
- My groups**: Czech Republic fans. This group is intended for people who are interested in the Czech Republic. Czech Republic residents, travellers who have vi...

**Further steps:** You have learned how to let site users specify who will see their full name. The same way as described above, visibility controls can be added to any other field of their profiles.

## 2.2.5 Registration approval and double opt-in

By default, users are signed-in to the site and their user account becomes active immediately after successful registration. However, the two options highlighted in the following screenshot can be enabled in **Site Manager -> Settings -> Membership**. By enabling these options, you can include additional steps in the registration procedure.



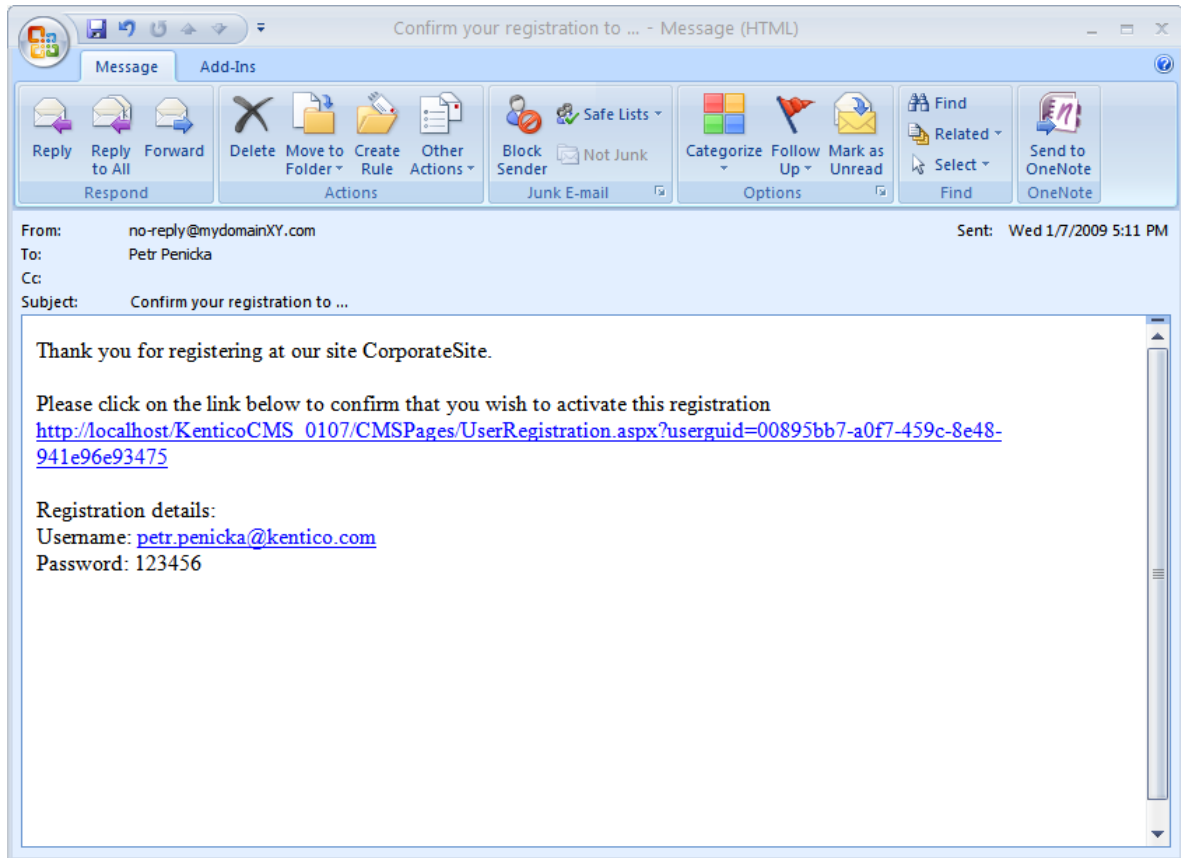
The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Sites', 'Administration', 'Settings', 'Development', 'Licenses', and 'Support'. The 'Settings' tab is active. On the left, a tree view shows various settings categories, with 'Membership' highlighted. The main content area displays the 'Settings' page for the 'global' site. It includes a 'Save' button and a 'Reset these settings to default' button. Below these, a note states: 'These settings are global, they can be overridden by the local site settings. Please select the site to see or change the site settings.' The settings list includes:

- Administrator's e-mail: admin@mydomainXY.com
- Monitor online users:
- Store online users in database:
- Deny login interval: 10
- Update online users (minutes): 1
- Reserved user names: admin;root;administrator;sysadmin;sa
- Registration requires e-mail confirmation:  (highlighted with a red box)
- Registration requires administrator's approval:  (highlighted with a red box)
- Delete non-activated user after (days): 5
- Enable user counts:
- Unique e-mails:

At the bottom of the settings list, there is a link: [Export these settings](#).

## Registration requires e-mail confirmation

If checked, newly registered users will receive confirmation e-mail to the e-mail address specified on registration. This e-mail contains a confirmation link that needs to be clicked in order to activate the account. The e-mail is based on the **Membership - Registration** e-mail template.



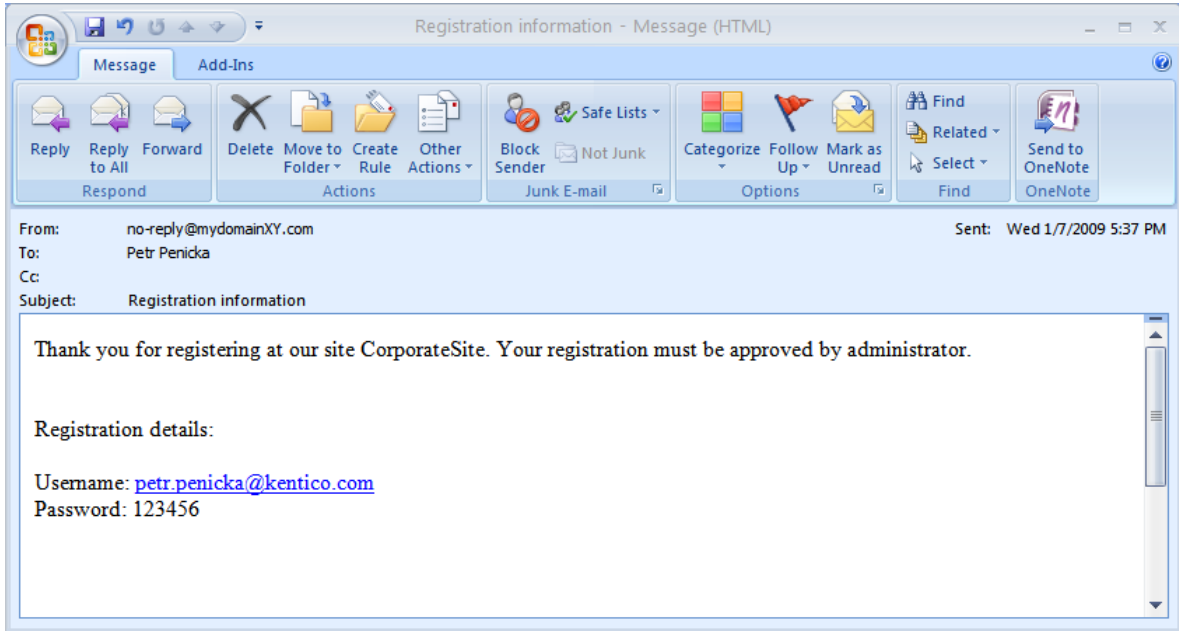
After clicking the link, a special page will be opened in user's web browser, displaying the following message:

Your registration has been approved. Now you are able to login using your username and password. [Click here to continue.](#)

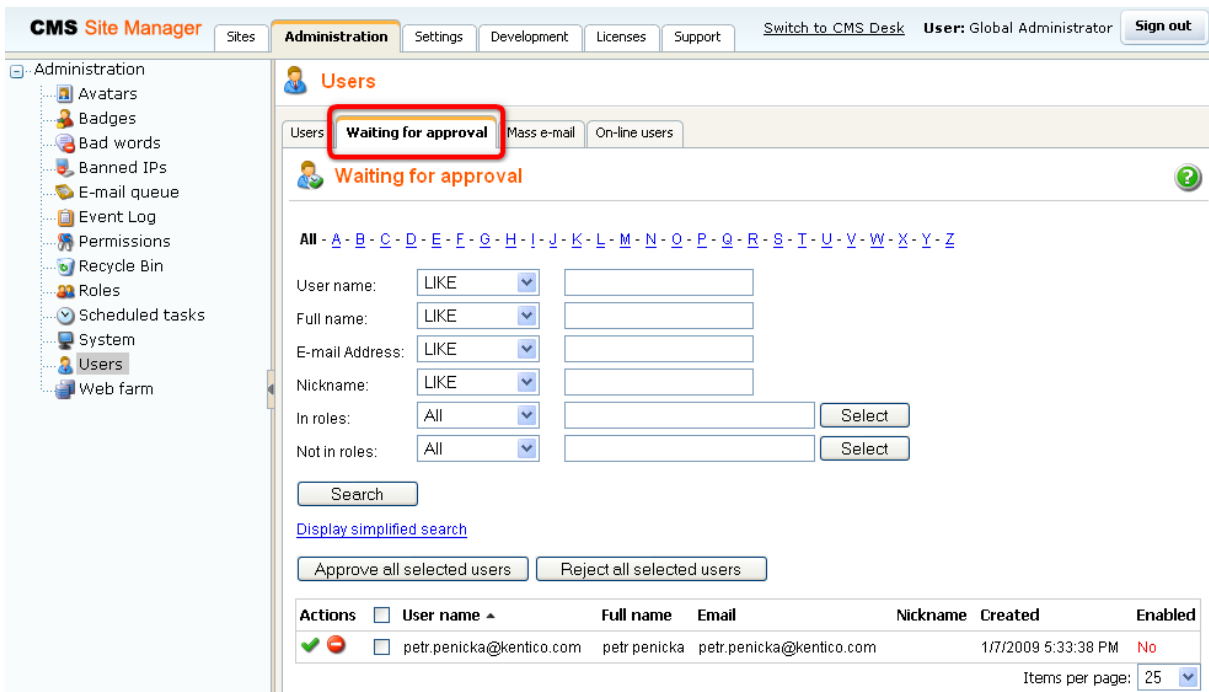
The link at the end of the message will redirect the user to the title page of the web site. The user can then log in using the registration details received in the e-mail.

## Registration requires administrator's approval

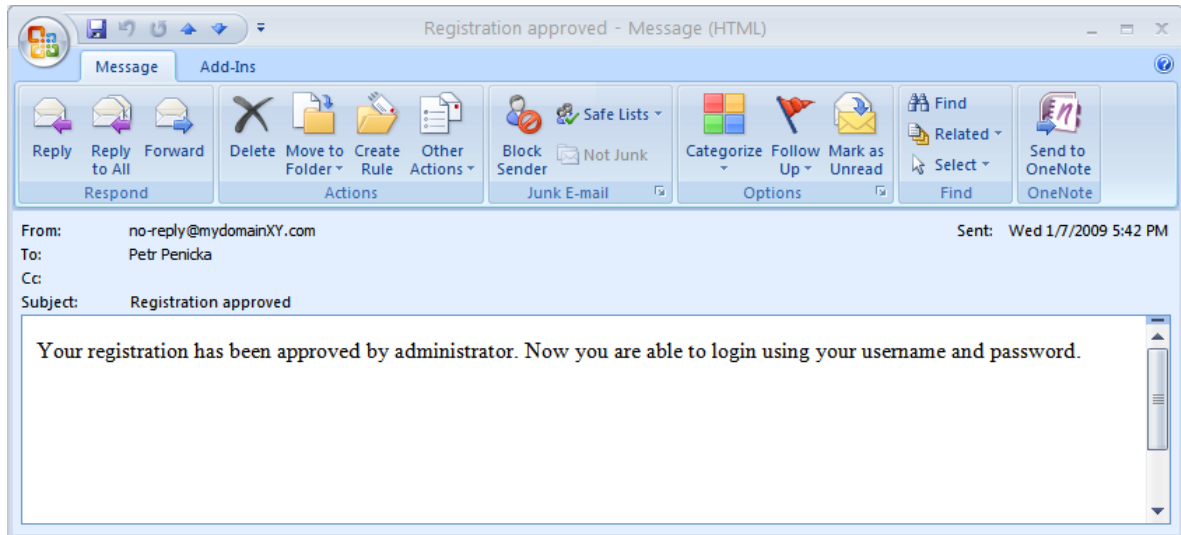
If this option is enabled, users will not be able to sign-in immediately after registration. Their registration will have to be approved by site administrator. At this point, users will receive an e-mail based on the **Membership - Registration waiting for approval** e-mail template. You can see the default version of the e-mail in the screenshot below.



In case that the option is enabled, the **Waiting for approval** tab will be displayed in **Site Manager -> Administration -> Users**. On this tab, site administrators can **Approve** (✔) or **Reject** (✘) users' registration.



After the administrator's approval, users receive another e-mail, confirming that their account has been approved and can be used. The e-mail is based on the **Membership - Registration approved** e-mail template. You can see the default appearance of the e-mail in the screenshot below.



## Enabling both options

In case that you enable both of the options mentioned above, e-mail with the confirmation link will be sent first. After user's confirmation, registration will have to be approved by the administrator.



### Please note

If you have one or both of the options enabled, it is important to set the **Redirect to URL** property of the registration web part properly. This means that users should not be redirected to any page displaying information about their user account (just as the **Members -> Profile** page on the sample Community Starter site). Because the account is not active yet (it is waiting for e-mail activation or approval), such page would display an error message, which might be misleading for the users.

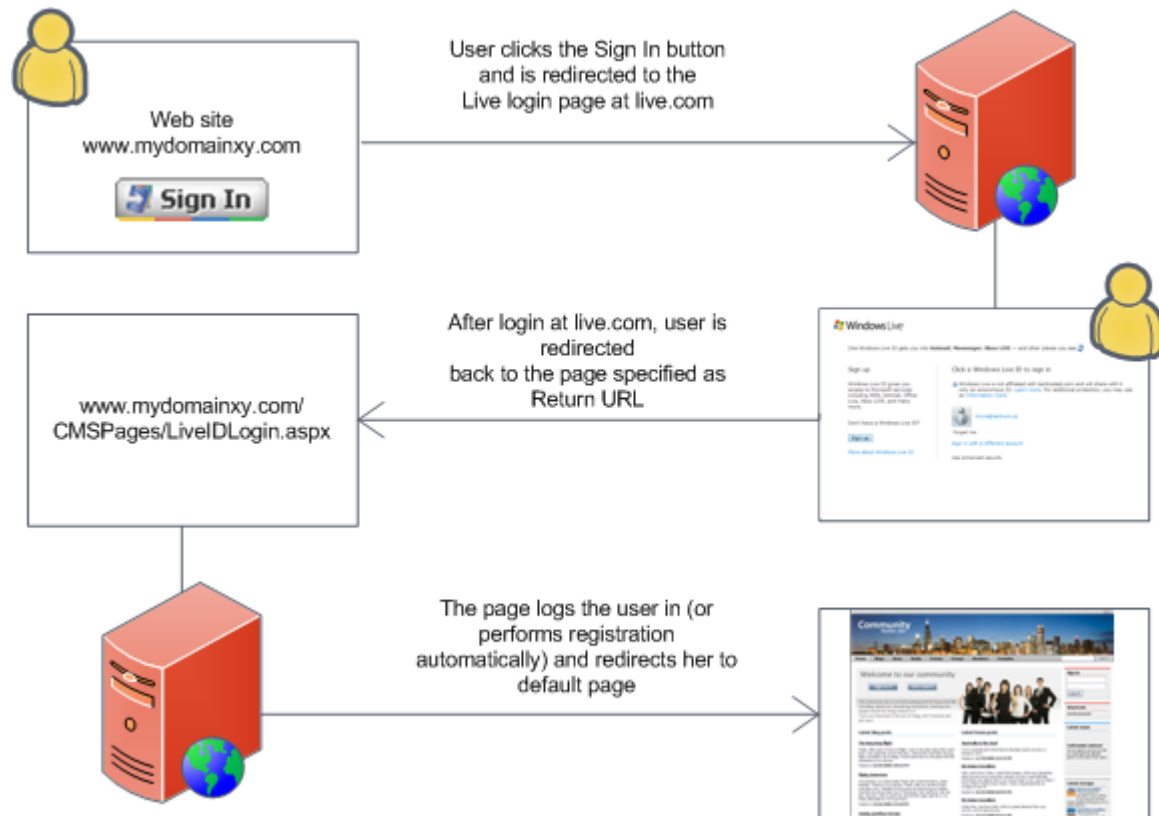
**Further steps:** You have learned how to enable registration approval and double opt-in. At this point, you may want to try enabling the options and registering to the site to see how they work in practice. In this case, it will be necessary to set up the SMTP server in **Site Manager -> Settings -> E-mails** in order for the e-mails to be sent correctly. You may also want to go to **Site Manager -> Development -> E-mail templates** and modify some of the notification e-mail templates mentioned in the text above.

## 2.2.6 Windows Live ID

### 2.2.6.1 Overview

Windows LiveID is a **single sign-on service** provided and maintained by Microsoft. By integrating LiveID into your web site, you can allow site visitors to log in to your web site using their LiveID login and password. Even unregistered users can log in using their LiveID, in which case a new user account will be created automatically based on their LiveID account.

The following diagram shows how the process of LiveID login works.



For this to work on your site, you have to do the following things:

1. Register your web site at <https://msm.live.com/app> - to learn how to do it click [here](#)
2. Setup Kentico CMS LiveID support - to learn how to do it click [here](#)
3. Add the LiveID web part to your site - info [here](#)

### 2.2.6.2 Registering your application

To enable the LiveID log on for your site, you must register your web site at the following address: <https://msm.live.com/app>. Click the **Register an application** link in the left menu, you will be redirected to the application registration page. You have to enter the following details:

- **Application Name** - this is simply an identifying name of your web application used in the LiveID system and has no effect on functionality
- **Return URL** - enter a URL in the following format: **http://<yourdomain>/CMSPages/liveidlogin.aspx** where <yourdomain> should be replaced with the domain name of your site entered in the Domain name field
- **Domain name** - enter the fully qualified domain name of your web site
- **Secret key** - enter some key that will be used to encrypt data transferred between your web site and the LiveID server; be sure to remember this key as you will have to enter it in Kentico CMS settings
- **Application verifier required** - it is recommended to choose 0



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### Register an Application

We have to know some information about your application. To register an application, complete the following required fields, and then click **Submit**.


**Application Name:**  
The field must contain fewer than 129 characters. It cannot include the following characters: < > % ;

**Return URL:**  
The field must contain a valid URL that begins with http:// or https://, cannot contain a query string, and must contain fewer than 255 characters.

**Domain Name**  
The Domain Name must be a fully qualified Domain Name System (DNS) of your application, and it must not contain IP addresses or query-string parameters. The domain names are unique in the system and multiple applications cannot share the same domain name.

**Secret Key:**  
The field must contain between 16 and 64 characters. It cannot contain the following characters: < > % ;

**Application verifier required:**  
This property determines whether an application verifier token must be included with all consent requests issued by this application. If this property is set to 1, an application verifier must be included when requesting consent from this application; if set to 0, no application verifier is required.



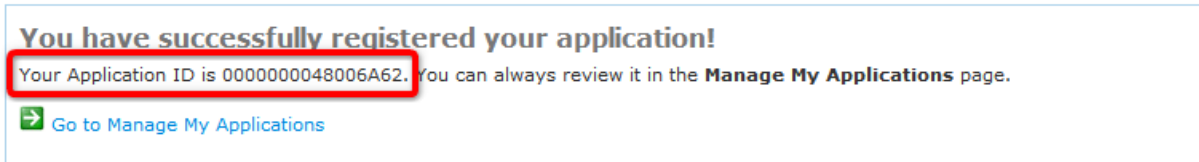
The picture contains six characters.

Type the characters you see in the picture:

[View the Windows Live ID terms of use](#). By checking this box, it means that you agree to the terms of the Microsoft service agreement. If you do not agree to these terms, click **Cancel**.



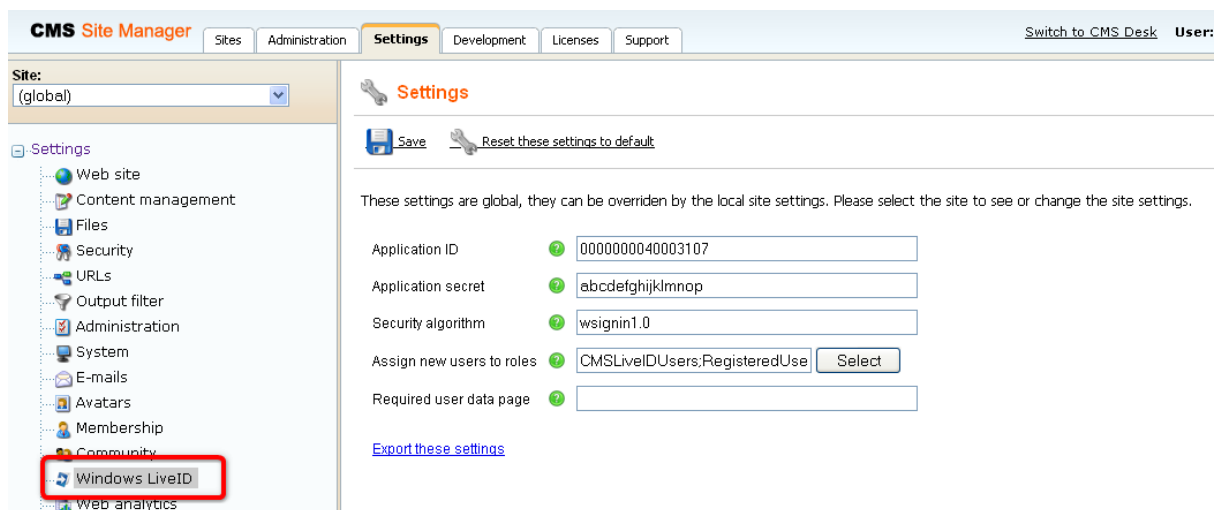
When you're finished, retype the CAPTCHA, agree with terms of use and click the **Submit** button. You will be displayed with the following message, showing you the **Application ID**. You will use this ID later in Kentico CMS settings.



### 2.2.6.3 Settings

LiveID settings are located in **Site Manager -> Settings -> Windows LiveID**. Before you start making the settings, make sure you have the right site selected using the **Site** drop-down list at the top left part of the page.

- **Application ID** - identifier of your web site; you were given this ID when registering your web site to LiveID
- **Application secret** - secret code that will be used for encryption of messages transferred between your web site and the LiveID server; you entered this key when registering your web site to LiveID
- **Security algorithm** - algorithm used for encryption of messages transferred between your web site and the LiveID server; it is recommended to use *wsignin1.0*
- **Assign new users to roles** - new users registered via LiveID login will be assigned to these roles
- **Required user data page** - alias path to a page containing the 'Required LiveID user data' web part; if entered, then when a new LiveID user logs in to the site, her user account is not created automatically, but she is required to enter some additional data (or merge with an existing account) using the web part



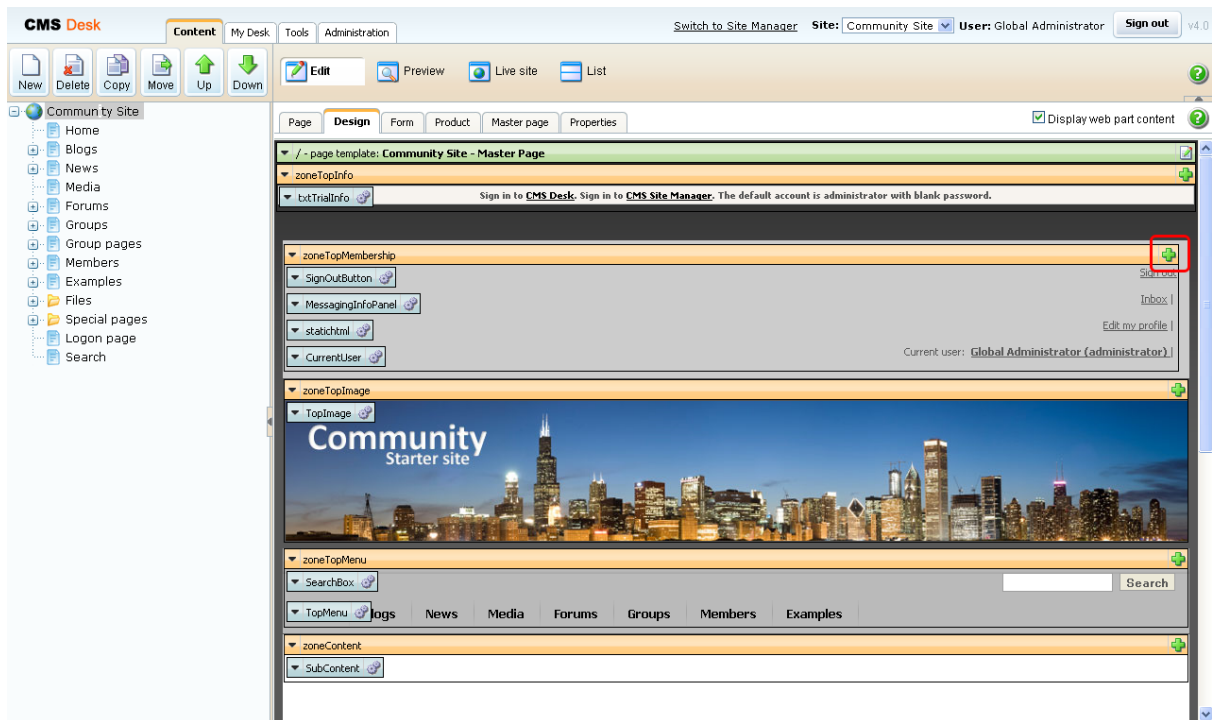
#### 2.2.6.4 Adding the sign in button

After registering your web site at [msm.live.com](http://msm.live.com) and making the necessary settings, you only need to place the **Membership -> Windows LiveID** web part to your site. This web part works fine without any additional settings and can be placed on any page of your web site.

In the following example, you will learn how to add the Windows LiveID web part to the sample **Community Starter site**. We will add the web part to the **zoneTopMembership** web part zone of the master page, next to the sign-in link. Like this, the LiveID sign-in button will always be displayed, no matter which particular page is currently displayed.

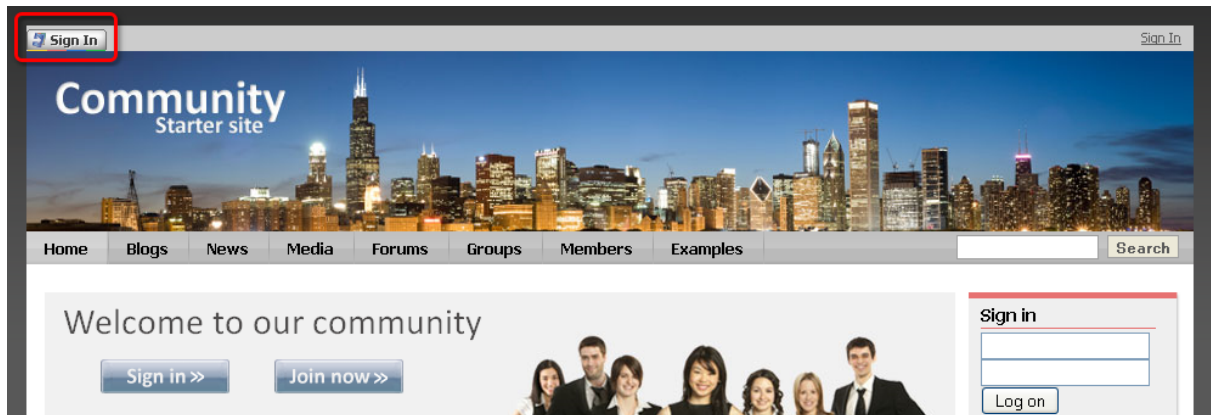
1. Sign in to **CMS Desk** (login *administrator* with blank password by default). Select the master page (the root of the content tree) and switch to the **Design** tab.

2. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneTopMembership** web part zone.



3. In the **Web part selection** dialog which pops-up, choose **Membership -> Windows LiveID** and click **OK**. The web part properties dialog pops-up. As mentioned above, no properties need to be set, so just click **OK**.

4. The web part is now placed on the master page. The web part itself is not visible now, but it is represented by the blue rectangle labeled **WindowsLiveID**. If you log-off now, you should see the web part on the page and it should be fully functional.



**Further steps:** You have learned how to add the Windows LiveID sign-in functionality to your web site. In some cases, you may want the users to provide some additional details on registration via Windows LiveID. In this case, you would use the **LiveID required data** web part. A detailed description of this web part and the way it can be used can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Membership and User registration -> Windows LiveID -> Available web parts](#).

## 2.3 Groups

### 2.3.1 Current functionality

1. Go to the live site and sign-in as **Kelly** with blank password. Click **Groups** in the main menu. You will be redirected to the **Groups** title page.

The **Your groups** section of this page displays all groups where the current user is a member. The **Recently added groups** section displays all groups on the site. If you click a group name or avatar, you will be redirected to the group's profile page. Enter the **African travellers** group profile.

Current user: **Kelly Taylor (Kelly)** | [Edit my profile](#) | [Inbox](#) | [Sign out](#)

**Community**  
Starter site

Home | Blogs | News | Media | Forums | **Groups** | Members | Examples

Search

### Groups

Right click the group to get available actions.

#### Your groups

[Czech Republic fans](#)  
This group is intended for people who are interested in the...

#### Recently added groups

Sort by: [Group name](#) [Created](#)

Search

[African travellers](#)  
This is a group of travellers living in Africa. If you are ...

[Australian travellers](#)  
This is a group of Australian travellers. If you are one of...

[European travellers](#)  
This is a group of Europe-based travellers. If you are one ...

[Asian travellers](#)  
This is a group of Asia-based travellers. If you are living...

[American travellers](#)  
This is a group of American travellers. If you live in Amer...

[Czech Republic fans](#)  
This group is intended for people who are interested in the...

#### Shortcuts

- [My profile](#)
- [Edit my profile](#)
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- [My friends](#)
- [My invitations](#)
- [Create a new group](#)
- [Create a new blog](#)
- [Sign out](#)

2. You can see the group profile page now, just as in the screenshot below. The page has the following sections:


- **Group profile** - basic information about the group - its avatar, name, description, type of access and date of creation
- **Group announcements** - this is a message board where group administrators can leave important group-related messages
- **Latest in forums** - displays latest posts in the group's forums
- **Most recent pages** - displays latest articles in the group pages section
- **Shortcuts menu** - the following group-related actions are offered in the menu:
  - **Create a new group** - can be used for creating new groups
  - **Leave the group** - by clicking this link, the current user leaves the currently displayed group so that she is no longer a member of it
  - **Invite to a group** - by clicking this link, group members can send invitations to the currently displayed group to other site members or via e-mail
- **Group links menu** - this menu offers links to all sections of the currently displayed group:

- **Home** - group profile page
  - **Pages** - group pages section with articles related to the group's field of interest, added by group members directly on the live site
  - **Media** - group's media libraries where various types of files can be stored
  - **Members** - page displaying a list of all members of the group; after clicking a user, you will be redirected to her public profile; right-clicking the users' avatars displays a context menu with other possible actions
  - **Forums** - group's discussion forums
- **Group administrators** - displays administrators of the current group; right-clicking the avatars displays a context menu with possible actions
  - **Recent members** - displays the latest group members; right-clicking the avatars displays a context menu with possible actions

Try browsing the sections and using the actions listed above. The site was designed to be very intuitive to work with, therefore you should not encounter any problems playing around with it.

[Home](#) | [Blogs](#) | [News](#) | [Media](#) | [Forums](#) | [Groups](#) | [Members](#) | [Examples](#)

[Groups](#) ▶ Group profile



## Czech Republic fans

This group is intended for people who are interested in the Czech Republic. Czech Republic residents, travellers who have visited it and those who are planning to do so are all more than welcome to join this group.

**Access:** Only group members can view the content

**Created:** 3/10/2009

**Shortcuts**

[My profile](#)  
[Edit my profile](#)

[My messages](#)  
[My friends](#)  
[My invitations](#)

[Create a new group](#)  
[Leave the group](#)  
[Invite to group](#)

[Create a new blog](#)  
[Sign out](#)

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**Group announcements**

**David**  
Hi all,  
My name is David Silver and I'm the administrator of this group. Please send me an email or private message if you have any questions or ideas on how to improve group content.  
**1/6/2009 8:13:07 PM**

[Report abuse](#)

**David**  
We are proud to announce that our group has already two members!  
**1/12/2009 8:29:39 AM**

[Report abuse](#)

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**Latest in forums**

**RE:The Czech republic**  
Hi, I was in Prague for 5 days last week, and I can honestly say it is one of the most interesting and mesmerising places I've ever seen in Europe.  
Posted on **10/28/2008 8:10:19 PM**

**The Czech republic**  
I love the Czech Republic :)  
Posted on **10/25/2008 6:33:10 PM**

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**Most recent pages**

**Discover the Czech Republic**


Discover the Czech Republic - a small country in the very heart of Europe that has got something for everyone. No matter what your interests are, you will be surprised at what a variety of places to see and things to do there is. Don't miss out on any of the country's natural wonders, historic landmarks and breathtaking sceneries. You will be amazed at how even a small European country can significantly contribute to the world's cultural heritage.

And after a nice day full of impressions, why not spend the evening in one of the typical Czech pubs, drinking some of the best beers in the world that are brewed in this country?

**Group links**


[Home](#)  
[Pages](#)  
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[Members](#)  
[Forums](#)

**Group administrators**




[David](#)  
Gender: Male  
Age: 21

**Recent members**

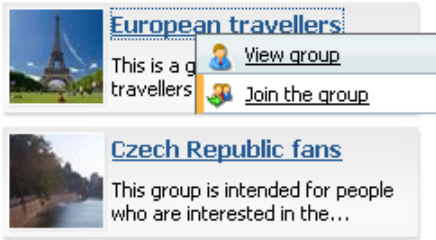


[David](#)  
Gender: Male  
Age: 21

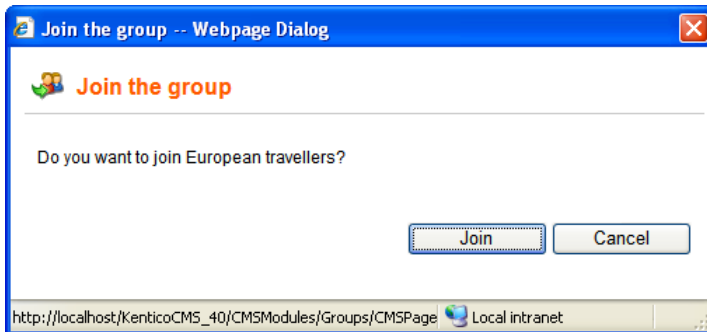


[Kelly](#)  
Gender: Female  
Age: 26

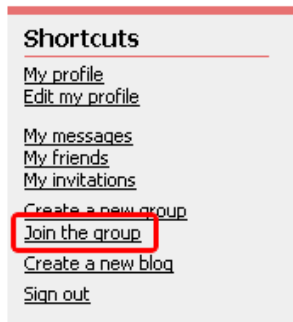
3. If you want to become a member of some other group, you can do it on the **Groups** title page. Right click the group you want to join. A context menu appears. Select the **Join the group** command.



A pop-up window appears, asking you if you really want to join the group. Click **Join**. Depending on the group settings, you will either become a group member immediately, or your request will have to be approved by the group administrator.



Alternatively, you can also join a group by clicking the **Join the group** command in the **Shortcuts** menu when viewing a group profile.



4. You have just learned what the group member can see and do in this section. Now let's switch to the **group administrator's** point of view. Log-off the site and sign-in again as **David** with blank password. David is the **administrator of the Czech Republic fans group**, so view this group's profile the same way as you did above with Kelly.

The first thing you will probably notice is that there is the **Leave message** section below the **Group announcements** message board. Because David is the admin of this group, he can leave announcements. Try leaving one.

#### Leave message

Name:

Your URL:

Your e-mail:

Message:

After clicking the **Add** button, you should see the message present on the board:

#### Group announcements

##### David

Hi all,  
My name is David Silver and I'm the administrator of this group. Please send me an email or private message if you have any questions or ideas on how to improve group content.

1/6/2009 8:13:07 PM

[Edit](#) [Delete](#) [Reject](#)  
[Report abuse](#)

##### David

We are proud to announce that our group has already two members!

1/12/2009 8:29:39 AM

[Edit](#) [Delete](#) [Reject](#)  
[Report abuse](#)

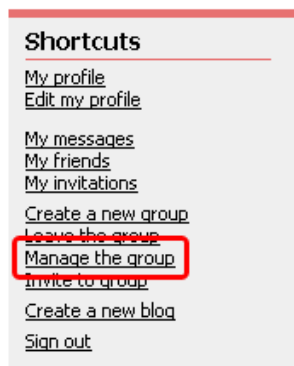
##### David

Hi everybody, I'm just sending a testing message to learn how this Group announcements message board works.

3/10/2009 5:40:39 PM


[Edit](#) [Delete](#) [Reject](#)  
[Report abuse](#)

5. You might have also noticed the **Manage the group** link in the **Shortcuts** menu.



Click it, you will be redirected to the group management section, which is also available only for group administrators. Try going through all the tabs and changing some settings. As this on-site group management interface is identical to the groups management interface in CMS Desk, you can refer to [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Groups -> Editing a group](#) for a detailed description and explanation of all the available settings. Other topics of the Module Groups chapter can be used as a source of other detailed information on the Groups module.

Groups ▶ Czech Republic fans ▶ Management

General	Security	Members	Roles	Forums	Media libraries	Message boards	Polls
<p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>This group is intended for people who are interested in the Czech Republic. Czech Republic residents, <u>travellers</u> who have visited it and those who are planning to do so are all more than welcome to join this group.</p>							
<p><b>Avatar:</b></p>  <p>Upload: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Browse..."/></p> <p>Select <a href="#">pre-defined avatar</a></p>							
<p><b>Approve members:</b></p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Any site member can join  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Only approved members can join  <input type="radio"/> Only approved members can join except for invited members         </p>							
<p><b>Content access:</b></p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Anybody can view the content  <input type="radio"/> Site members can view the content  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Only group members can view the content         </p>							
<p><b>Notify group admins when a user joins/leaves:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Notify group admins on pending members:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Created by:</b> administrator</p> <p><b>Approved by:</b> administrator</p> <p><input type="button" value="OK"/></p>							



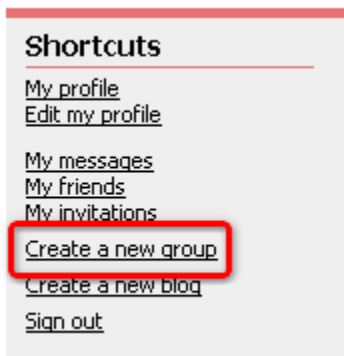
## 2.3.2 Creating a new group

New groups can be created two ways:

- Site users can create new groups on the live site using the **Create a new group** link in the **Shortcuts** menu. This is the most common way and most of the groups on most sites are created this way.
- Alternatively, if you want to pre-define a group manually from the administration interface, this can be done in **CMS Desk -> Tools -> Groups**.

In the following example, you will learn about both ways of creating groups:

1. Go to the live site and sign in as **David** with blank password. Click the **Create a new group** link in the **Shortcuts** menu.



2. Enter the following details into the **Create new group** form:

- **Group name** - name of the group displayed on the live site and in the administration interface
- **Description** - text describing the group, displayed in the list of groups
- **Approve members** - determines if users can join the group with or without group admin's approval; the last options allows invited members to join without the approval
- **Content access** - determines who can view content of the group pages

Click **OK**. You will receive a message saying that your group has been created, but needs administrator's approval.

Home Blogs News Media Forums Groups Members Examples Search

Community Site

### Create new group

By entering the details into the form below, you can create your new user group. Make sure you give the group a name and description according to the group's field of interest. It is a good way of attracting site users with the same interest to join your group.

Group name:

Description:

Approve members:

- Any site member can join
- Only approved members can join
- Only approved members can join except for invited members

Content access:

- Anybody can view the content
- Site members can view the content
- Only group members can view the content

#### Shortcuts

- [My profile](#)
- [Edit my profile](#)
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- [My friends](#)
- [My invitations](#)
- [Create a new blog](#)
- [Sign out](#)

#### Recent groups

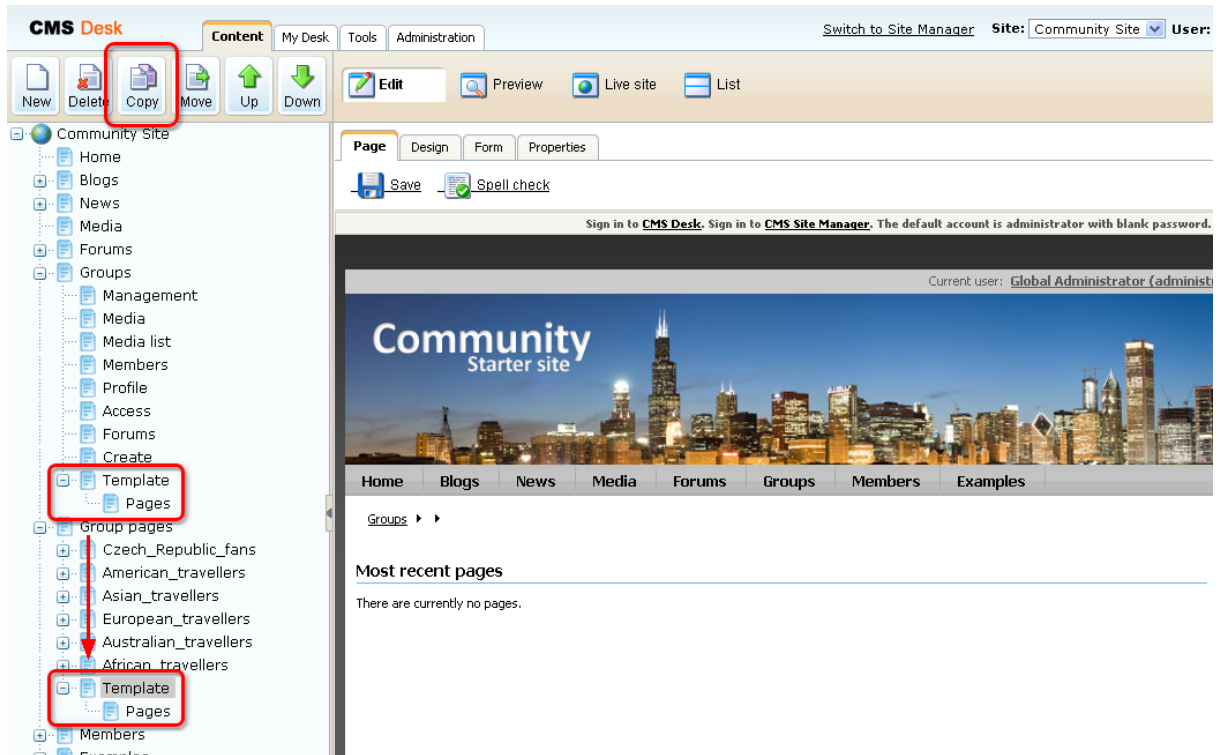
- [African travellers](#)  
This is a group of travellers living in Africa. If you are one of them, please register to the group. It is a great chance f...
- [Australian travellers](#)  
This is a group of Australian travellers. If you are one of them, please register to the group. It is a great chance for you...
- [European travellers](#)  
This is a group of Europe-based travellers.

3. Let's switch to the administrator's perspective now. Sign in to **CMS Desk** (use login *administrator* with blank password) and go to **Tool -> Groups**. You should see the new group present in the list, with the **Approved** column saying **No**. Click the **Approve** (✔) icon. From now on, the group is approved and published on the live site.

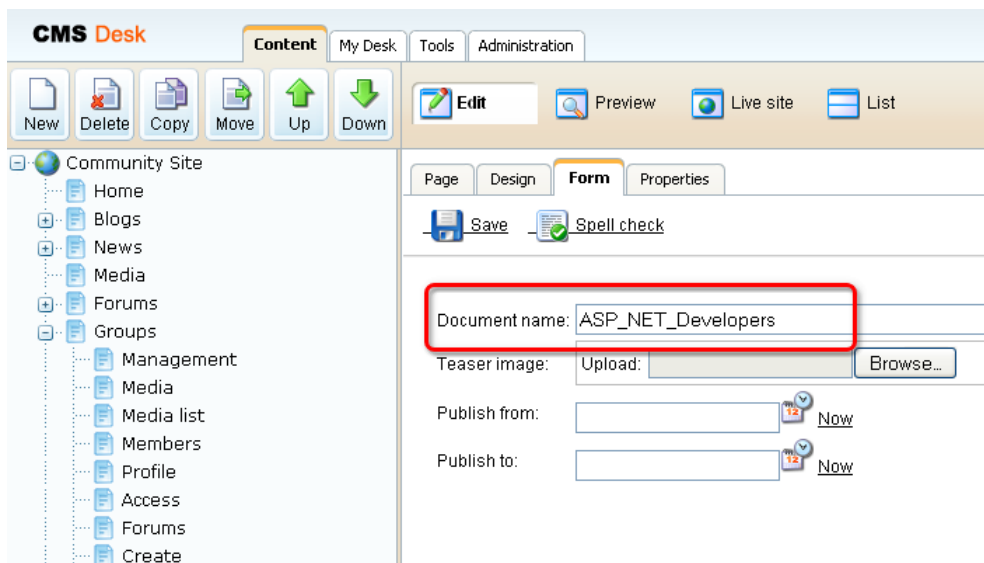
The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface with the 'Tools' tab selected. The left sidebar lists various tools, with 'Groups' highlighted. The main content area displays the 'Groups' management page. At the top, there are tabs for 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below the tabs, there is a 'New group' button. The main area contains a search form with 'Group name' (set to 'LIKE') and 'Status' (set to '(all)'). Below the search form is a table of groups.

Actions	Display name ▲	Approved
	African travellers	Yes
	American travellers	Yes
	Asian travellers	Yes
	Australian travellers	Yes
	Czech Republic fans	Yes
	European travellers	Yes
	Kentico CMS fans	No

4. Now we will try the second way how groups can be created - pre-defining a group in the administration interface. Our group will be named **ASP.NET Developers**. At first, we will have to go to **CMS Desk -> Content** and create the group pages section. Select **Groups -> Template** from the content tree and copy the document under the Group pages node.



5. Select the new **Template** document that was copied under the **Group pages** node. Switch to the **Form** tab and change its name to **ASP.NET Developers**. Click **Save**.



6. Switch to the **Properties -> URLs** tab and change the **Document alias** also to **ASP\_NET\_Developers**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', and 'Down', along with 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List' buttons. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, including 'Community Site', 'Home', 'Blogs', 'News', 'Media', 'Forums', 'Groups', 'Management', 'Media', 'Media list', 'Members', 'Profile', 'Access', 'Forums', 'Create', and 'Template'. The main content area is divided into tabs: 'Page', 'Design', 'Form', and 'Properties'. The 'Properties' tab is active, showing a 'Save' button and a 'Path' section. The 'Path' section includes a 'Document alias' field containing 'ASP\_NET\_Developers', a 'Document URL path' field, and a checked checkbox for 'Use custom URL path'. Below this is an 'Extended properties' section with 'URL extensions' and 'Track campaign' fields.

7. As we have the group pages section prepared, we can proceed to creating of the group itself. Go to **Tools -> Groups** and click the **New group** link at the top of the page.

The screenshot shows the 'Groups' page in the CMS Desk. At the top, there is a 'Groups' header with a red box around the 'New group' link. Below the header, there are two dropdown menus: 'Group name' with 'LIKE' selected and 'Status' with '(all)' selected. A 'Search' button is located below these dropdowns.


8. The **New group** form appears. Compared to the on-site form described in step 2, this one contains some additional fields. We won't describe all of them now, you can find detailed descriptions in the context help (accessible via the green '?' icon at the top right corner of the page). Enter the following details:

- **Display name** - ASP.NET Developers
  - **Code name** - ASP\_NET\_Developers
  - **Description** - Building web sites using this Microsoft technology? Join us!!!
  - **Group pages location** - /Group-pages/ASP\_NET\_Developers
  - **Avatar** - click *Select pre-defined avatar* and pick one
- **Approve members** - Any site member can join
  - **Content access** - Anybody can view the content
  - **Notify group admins when a user joins/leaves** - leave unchecked
  - **Notify group admins on pending members** - leave unchecked

Click **OK**.

### New group

[Groups](#) ▶ New group

Display name:	<input type="text" value="ASP.NET Developers"/>
Code name:	<input type="text" value="ASP_NET_Developers"/>
Description:	<input type="text" value="Building web sites using this Microsoft technology? Join us!!!"/>
Group pages location:	<input type="text" value="/Group-pages/ASP_NET_Develc"/> <input type="button" value="Select..."/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/>
Avatar:	 <input type="button" value="Upload:"/> <input type="button" value="Browse..."/> <p><a href="#">Select pre-defined avatar</a></p>
Approve members:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Any site member can join <input type="radio"/> Only approved members can join <input type="radio"/> Only approved members can join except for invited members
Content access:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Anybody can view the content <input type="radio"/> Site members can view the content <input type="radio"/> Only group members can view the content
Notify group admins when a user joins/leaves:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notify group admins on pending members:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="button" value="OK"/>	

9. The group is now created. If you go to the live site now, you should see it listed in the **Groups** section, as depicted below. If you enter the group profile, all sections should be fully functional (but of course with no content).

Home Blogs News Media Forums **Groups** Members Examples

## Groups

Right click the group to get available actions.

### Recently added groups

Sort by: [Group name](#) [Created](#)



#### [ASP.NET Developers](#)

Building web sites using this Microsoft technology? Join us...



#### [African travellers](#)

This is a group of travellers living in Africa. If you are ...



#### [Australian travellers](#)

This is a group of Australian travellers. If you are one of ...



#### [European travellers](#)

This is a group of Europe-based travellers. If you are one ...



#### [Asian travellers](#)

This is a group of Asia-based travellers. If you are living...



#### [American travellers](#)

This is a group of American travellers. If you live in Amer...



#### [Czech Republic fans](#)

This group is intended for people who are interested in the...

### 2.3.3 Modifying the group public profile

You can define which details will be displayed on group public profiles. The process is quite similar to modifying user public profiles described [here](#). In the following example, you will learn how to add the **Group ID** field to the group public profiles.

Group public profiles display information from the **Community\_Group** system table using an alternative form. In our case, it is the **Display profile** alternative form. We will have to modify the alternative form to achieve the required functionality. For more information about the Alternative forms concept, please refer to the [Module Alternative forms](#) chapter of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

1. Sign in to **Site Manager** (login *administrator* with blank password by default). Go to **Development - > System tables** and choose to **Edit** (🖋️) the **Group** (Community\_Group) system table.

The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The 'Development' tab is selected. In the left sidebar, 'System tables' is highlighted. The main content area displays a table of system tables:

Actions	Class display name ^	Class name	Table name
	Ecommerce - Customer	ecommerce.customer	COM_Customer
	Ecommerce - Order	ecommerce.order	COM_Order
	Ecommerce - Order item	ecommerce.orderitem	COM_OrderItem
	Ecommerce - Shopping cart	ecommerce.shoppingcart	COM_ShoppingCart
	Ecommerce - Shopping cart item	ecommerce.shoppingcartitem	COM_ShoppingCartSKU
	Ecommerce - SKU	ecommerce.skus	COM_SKU
	Group	Community.Group	Community_Group
	Newsletter - Subscriber	newsletter.subscriber	Newsletter_Subscriber
	User	cms.user	CMS_User
	User - Settings	cms.usersettings	CMS_UserSettings

2. Switch to the **Alternative forms** tab and choose to **Edit** (🖋️) the **Display profile** alternative form.

The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The 'Development' tab is selected. In the left sidebar, 'System tables' is highlighted. The main content area displays the 'System table properties' for the 'Group' table. The 'Alternative forms' tab is selected, showing a list of alternative forms:

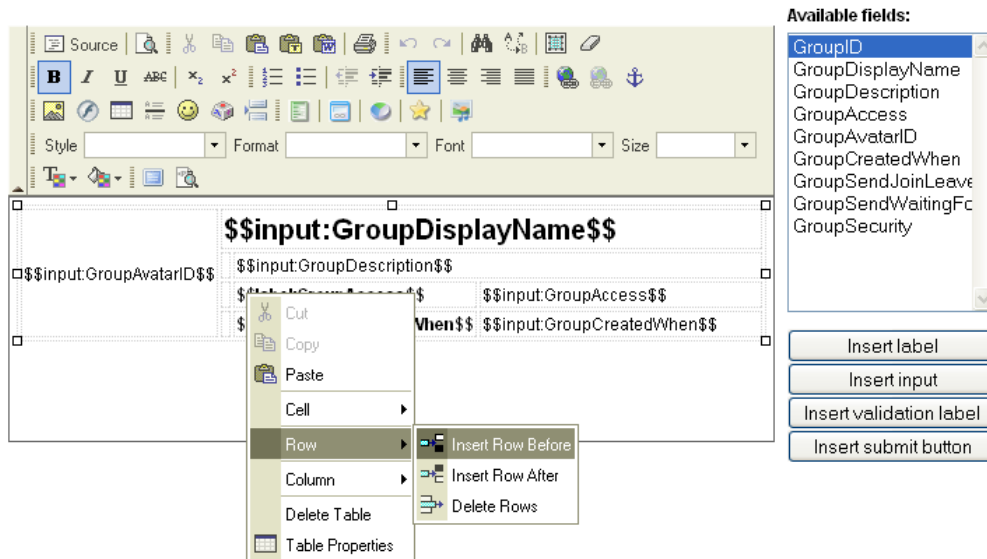
Actions	Display name ^	Code name
	Display profile	DisplayProfile



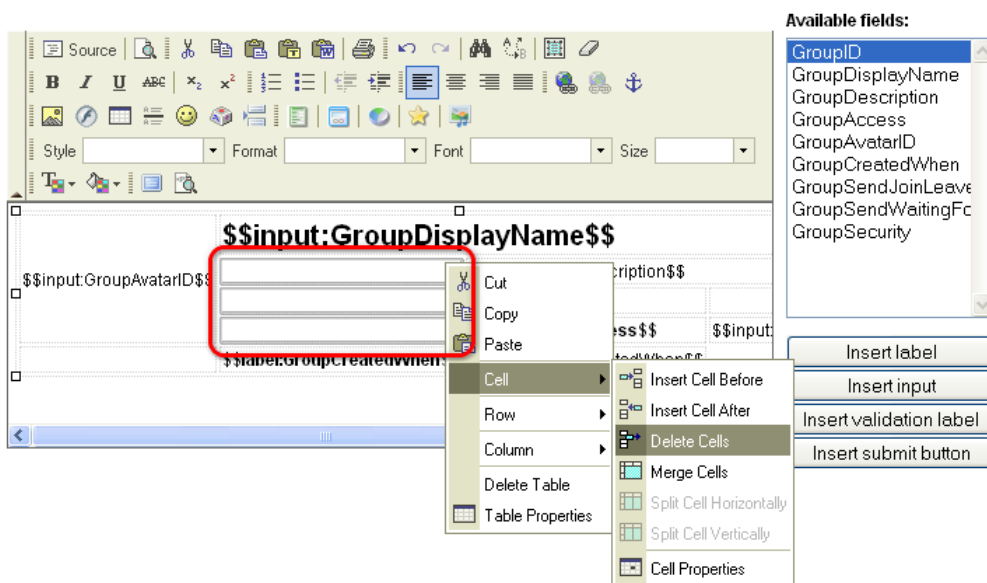
3. Switch to the **Fields** tab, select **GroupID** from the list of available fields and check the **Display attribute in the editing form** check-box. Click **OK**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Sites', 'Administration', 'Settings', 'Development', 'Licenses', and 'Support'. The left sidebar lists various development tools and content types, with 'System tables' selected. The main area displays the 'System table properties' dialog for the 'Group' table. The 'Fields' tab is active, and the 'GroupID' field is selected in the list. The 'Display attribute in the editing form' checkbox is checked. The 'Database' section shows the attribute name as 'GroupID', type as 'Integer Number', and size as empty. The 'Field' section shows the field caption as 'GroupID' and type as 'Label'. An 'OK' button is visible at the bottom right.

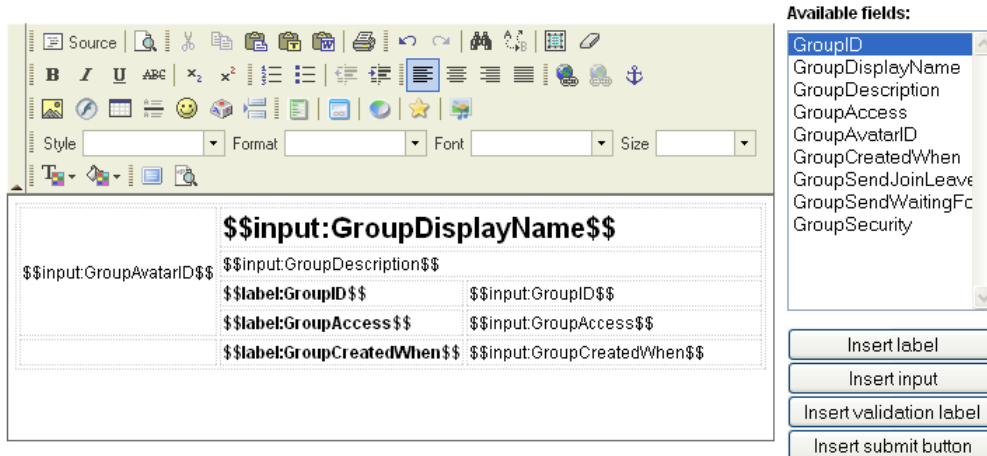
4. Switch to the **Layout** tab. We will place the **GroupID** field above the **GroupAccess** field. Place the cursor in the line with **GroupAccess** controls, right-click and choose **Row -> Insert Row Before** from the context menu.



5. The former layout gets a bit scrambled by this action. We will need to make this right before we proceed. Select the three empty cells highlighted in the screenshot below, right-click and choose **Cell -> Delete Cells** from the context menu.



6. Now we have the layout as we want it, so we can proceed to adding the controls. Select **GroupID** from the **Available fields** list, place the cursor in the first empty cell and click **Insert label**. Highlight the entered text and make it bold, so that it looks the same as the other two labels. Place the cursor in the second empty cell and click **Insert input**. The result should look as in the screenshot below. Click **Save** to save the changes.



7. Go to the live site now and view some group's profile. You should see the **GroupID** field as highlighted in the screenshot below.



### 2.3.4 Modifying templates for group pages

The **Groups -> Template** page and its child (**Pages**) are the group pages template. Based on this template, group pages section for user-contributed articles is created for each group. As you may have noticed in the [Creating a new group](#) chapter, these pages are copied under the **Group pages** node when a group is created on-site. The Template page is renamed to the name of the new group in this case. When creating a group via the administration interface, you need to copy the pages manually, rename the Template page, change its alias and specify the path in the group creating form.

In the following example, you will learn how to add the **Content rating** web part to the template so that users will be able to rate the articles in the group pages sections.

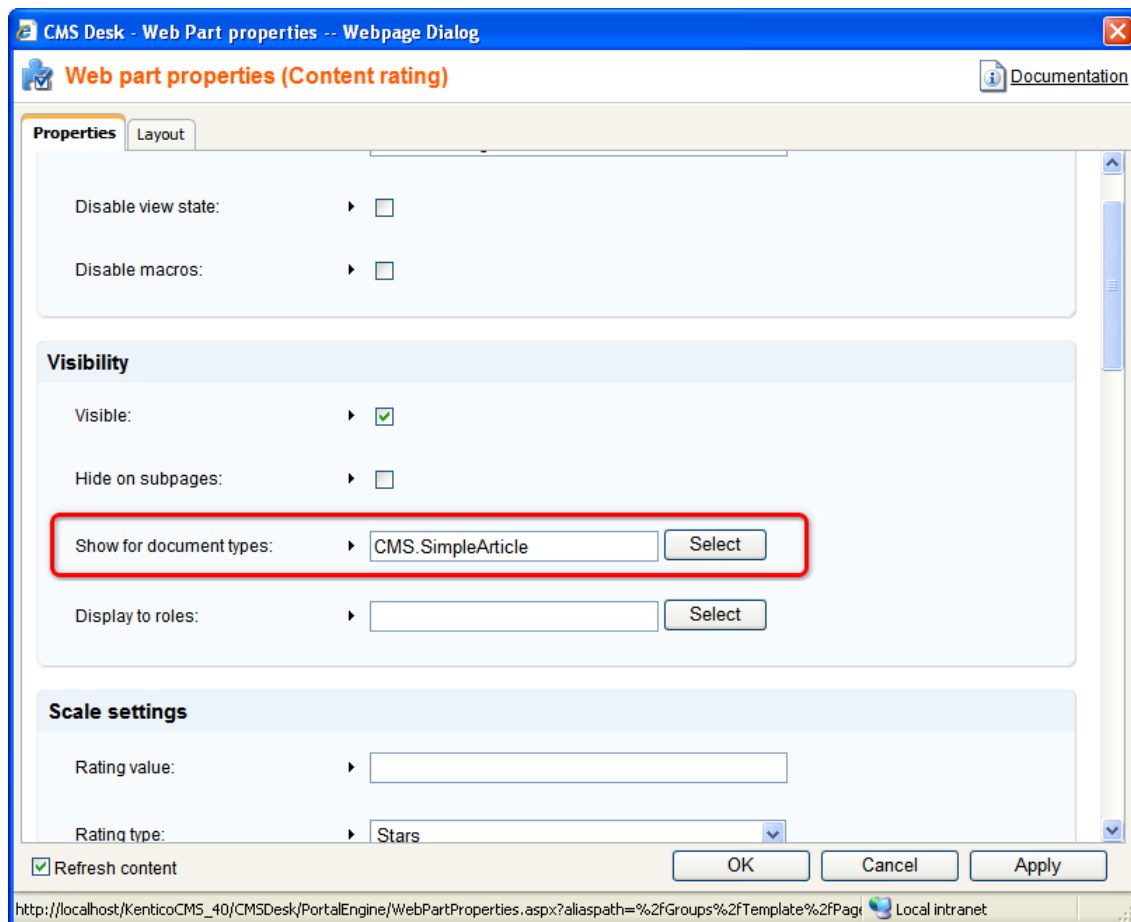
1. Log in to **CMS Desk** (login *administrator* with blank password by default). Switch to the **Edit -> Design** tab and select **Groups -> Template -> Pages** from the content tree.

2. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneList** web part zone and choose the **Content rating -> Content rating** web part.

3. In the web part properties window, set only the following property:

**Show for document types:** CMS.SimpleArticle

This ensures that the web part will be displayed only for the articles and not in the list. Click **OK**.



4. The web part is now placed on the page. Notice that when you switch to some of these pages in the **Group pages** section (e.g. *Group pages -> American travellers -> Pages*), the web part appears there too. This happens because these pages share the same page template - **Community Site - Group pages**. Any modifications that you make to the original page or to the copies will be reflected on all the pages using this page template.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface. The top navigation bar includes 'CMS Desk', 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The right side shows 'Switch to Site Manager', 'Site: Community Site', and 'User:'. Below the navigation bar is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', and 'Down'. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Community Site' expanded to show 'Groups' and 'Group pages'. Under 'Group pages', 'American\_travellers' is expanded to show 'Pages', which is highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows the 'Design' view of a page template. The page title is '/Group pages/American\_travellers/Pages - page template: Community Site - Group pages'. The page content includes a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Blogs', 'News', 'Media', 'Forums', 'Groups', 'Members', and 'Examples'. Below the menu, there is a 'zoneList' containing several web parts: 'GroupSecurityAccess', 'GroupContributionList', 'GroupEditContribution', and 'ArticleRepeater'. The 'ArticleRepeater' web part is expanded to show the article content, which is titled 'My flight to Australia'. The article text describes a flight experience from Europe to Australia, mentioning a refueling stop in Hong Kong and Bangkok. At the bottom of the article, there is a 'ContentRating' web part, which is also highlighted with a red box and shows 'Rating: 0 (0 ratings)'. The 'ContentRating' web part is located at the bottom of the article content area.

5. If you go to the live site now, you should see the **Content rating** web part on all articles in all group pages sections. If you create a new group and create some article in its group pages section, the web part will appear on it too.



The screenshot shows a navigation menu with items: Home, Blogs, News, Media, Forums, Groups, Members, Examples. Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: Groups > American travellers > Pages > My flight to Australia. The article title is "My flight to Australia". The main text describes a flight experience from Europe to Australia, mentioning a refueling stop in Bangkok. Below the text is a content rating web part showing five stars, with the first four filled and the fifth empty, followed by the text "Current rating: 4 (1 ratings)".

**Further steps:** You have learned how to add the Content rating web part to the group pages. This way, you can place any web part to the pages and achieve your required functionality. As you have seen, modifications made to any of the group pages are automatically reflected on all other group pages because of the shared page template. If you want to achieve different functionality on some of the group pages, you will have to switch to the Properties -> Template tab and click **Clone as ad-hoc template**. Changes made to a page with this cloned ad-hoc template will not be reflected on pages using the original page template.

## 2.4 Forums

### 2.4.1 Current functionality

The **Forums** section contains the typical discussion forums that can be found on most web sites on today's Web, allowing site users to read and contribute to discussions on various topics. While forums are one of the most common features on today's web sites, we won't go deep in describing how they can be used, as we believe it should be familiar to you already. For detailed information on the Kentico CMS Forums module, please refer to [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Forums](#).

If you enter the Forums section as a site visitor, you can see that the forums are divided into two main sections - **Community forums** and **Back-packer forums**. These sections are called **forum groups**. Forum groups contain **forums** (Announcements, Community FAQs, ...) and the forums contain particular **threads**. There are two types of threads:

- **Discussion forums** - threads contain classical discussion on a given topic
- **Question-Answer forum** - threads are structured so that the first post is a question and the following posts are trying to answer the given question

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### Forums

Search forums:    
[Advanced search](#)

Forum	Threads	Posts	Last post
<b>Community forums</b>			
<small>This is a general forum for both registered and not registered site users.</small>			
<a href="#">Announcements</a> <small>Find out the latest news about our community here</small>	2	2	Jenny (10/25/2008 11:59:09 AM)
<a href="#">Community FAQ</a> <small>Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about our community</small>	1	1	Jenny (10/25/2008 2:01:55 PM)
<a href="#">General discussion</a> <small>General discussion without rules and limitations</small>	2	6	David (10/25/2008 3:10:11 PM)
<a href="#">Members discussion</a> <small>Discussion for community members only</small>	1	5	Pogo (11/5/2008 4:20:25 PM)
<b>Back-packer forums</b>			
<small>This forum is intended for user groups, their members and topics related to the particular groups.</small>			
<a href="#">Announcements</a> <small>Find out the latest news about groups here</small>	1	1	Jenny (10/25/2008 5:51:40 PM)
<a href="#">FAQs</a> <small>Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about groups</small>	1	1	Jenny (10/25/2008 6:15:57 PM)
<a href="#">General discussion</a> <small>General discussion without rules and limitations</small>	5	19	Jimbo (1/7/2009 3:13:50 PM)


There are currently no users on-line.

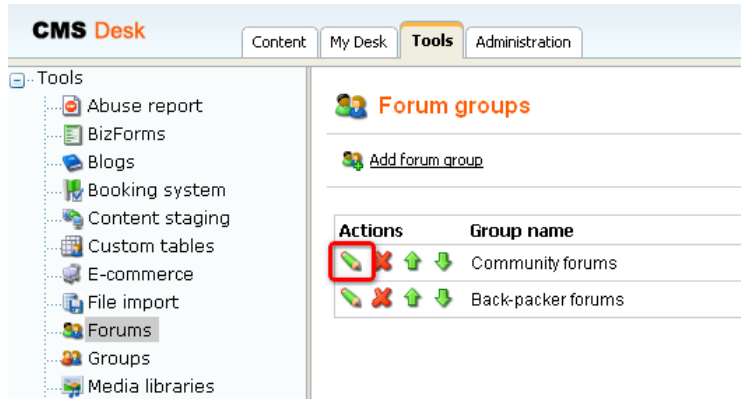
If you view the **Forums** page in CMS Desk's **Design** tab, you can see that each forum group is displayed via one **Forum group** web part. You can place a forum group to any page of your web site by placing the **Forum group** web part on the page and setting its **Group name** property.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface in the Design tab. The left navigation pane lists various site components, including 'Forums'. The main content area displays two forum groups, each represented by a 'ForumGroup' web part (highlighted with a red box). The 'Community forums' group contains four sub-forums: 'Announcements', 'Community FAQ', 'General discussion', and 'Members discussion'. The 'Back-packer forums' group contains two sub-forums: 'Announcements' and 'FAQs'. A table below each group lists the sub-forums with columns for 'Threads', 'Posts', and 'Last post'.





	Threads	Posts	Last post
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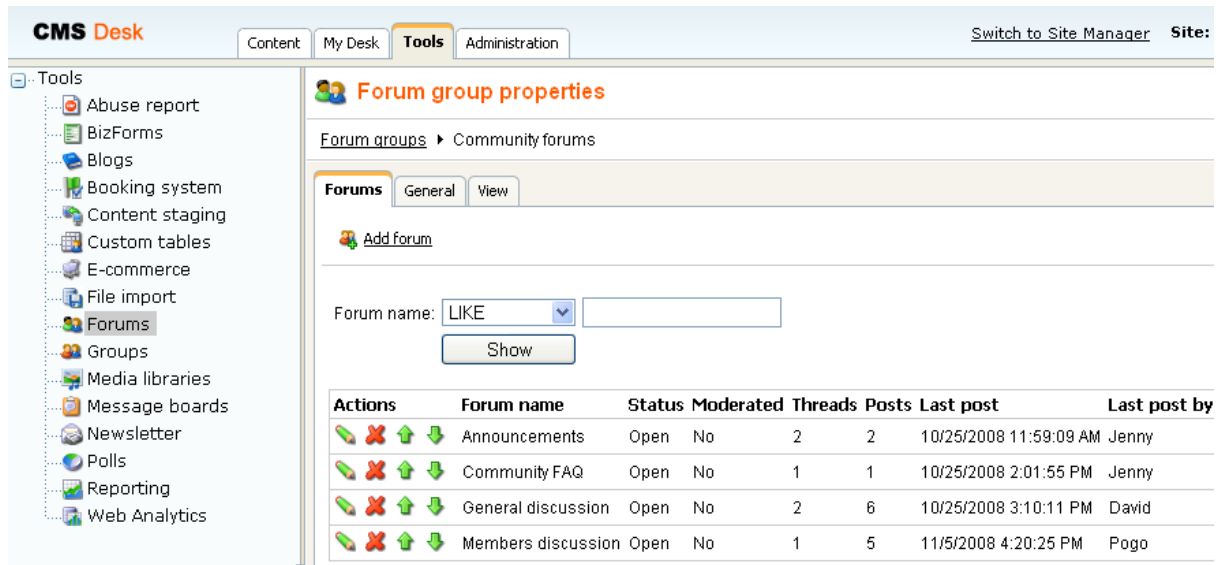


Forums management can be performed in **CMS Desk -> Tools -> Forums**. On the page, you can see a list of existing forum groups. By clicking the **Edit** (  ) icon, you can enter the **Forum group properties** section.



There are three tabs available in this section:

- **Forums** - a list of forums in the forum group; you can change the order in which the forums will be displayed by clicking the **Move up** (  ) and **Move down** (  ) arrows; you can also **Delete** (  ) particular forums or click the **Edit** (  ) icon, which displays the forum's management section described below
- **General** - on this tab, you can set some basic properties of this forum group; the properties can be inherited by particular forums
- **View** - displays a preview of how the forum group appears on the live site



The forum management section accessible by clicking the **Edit** (🔧) icon offers the following tabs:

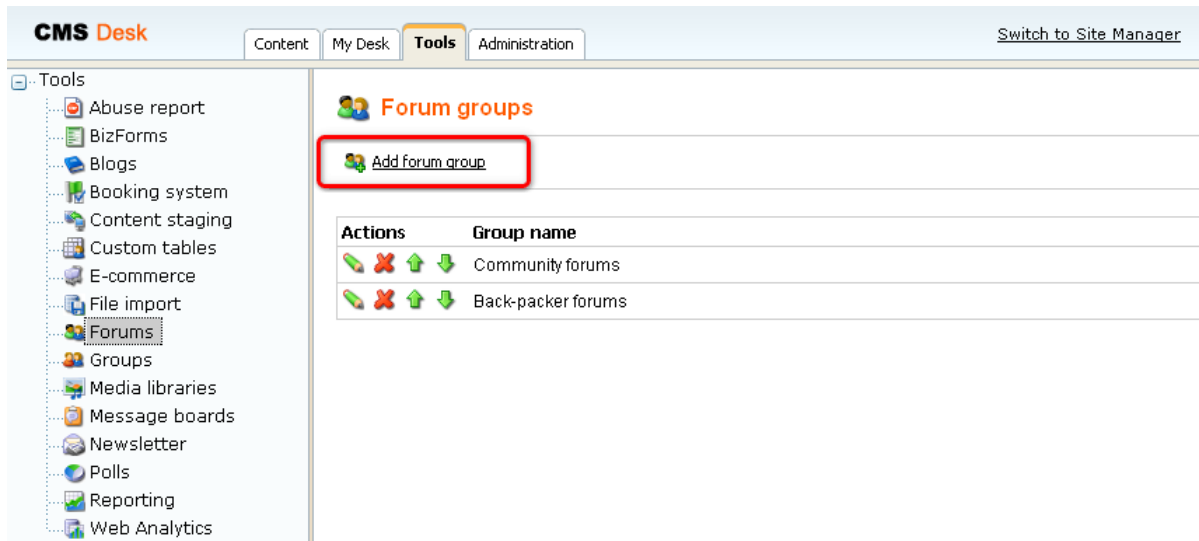
- **Posts** - tree-like view of threads in the forum, with the possibility of performing management tasks like editing or deleting posts, replying to them, approving or rejecting, etc.
- **General** - general properties of the forum, which can be inherited from the forum group's general tab mentioned above
- **Subscriptions** - management of subscriptions; users can subscribe to receiving notifications about new posts
- **Moderators** - on this tab, you can set if the forum is moderated and assign site users with the rights to moderate this forum
- **Security** - on this tab, you can set permissions for particular actions in the forum
- **View** - displays a preview of how the forum group appears on the live site

The screenshot shows the 'CMS Desk' interface with the 'Tools' tab selected. The left sidebar lists various tools, with 'Forums' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Forum group properties' and shows the 'Community forums' group. The 'Forums' section is expanded to show the 'General discussion' forum. The 'Posts' section is also expanded, showing a tree view of threads. A specific forum post is selected, displaying the user 'Jenny' (10/24/2008, 10:57 PM) with the subject 'RE:On your own or with an agency?'. The post content reads: 'Hi Josh, I can't but agree with your opinion. I just can't stand the idea that somebody else makes it go for me. Being on a journey means being free and unbound for me, so this is the way I'. Below the post, there is a 'Post attachments' section with an 'Upload' button and a 'Browse...' button.









## 2.4.2 Modifying the forums structure

When developing your community site from the Community Starter site template, you will probably want to modify the forums structure so that it matches the needs of your community. In the following example, you will learn how to **create a new forum group** and **replace the Back-packer forums** with it.

1. Go to **CMS Desk -> Tools -> Forums** and click the **Add forum group** link at the top of the page.



The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface with the 'Tools' tab selected. The left sidebar lists various tools, with 'Forums' highlighted. The main content area displays 'Forum groups' with a table of existing groups and an 'Add forum group' link highlighted in a red box.

Actions	Group name
   	Community forums
   	Back-packer forums

2. On the **New forum group** page, enter the following details:

- **Group display name** - name of the forum group displayed on the live site and in the administration interface
- **Group code name** - name of the forum group used in web site code
- **Description** - text describing the forum group, displayed above the list of forums in the group on the live site
- **Forum group base URL** - URL of the page where the Forum group web part displaying this forum group resides; leave the *Inherit from settings* check-box checked
- **Forum group unsubscription URL** - URL of the page where the Forum unsubscription web part resides; leave the *Inherit from settings* check-box checked

Click **OK**.

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- Newsletter
- Polls
- Reporting
- Web Analytics

### New forum group

Groups ▶ New forum group

Group display name:

Group code name:

Description:

Forum group base URL:   Inherit from settings

Forum group unsubscription URL:   Inherit from settings

3. The **Forum group properties** page will be displayed. Let's make some additional settings which you may find useful before we start defining the forums within this forum group. Switch to the **General** tab and set the following properties:

- **Forum type** - User can choose; this option enables users to choose from classical or Question-Answer type when creating a new thread
- **User can edit own posts** - enable this option so that users can edit their own posts
- **User can delete own posts** - enable this option so that users can delete their own posts
- **Enable \* macros in posts** - enable all the check-boxes so that users can use all BBcode macros in their posts; for more details on supported BBcode macros, please refer to [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Forums -> BBcode support](#)

Leave the rest of the properties at their default values and click **OK**.

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**Forum group properties**

Forum groups ▶ Web development forums

Forums | **General** | View

Forum group unsubscription URL:   Inherit from site

Require e-mail addresses:

Display e-mail addresses:

Enable WYSIWYG editor:

Use security code (CAPTCHA):

Forum type:

- User can choose
- Discussion forum
- Question-Answer forum

Minimum votes to mark post as answer:

Maximum image side size:

Attachment max. file size (kB):

User can edit own posts:

User can delete own posts:

Enable URL macros in posts:

Enable image macros in posts:

Enable quote macros in posts:

Enable code snippet macros in posts:

Enable bold font macros in posts:

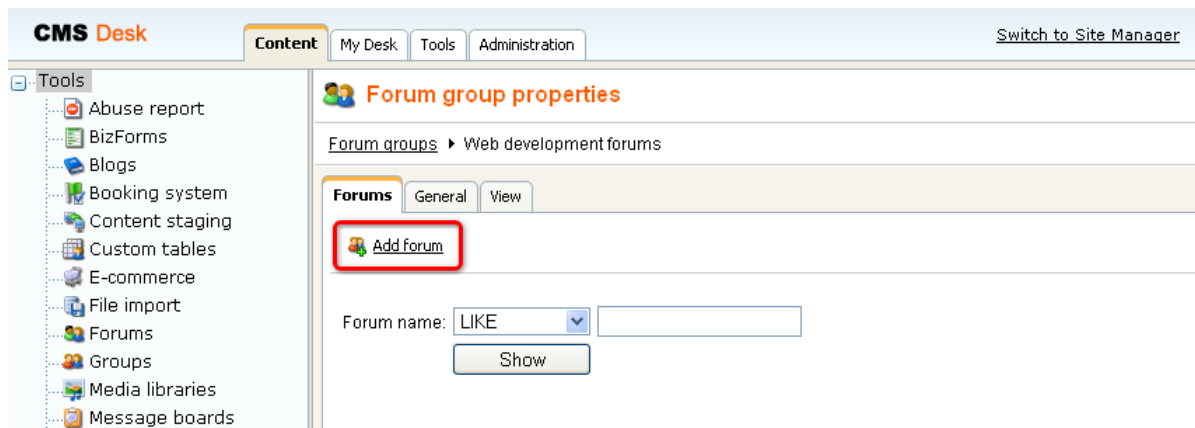
Enable italics font macros in posts:

Enable underline font macros in posts:

Enable strike font macros in posts:

Enable font color macros in posts:

4. Now we will define the forum group structure - the particular forums. Switch to the **Forums** tab and click the **Add forum** link.



5. Enter the following details:

- **Forum display name** - name of the forum displayed on the live site and in the administration interface
- **Forum code name** - name of the forum used in web site code
- **Description** - text describing the content of the forum, displayed in the list of forums in the group on the live site

You can leave the rest of the properties at their default values and click **OK** to save the forum.

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Tools

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### Forum group properties

Forum groups > Web development forums

Forums > New forum

Forum display name:

Forum code name:

Description:

Forum base URL:   Inherit from forum group

Forum unsubscription URL:   Inherit from forum group

Require e-mail addresses:   Inherit from forum group

Display e-mail addresses:   Inherit from forum group

Enable WYSIWYG editor:   Inherit from forum group

Use security code (CAPTCHA):   Inherit from forum group

Forum is open:

Forum is locked:

Forum is moderated:

6. You are redirected to the forum editing section. If you switch to the **Forums** tab again, you should see the newly created forum in the list. Repeat the procedure and define some other forums in this forum group. When you are finished, you should see all the forums in the list on the **Forums** tab like in the screenshot below.

The screenshot displays the 'Forum group properties' interface in Kentico CMS. The left sidebar shows a 'Tools' menu with various options like 'Abuse report', 'BizForms', 'Blogs', etc. The main area is titled 'Forum group properties' and shows the 'Forums' tab selected. A form allows adding a new forum with a dropdown menu set to 'LIKE' and a 'Show' button. Below the form is a table listing existing forums:

Actions	Forum name	Status	Moderated	Threads	Posts	Last post	Last post by
	ASP.NET discussion	Open	No				
	PHP Discussion	Open	No				
	Web development jobs	Open	No				

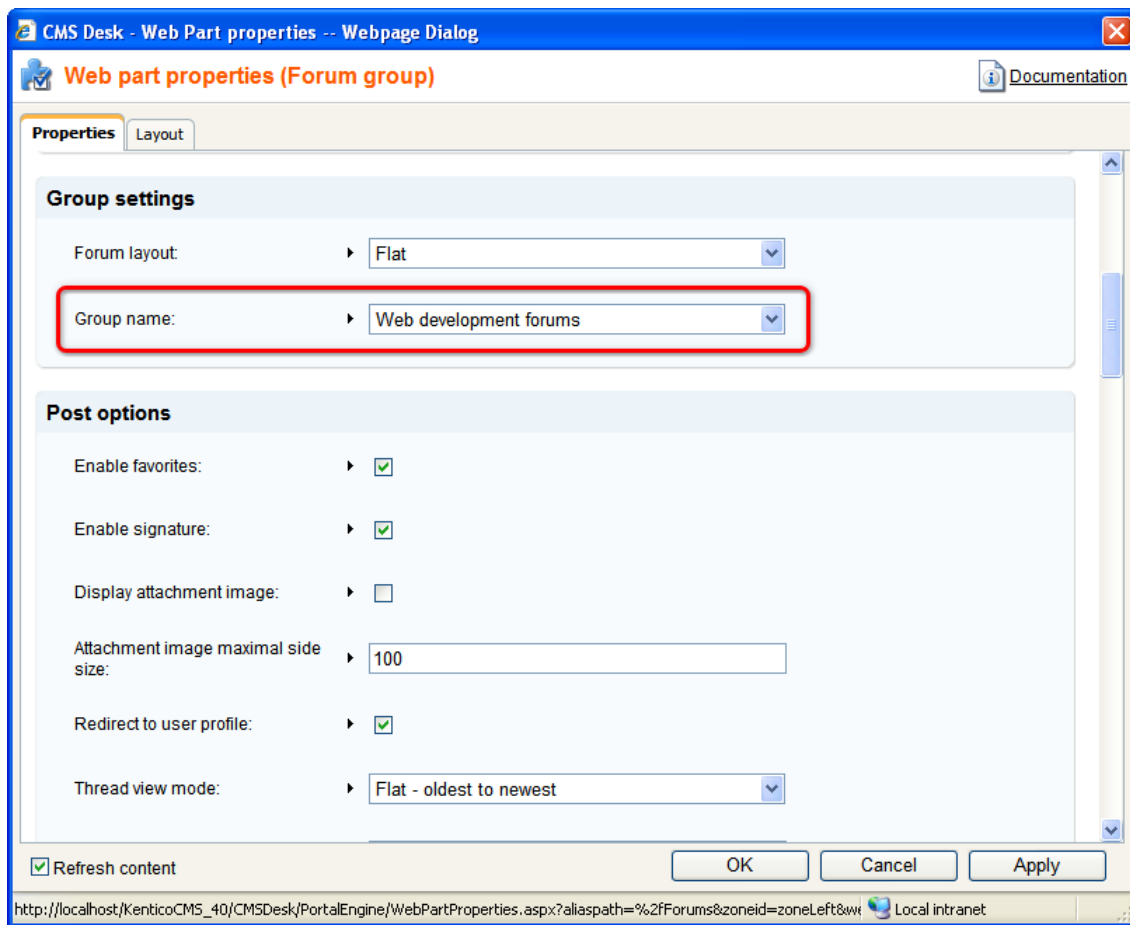


7. Now when the forum group is created and the forums in it defined, we can publish the forum group on the live site. We will place it instead of the original **Back-packer forums**.

Go to **CMS Desk -> Content -> Edit**. Select the **Forums** document from the content tree and switch to the **Design** tab. Scroll down the page and choose to **Configure** (⚙️) the **ForumGroup1** web part.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below these are icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', and 'Down', along with 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List' buttons. The left sidebar shows a content tree with 'Community Site' expanded, containing 'Home', 'Blogs', 'News', 'Media', 'Forums', 'Forum search', 'Groups', 'Group pages', 'Members', 'Examples', 'Files', 'Special pages', 'Logon page', and 'Search'. The main area is in the 'Design' tab, showing a list of forum topics: 'General discussion without rules and limitations', 'Members discussion', and 'Announcements'. Below these is a section for 'ForumGroup1' (highlighted with a red box) containing 'Back-packer forums'. The 'Back-packer forums' section includes a description and two topics: 'Announcements' and 'FAQs'. Each topic has a 'Lock' button.

8. In the web part properties window, change the value of the **Group name** property to the name of the new forum group created above, which is **Web development forums** in our case. Click **OK**.



9. If you switch to the live site now, you should see that the **Back-packer forums** have been replaced by the **Web development forums** defined earlier in this example. The forum group is fully functional and the discussion may begin.

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## Forums

Search forums:  
Advanced search

Forum	Threads	Posts	Last post
<b>Community forums</b>			
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<b>Web development forums</b>			
This forum contains discussion related to web development, related technologies, job offers in this field and many more.			
<a href="#">ASP.NET discussion</a> Discussion related to this Microsoft technology	0	0	(1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM)
<a href="#">PHP Discussion</a> Discussion forum for PHP developers	0	0	(1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM)
<a href="#">Web development jobs</a> Looking for a job? Or looking for skilled IT staff? Try this forum!!!	0	0	(1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM)

**Further steps:** You have learnt how to define a new forum group and publish it on the live site. Like this, you can define another forum group and publish it instead of the Community forums forum group. In case that you wanted to have more than two forum groups published, you only need to place another Forum group web part on the page and define its **Group name** property. You may also want to have only one forum group published, in which case you only need to remove one of the Forum Group web parts.

## 2.5 Blogs

### 2.5.1 Current functionality

The Blogs module is a 'ready-made' solution and you will probably not need to make any customization tasks to it. However, we will at least describe its functionality from the site user's perspective in brief. Detailed information on the Blogs module can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Blogs](#).

1. Go to the live site and sign in as **David** with blank password. Click **Blogs** in the main menu.


On the **Blogs section's title page**, you can see recent blog posts from all blogs on the site. You can browse the posts by topic - by clicking a keyword in the **Tag cloud**, a list of blog posts tagged with the keyword will be displayed. You can also browse the posts by particular blogs. The **Recent blogs** box displays links to the most recently created blogs and a link to the list of all blogs. After clicking a blog link, both in this box or in the list of blogs, you will be redirected to its title page.

Home Blogs News Media Forums Groups Members Examples

Search

### Recent blog posts


[The long long flight](#)



Finally, after some 23 hours of flight, I am on the other side of the world than I was yesterday around this time. I feel terribly tired after the long flight, but before I go to sleep, I found some time to write about the first impressions of my journey.

Posted to [Holiday in Australia](#) by [Kelly Taylor](#) on 10/26/2008 3:05:12 PM | with [0 comments](#)


[Flying tomorrow](#)



Hi everybody, my name is Kelly Taylor and I come from Brno, Czech Republic. Tomorrow is my big day. Finally, after six months of hard everyday work, I decided to have some nice time and go on holiday. Australia has always been one of the places I had wanted to visit one day, and now, with my great new job and the wage I get for it, it is finally affordable for me to get there.

Posted to [Holiday in Australia](#) by [Kelly Taylor](#) on 10/26/2008 2:19:18 PM | with [0 comments](#)

[Saying goodbye Europe](#)



Paris, our final destination. Because there's no upcoming hitchhiking trip, the tension between PJ and me is all gone. I have a friend here, so the last night we spend in his place, drinking wine and using his computer to look at pictures we've taken during our month in Europe.

Today, PJ went to do some shopping and we've promised each other go out have dinner tonight.

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#### Tag cloud

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[Czech Republic](#) [FRANCE](#) [Germany](#)  
[hitchhiking](#) [hostel](#)  
[Italy](#) [luggage](#) [sacher](#) [torte](#)  
[Slovenia](#) [SPAIN](#) [subway](#) [tag](#) [tags](#)  
[tourism](#) [traffic](#) [train](#)

#### Recent blogs

- [Holiday in Australia](#)
- [Abi's european trip](#)
- [View all blogs](#)

#### Latest blog comments

There are currently no comments.


2. Click some blog to display its title page. The **blog's title page** is similar to the Blogs section's title page, but displays only posts from the current blog. In addition to the Tag cloud, you can browse posts in the current blog **by months** too. By clicking a month link in the **Post archive** box, you can display only posts from the clicked month.

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## Abi's european trip

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Posted to [Abi's european trip](#) by [Abigail Woodwarth](#) on 7/5/2008 1:56:04 PM | with [0 comments](#)


**Wir sind Berliners**



Berlin, after a long time the city we both wanted to see. And as we're almost done with our trip, we're getting much more relaxed in comparison with just week ago. We are almost able to joke with each other again. We don't have much money left, though, so we're mostly hanging around, considering every Euro, spent for the gallery ticket.

Posted to [Abi's european trip](#) by [Abigail Woodwarth](#) on 7/3/2008 1:54:27 PM | with [0 comments](#)

**Disapointment in Prague**



I'm supposed to pick up PJ in Bratislava. Again, I don't have to hitchhike so I'm taking a bus. Oddly enough, PJ's rather glad to see me. The trip to Prague is one smooth ride. But the city center is jammed with people again. Why all tourists share the need of visiting same places at the same time?

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### Tag cloud

airport Austria bus cuisine  
Czech Republic France Germany  
**hitchhiking** hostel  
Italy luggage sacher torte  
Slovenia Spain subway tag tags  
tourism traffic train

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### Latest blog comments

There are currently no comments.

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### Post archive

- [July 2008\(3\)](#)
- [June 2008\(7\)](#)


3. Click some blog post to display it. Below the text, you can find the **Content rating** web part, social bookmarking links, trackbacking URL and the comments section where you can post comments on the blog post.

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## Abi's european trip > July 2008

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Because that Euro might have been the next breakfast.

Tomorrow morning, we're setting of for our last hitchhiking trip. So far, I didn't tell you how we manage to hitchhiking with all the luggage we have, though. The few of you were curious about it. Well, let's put some light on the subject. First of all, we have barely any luggage at all. Oddly as it may seem, together with PJ, we have succeeded in fitting everything into two backpacks. To be honest with you, one really doesn't need to have much stuff. A camera, two pair of shoes and some clothes but not much. We take advantage of the public laundries that are usually conveniently located near hostels a lot. We have our sleeping bags in case of emergency as well. Everything else is just junk that you can do without.


When we're waiting for the ride, we always form our backpacks into a sophisticated pile that looks much smaller than it is, in reality. And I don't recall waiting for more than an hour for a ride, beside those troubles in Pyrenees. Everyone who has ever tried hitchhiking must admit that it is more than impressive.

Posted by **Abigail Woodwarth** on 7/3/2008 1:54:27 PM  
 Filed under: [Germany](#), [hitchhiking](#), [luggage](#)

☆☆☆☆☆ Current rating: 0 (0 ratings)

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 **Comments**

Blog post currently doesn't have any comments.

**Leave comment** [Subscribe](#)

Name:

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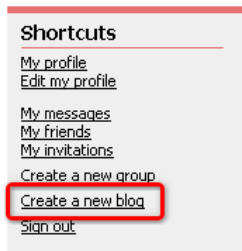
**Latest blog comments**

There are currently no comments.

**Post archive**


- [July 2008\(3\)](#)
- [June 2008\(7\)](#)

4. When we have seen what the Blogs section on the site looks like, we can try creating our new blog. This can be done anywhere on the live site by clicking the **Create a new blog** link in the **Shortcuts** menu.



5. On the **Create new blog** page, you only need to enter the name and description of your new blog and click **OK**.

 A screenshot of the 'Create new blog' page. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Blogs, News, Media, Forums, Groups, Members, Examples. Below the navigation bar is the title 'Create new blog'. A message states: 'You can create your new blog by entering the required details into the fields below. You will be able to change the entered data later. After submitting these details, you will be able to edit your blog's properties or start blogging immediately.' The form has two fields: 'Blog name:' with the value 'My first blog' and 'Blog description:' with the value 'This is my first blog on this marvelous, Kentico CMS powered community site.' Below the form is an 'OK' button.

6. The blog is now created and you are redirected to the blog's title page, where you can **Edit blog** (  ) properties or write a **New blog post**.

 A screenshot of the 'My first blog' page. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Blogs, News, Media, Forums, Groups, Members, Examples. Below the navigation bar is the title 'My first blog'. There is a link 'Edit blog' with a pencil icon. Below that is a link 'New blog post' inside a light gray box.

7. From now on, the blog is fully functional. You can find a link to the blog in the **Recent blogs** box on the **Blogs** title page, in the **list of all blogs** and on your **public profile** page.

## 2.6 Media libraries

### 2.6.1 Current functionality

The media libraries allow convenient storage of **large amounts of files**. Not only media files, but also files of any other types can be stored within the libraries, while even **large file sizes** (several GB) are supported. Media libraries can be either global or related to a particular group. For detailed information on the module, please refer to [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Media libraries](#).









1. If you go to the live site, you can enter the site's global media libraries section by clicking the **Media** link in the main menu. This section displays the content of the only global media library on the site, which is named **Media**. You can see the library's folder structure tree on the left. By clicking a folder, files stored within the folder will be displayed in the main area.

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## Media gallery

- Media
- Documents
- Music
- Pictures
- Video

Sort by: [Name](#) [Date](#) [Size](#)

 <b>Buildings</b> Size: 31.13 KB Uploaded: 12/19/2008	 <b>Street</b> Size: 34.60 KB Uploaded: 12/19/2008	 <b>River</b> Size: 26.37 KB Uploaded: 12/19/2008	 <b>Nature</b> Size: 41.63 KB Uploaded: 12/19/2008
 <b>WIN XP startup so...</b> Size: 75.92 KB Uploaded: 1/7/2009	 <b>WIN XP startup so...</b> Size: 414.69 KB Uploaded: 1/7/2009	 <b>WIN XP startup so...</b> Size: 26.44 KB Uploaded: 1/7/2009	 <b>MS Word document</b> Size: 9.72 KB Uploaded: 1/8/2009

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2. If you click a file's thumbnail, the file will be displayed in the main area. Depending on the type of file, the display may vary. Images will be displayed in large size, videos or sound files display a player where the files can be played. Documents are displayed only in form of the document type icons. Additional information about the file is displayed in the bottom left corner. All files can be downloaded using the **Download** link at the bottom right corner.

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## Media gallery

- Media
  - Documents
  - Music
  - Pictures**
  - Video

« Back



Buildings

Download

**Size:** 31.13 KB  
**Description:** Sample picture description.  
**Uploaded:** 12/19/2008  
**Type:** .JPG

### Shortcuts

- [My profile](#)
- [Edit my profile](#)
- [My messages](#)
- [My friends](#)
- [My invitations](#)
- [Create a new group](#)
- [Create a new blog](#)
- [Sign out](#)


3. As we mentioned above, groups can also have their own media libraries. This is the case of the **Czech Republic fans** group on this sample site. If you go to **Groups -> Czech Republic fans** and click the **Media** link in the **Group links** box, media libraries of the group will be displayed.


The screenshot displays the user interface of the Kentico CMS Community Site. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Blogs, News, Media, Forums, Groups, Members, and Examples. A search bar is located to the right of the menu. Below the navigation menu, the breadcrumb trail reads: Groups > Czech Republic fans > Media. A message states: "Bellow you can find list of group media libraries." The main content area features two media library entries. The first entry is titled "Czech nature" and includes a photograph of a scenic landscape with a lake and mountains, along with the text "Czech nature is really nice." The second entry is titled "Czech cities" and includes a photograph of a historic town square with a clock tower, along with the text "Czech cities are amazing." On the right side of the page, there are two sidebar boxes. The "Shortcuts" box contains links for My profile, Edit my profile, My messages, My friends, My invitations, Create a new group, Leave the group, Manage the group, Invite to group, Create a new blog, and Sign out. The "Group links" box contains links for Home, Blog, Media, members, and Forums. The "Media" link in the "Group links" box is highlighted with a red rectangle.

Home Blogs News Media Forums Groups Members Examples Search

Groups > Czech Republic fans > Media

Bellow you can find list of group media libraries.

 **Czech nature**  
Czech nature is really nice.

 **Czech cities**  
Czech cities are amazing.

**Shortcuts**

- [My profile](#)
- [Edit my profile](#)
- [My messages](#)
- [My friends](#)
- [My invitations](#)
- [Create a new group](#)
- [Leave the group](#)
- [Manage the group](#)
- [Invite to group](#)
- [Create a new blog](#)
- [Sign out](#)

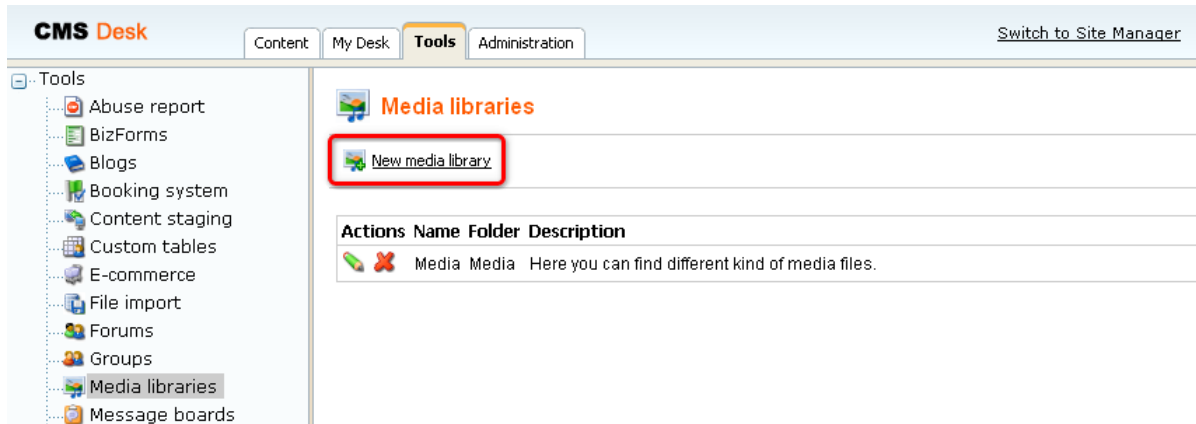
**Group links**

- [Home](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Media](#)
- [members](#)
- [Forums](#)

## 2.6.2 Creating custom media libraries

In the following example, you will learn how to create a new global media library and publish it on the site.

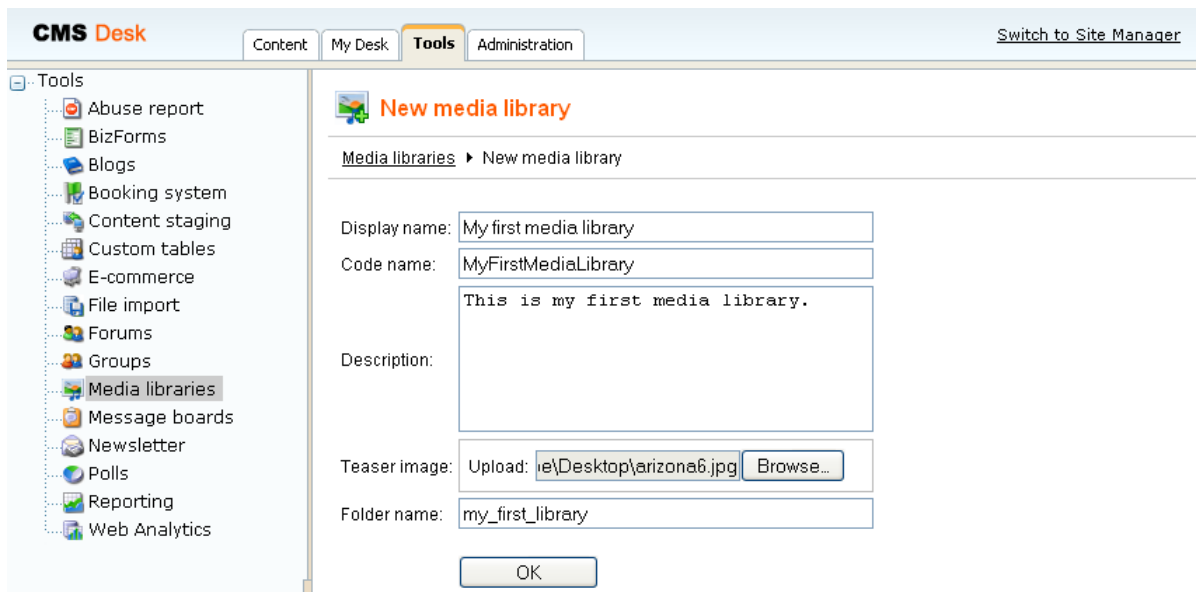
1. Go to **CMS Desk -> Tools -> Media libraries** and click the **New media library** link at the top of the page.



2. Enter the following details into the form:

- **Display name** - name of the library displayed on the live site and in the administration interface
- **Code name** - name of the library used in web site code
- **Description** - text describing the media library, displayed in the list of media libraries on the live site
- **Teaser image** - upload some image which will be used as a teaser in the list of media libraries
- **Folder name** - name of the physical folder in the file system which will contain the library files; it is located under **<web project>/<site name>/media/**

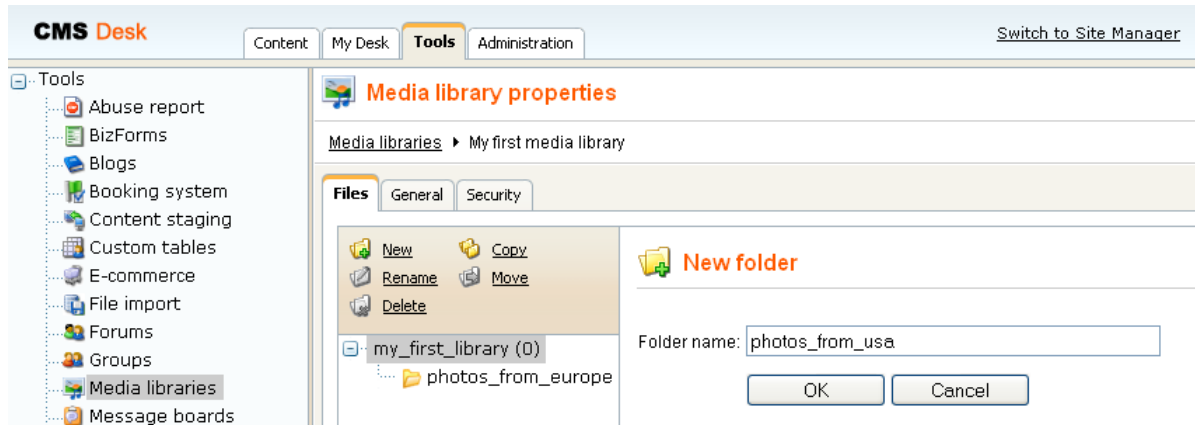
Click **OK**.



3. You will be redirected to the media library management interface, which is also accessible by clicking the **Edit** (📁) icon in **CMS Desk -> Tools -> Media libraries**.

First, we will define the folder structure. Select the root of the tree and click the **New** (📁) icon. Enter the name of the new folder and click **OK**. Repeat the procedure so that you have at least two different folders in the library.

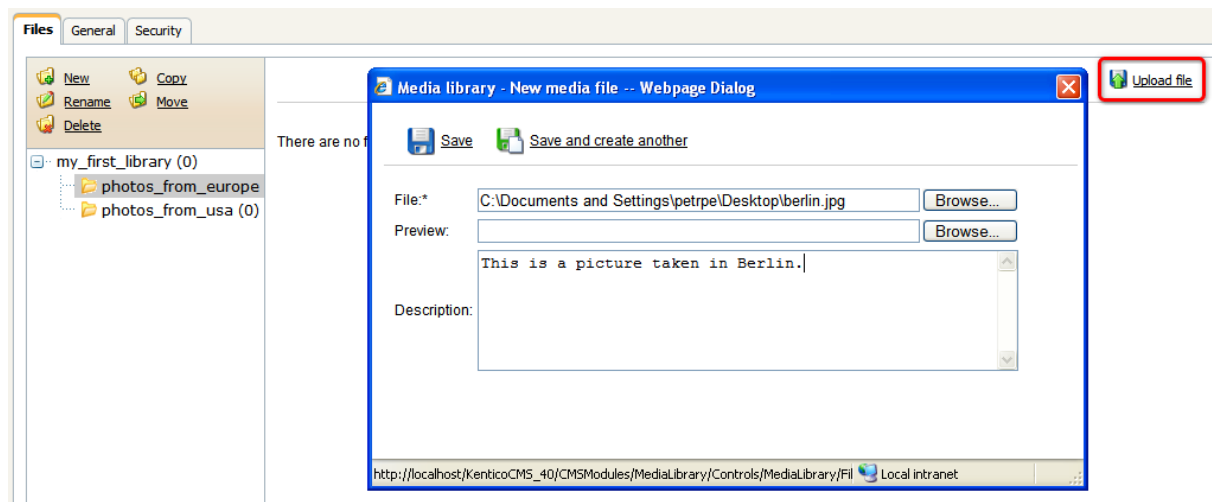
**Please note:** due to ASP.NET architecture, site restart occurs whenever a folder is moved, renamed or deleted. To prevent this, it is a good practice to define the library structure when creating it and not to modify it when the site is already running.



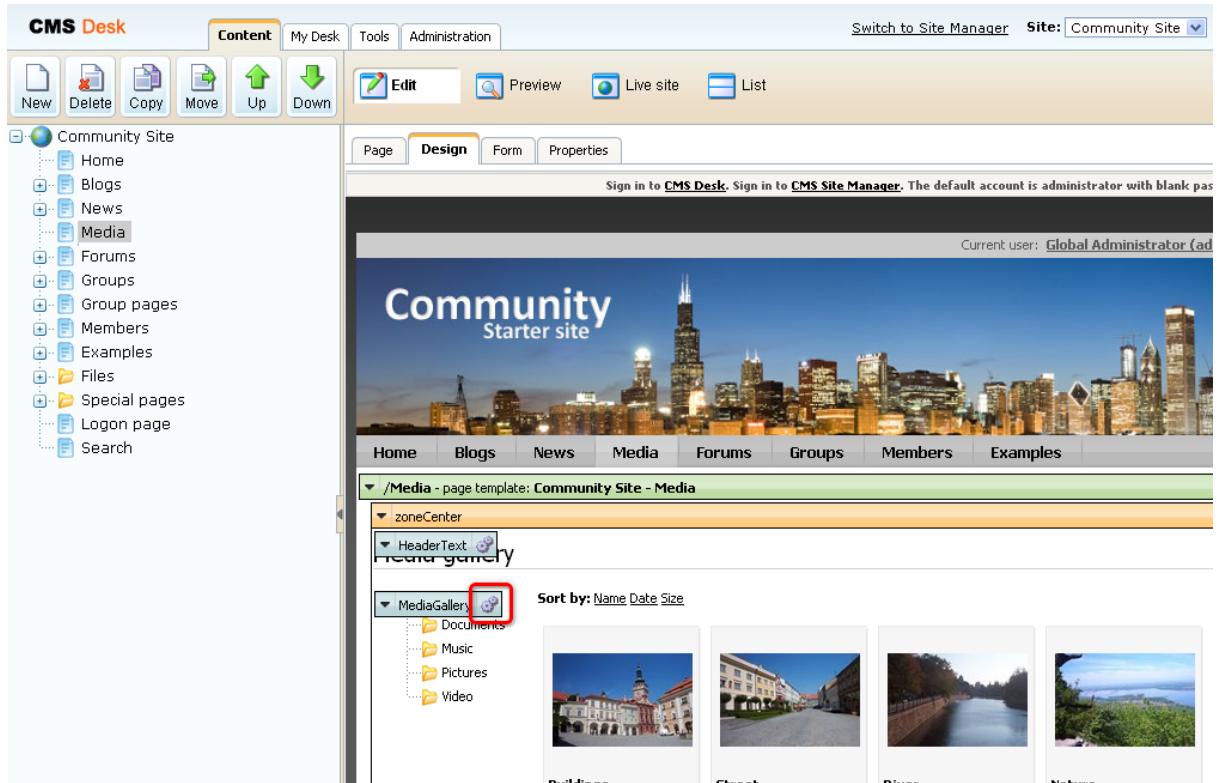
4. Now we can upload the files. Select one of the folders and click the **Upload file** (📁) icon at the top right corner.

In the pop-up window that you can see in the screenshot below, enter the path or browse for the **File** that you want to upload. The **Preview** is an image displayed as the file teaser in the list of files. This is useful for non-image files. If you are uploading an image, you don't need to upload any preview file, as the image itself will be resized and used as the preview automatically. Finally, enter some text description and click **Save**.

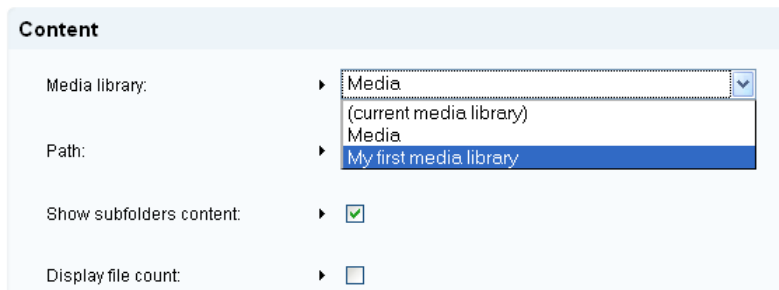
Repeat the procedure so that you have several files in each of the folders.



5. Our media library is now finished and we can publish it. Switch to **CMS Desk -> Content -> Edit -> Design** tab and choose the **Media** page from the content tree. Choose to **Configure** (⚙️) the **MediaGallery** web part.



6. In the web part properties window, select your new media library in the **Media library** drop-down list and click **OK**.



7. If you switch to the live site now, you should see that the original media library has been replaced by your new media library.







Home Blogs News Media Forums Groups Members Examples

## Media gallery

my\_first\_library

- photos\_from\_europe
- photos\_from\_usa

Sort by: [Name](#) [Date](#) [Size](#)

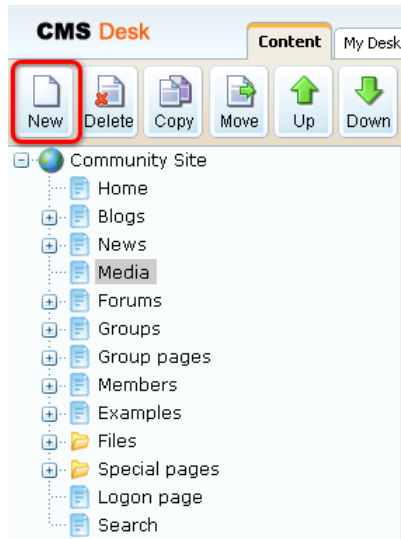
 <p><b>berlin</b> Size: 83.00 KB Uploaded: 3/19/2009</p>	 <p><b>budapest</b> Size: 89.51 KB Uploaded: 3/19/2009</p>	 <p><b>trieste</b> Size: 73.37 KB Uploaded: 3/19/2009</p>	 <p><b>arizona2</b> Size: 55.00 KB Uploaded: 3/19/2009</p>
 <p><b>arizona3</b> Size: 47.84 KB Uploaded: 3/19/2009</p>	 <p><b>arizona6</b> Size: 75.61 KB Uploaded: 3/19/2009</p>		

**Further steps:** You have created a new media library, defined its structure, uploaded some files and published it on the live site instead of the original sample media library. As obvious, you can publish only one global media library this way. This might be fine for many sites, but if you want to have more global media libraries published on the site, go to the [next chapter](#) where you can find more information on how to achieve this functionality.

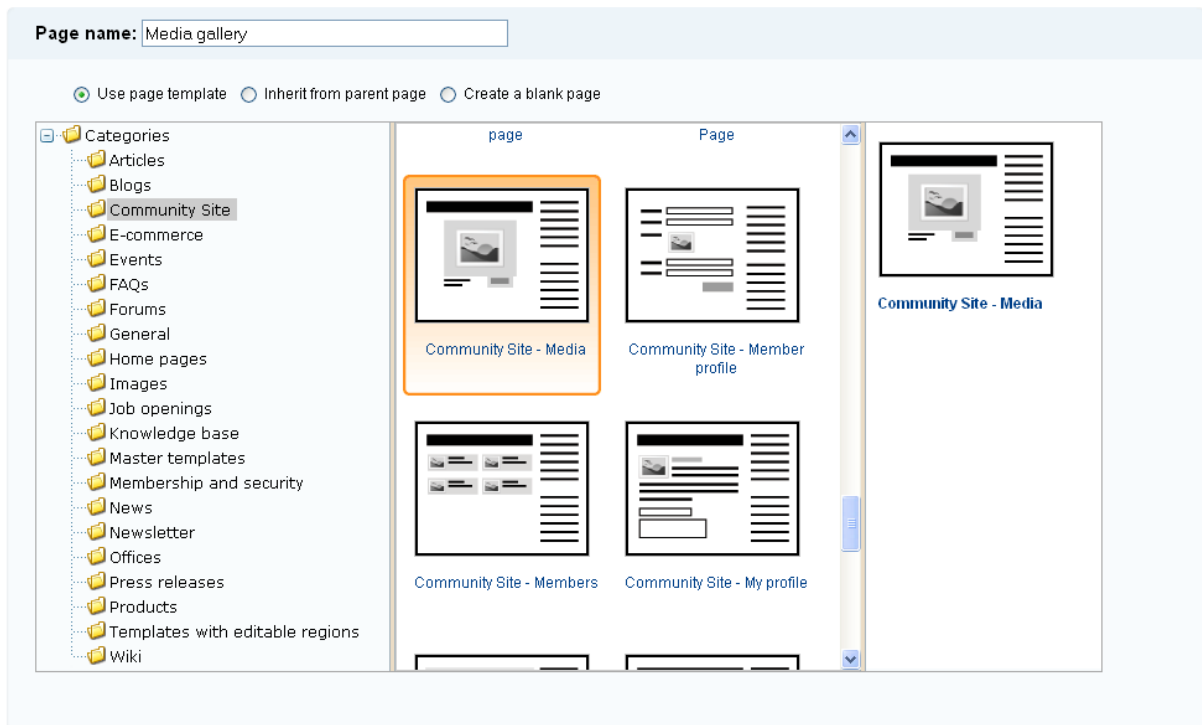
### 2.6.3 Publishing more than one global media library

In the following example, you will learn how to publish more than one global media library on the site. We will try to achieve a functionality similar to group media libraries (see **Groups -> Czech Republic fans** and click **Media** in the **Group links** box). As you can see, we have two pages where a list of available libraries is on the first page. Links in the list lead to the second page where the content of the clicked library is displayed dynamically.

1. Go to **CMS Desk -> Content -> Edit** and select the **Media** page from the content tree. Click the **New** icon above the content tree to create a new page under the **Media** page.



2. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type. For **Page name**, enter **Media gallery** and choose the **Community site -> Community site - Media** page template. Click **Save**.





3. Now we have two pages showing the same content because they use the same page template. But the required functionality is the following: the **Media** page should display a **list of global media libraries**; after clicking a library, users should be redirected to the **Media gallery** page, which shall display the **content of the clicked library**.

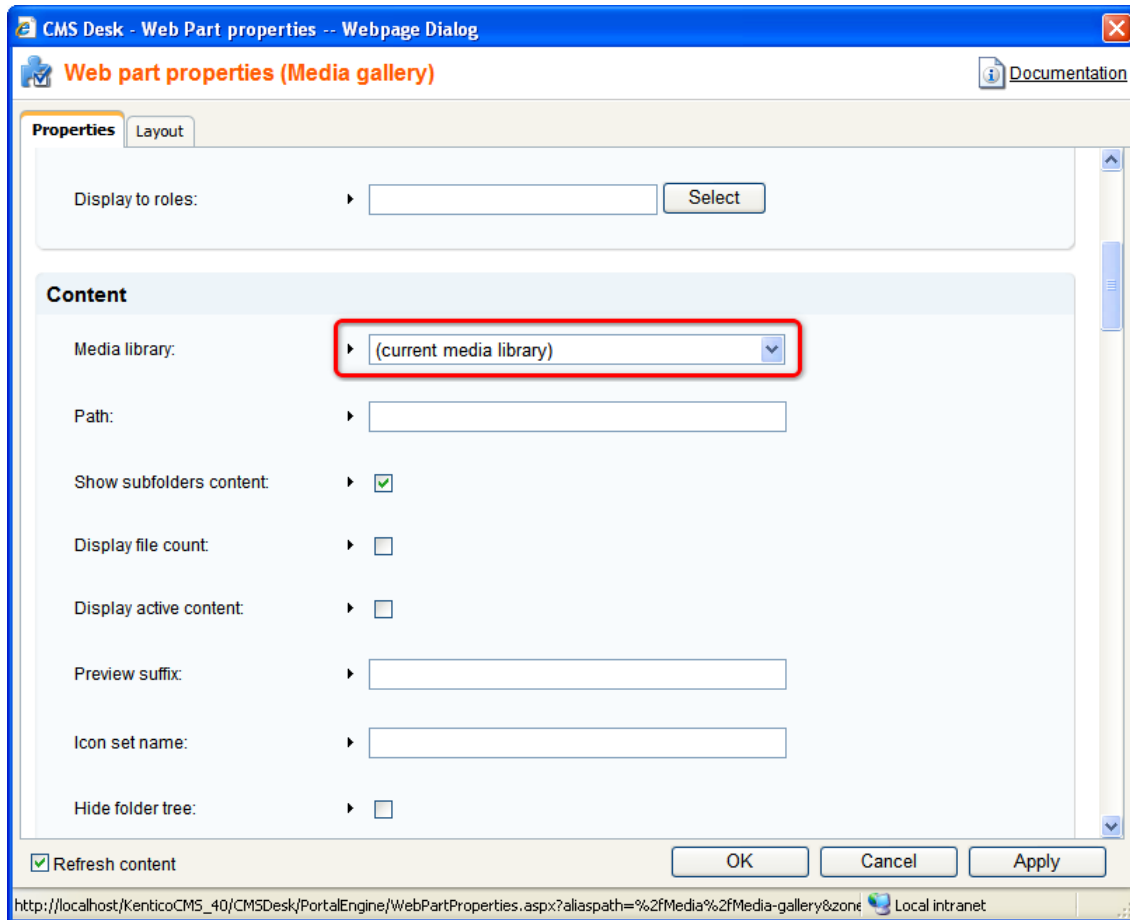
First, select the **Media gallery** page and switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab. Select the **Select inherited levels** radio-button and choose to inherit from **Root** only.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface. On the left, a tree view shows the site structure with 'Media gallery' selected and highlighted with a red box. The main area is the 'Properties' tab, with the 'Template' sub-tab active. In the 'Inherit content' section, the 'Select inherited levels' radio button is selected, and the 'Root' checkbox is checked, both highlighted with a red box.

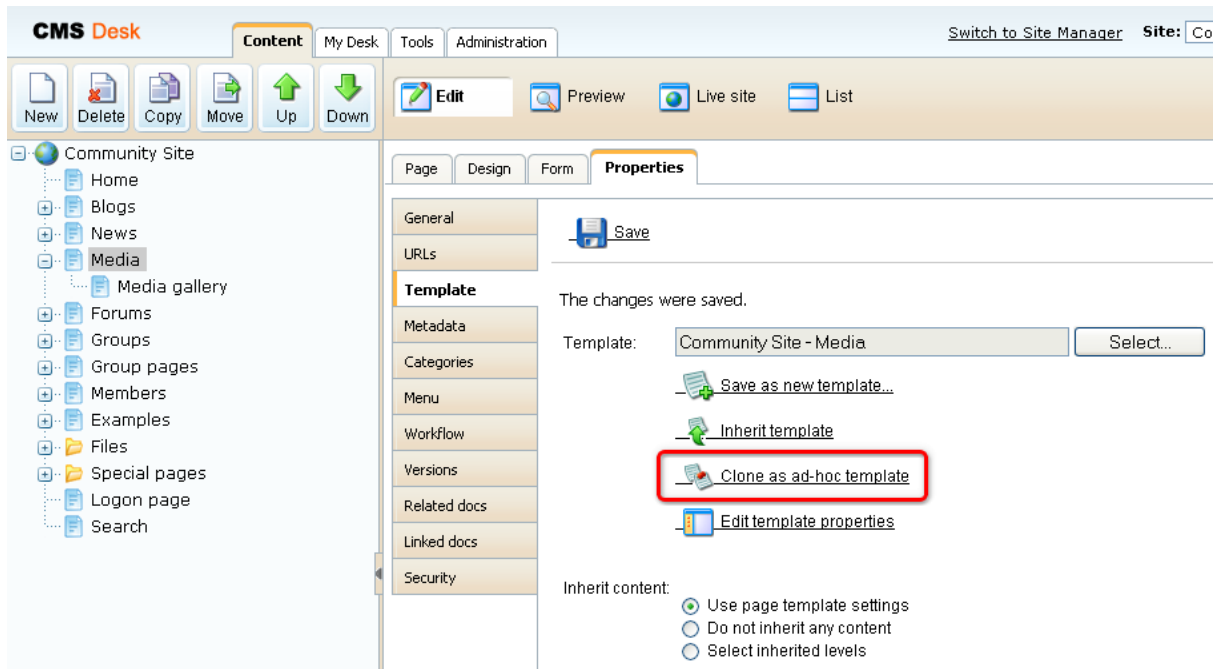
4. Switch to the **URLs** tab and enter `/Media/{LibraryName}` into the **Document URL path** field. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface with the 'URLs' sub-tab active in the 'Properties' section. The 'Document URL path' field is highlighted with a red box and contains the text `/Media/{LibraryName}`. The 'Use custom URL path' checkbox is also checked.

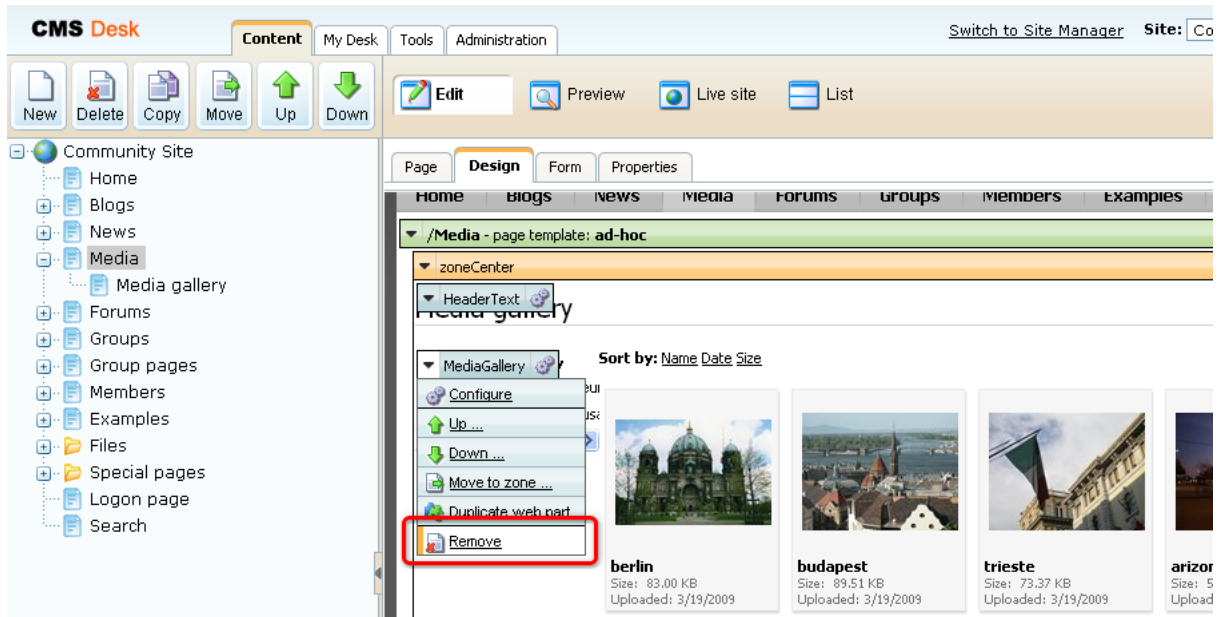
5. Switch to the **Design** tab and choose to **Configure** (⚙️) the **Media gallery** web part. Set the value of the **Media library** property to **(current media library)** and click **OK**.



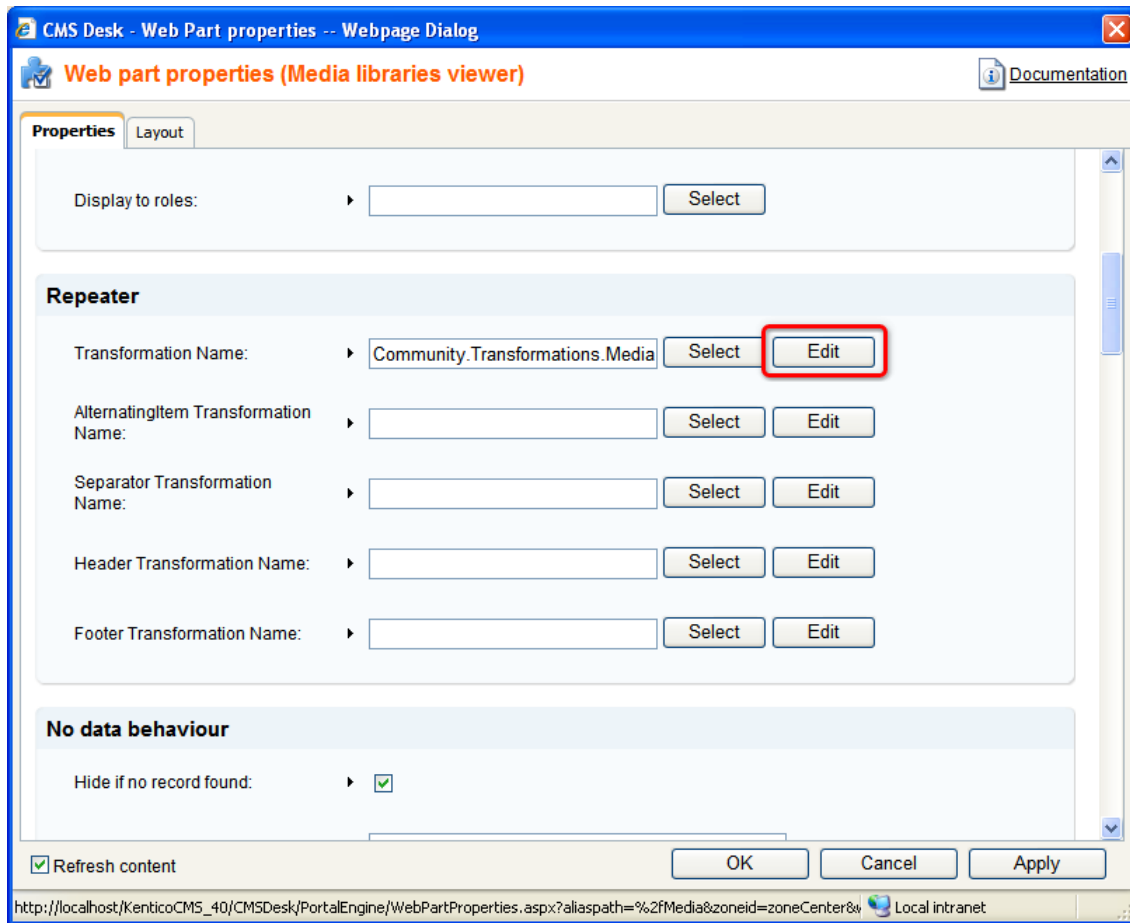
6. Select the **Media** page and on the **Properties -> Template** tab, click the **Clone as ad-hoc template** link. Click **Save**.



7. Switch to the **Design** tab and choose to **Remove** the **MediaGallery** web part.



8. Add (+) the **Media Library** -> **Media libraries viewer** web part to the **zoneCenter** web part zone, to the place of the removed **MediaGallery** web part. In the web part properties window, choose to **Edit** the **Transformation Name** property.



9. In the pop-up window, replace the original transformation code with the following code. The transformation below is the original transformation with the highlighted code added.

This code ensures that library teasers and names will work as links leading to the */Media/{LibraryName}* URL, where *{LibraryName}* will be replaced with the name of the clicked library. This is the URL we have set in step 4 for the **Media gallery** page. Because the **Media library** property of the **Media gallery** web part on the page is set to **(current media library)**, it will display content of the media library from the URL.

Click **Save**.

```
<div class="MediaListItem">
<table>
  <tr>
    <td class="MediaLibraryListPhoto">
      <a href="~/Media/<%# Eval("LibraryName") %>.aspx">
<%# IfEmpty(Eval("LibraryTeaserPath"), "<img border='0'
src=\"~/App_Themes/CommunitySite/Images/DefaultMediaTeaser.gif\" alt=\"\" />",
" <img src=\"\" +
UrlHelper.GetAbsoluteUrlWithPort(ValidationHelper.GetString(Eval("LibraryTeaserP
ath"), "")) + "?width=180\" alt=\"\"+ Eval("name") +\"\" border='0' />") %>
      </a>
    </td>

    <td class="MediaLibraryListDescription">
      <a href="~/Media/<%# Eval("LibraryName") %>.aspx">
      <b>
<%#
LimitLength(ResHelper.LocalizeString(Convert.ToString(Eval("LibraryDisplayName",
true))), 20, "...") %>
      </b>
      </a>

      <div class="MediaLibraryListDescriptionText">
<%#
LimitLength(ResHelper.LocalizeString(Convert.ToString(Eval("LibraryDescription",
true))), 40, "...") %>
      </div>
    </td>
  </tr>
</table>

<div class="MediaListItemBottom"></div>
</div>
```

10. If you go to the live site now and click the **Media** link in the main menu, you should see the functionality described in the beginning of this chapter. A list of all global media libraries on the site will be displayed. After clicking a library in the list, its content will be displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Community Starter site' interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Home, Blogs, News, Media, Forums, Groups, Members, and Examples, along with a search box. The current user is identified as 'Global Administrator (administrator)'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Media gallery' section is displayed. It features two media library entries: 'Media' with a description 'Here you can find different kind of m...' and 'My first media l...' with a description 'This is my first media library.'. A 'Shortcuts' sidebar on the right lists various user actions like 'My profile', 'Edit my profile', 'My messages', 'My friends', 'My invitations', 'Create a new group', 'Create a new blog', and 'Sign out'.

Current user: [Global Administrator \(administrator\)](#) | [Edit my profile](#) | [Inbox](#) | [Sign out](#)


# Community

Starter site


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Search

## Media gallery



**Media**  
Here you can find different kind of m...



**My first media l...**  
This is my first media library.

### Shortcuts

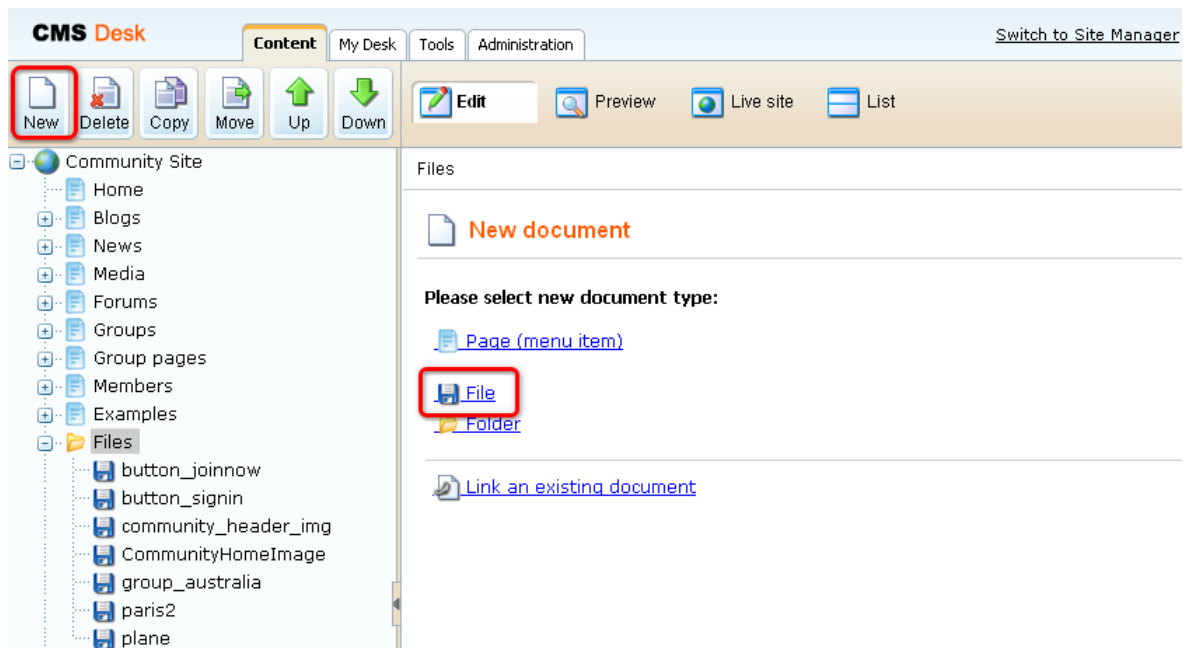
- [My profile](#)
- [Edit my profile](#)
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- [Create a new blog](#)
- [Sign out](#)

## 2.7 Design and styles

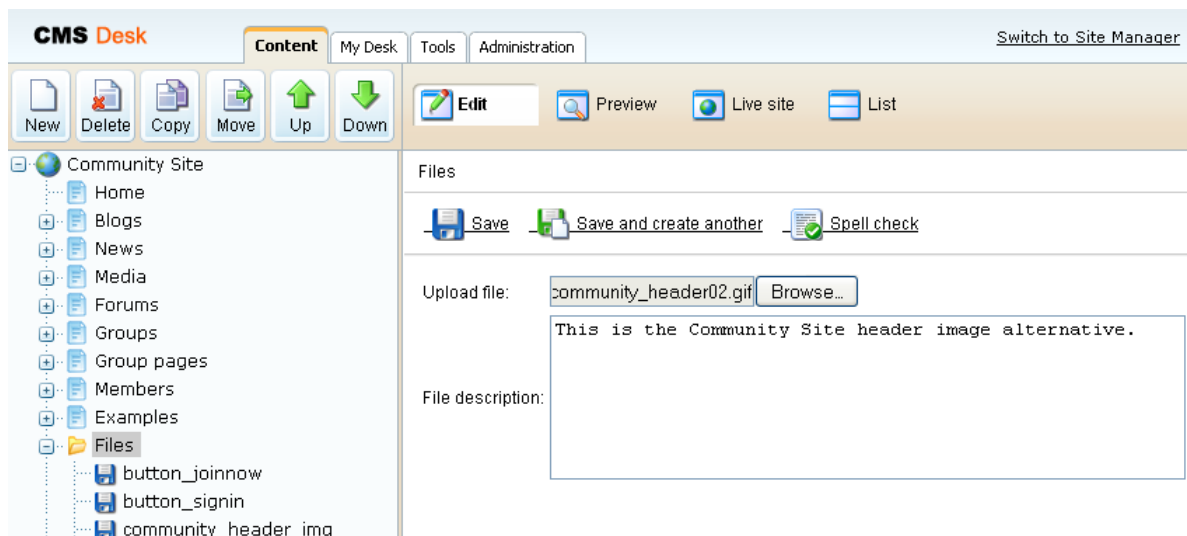
### 2.7.1 Changing the header image

Changing the header image is a procedure of a few clicks. You only need an image of the same width as the original image, which is **960 pixels**. For the purpose of this example, you may use the **community\_header02.gif**. The file can be found in the attached files package that can be found at [http://www.kentico.com/Downloads/CommunityGuide/CommunitySiteGuide\\_files.zip](http://www.kentico.com/Downloads/CommunityGuide/CommunitySiteGuide_files.zip). Once you have the image prepared, follow these steps:

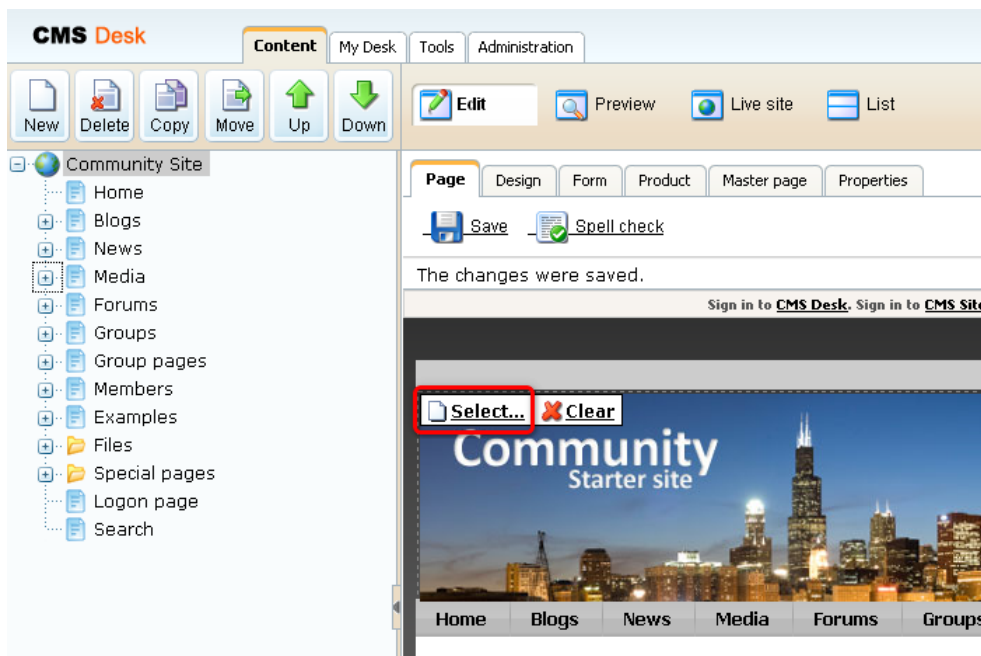
1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the **Files** folder from the content tree and click **New**.



2. Browse for your file on your local drive, optionally enter some text describing the image and click **Save**.

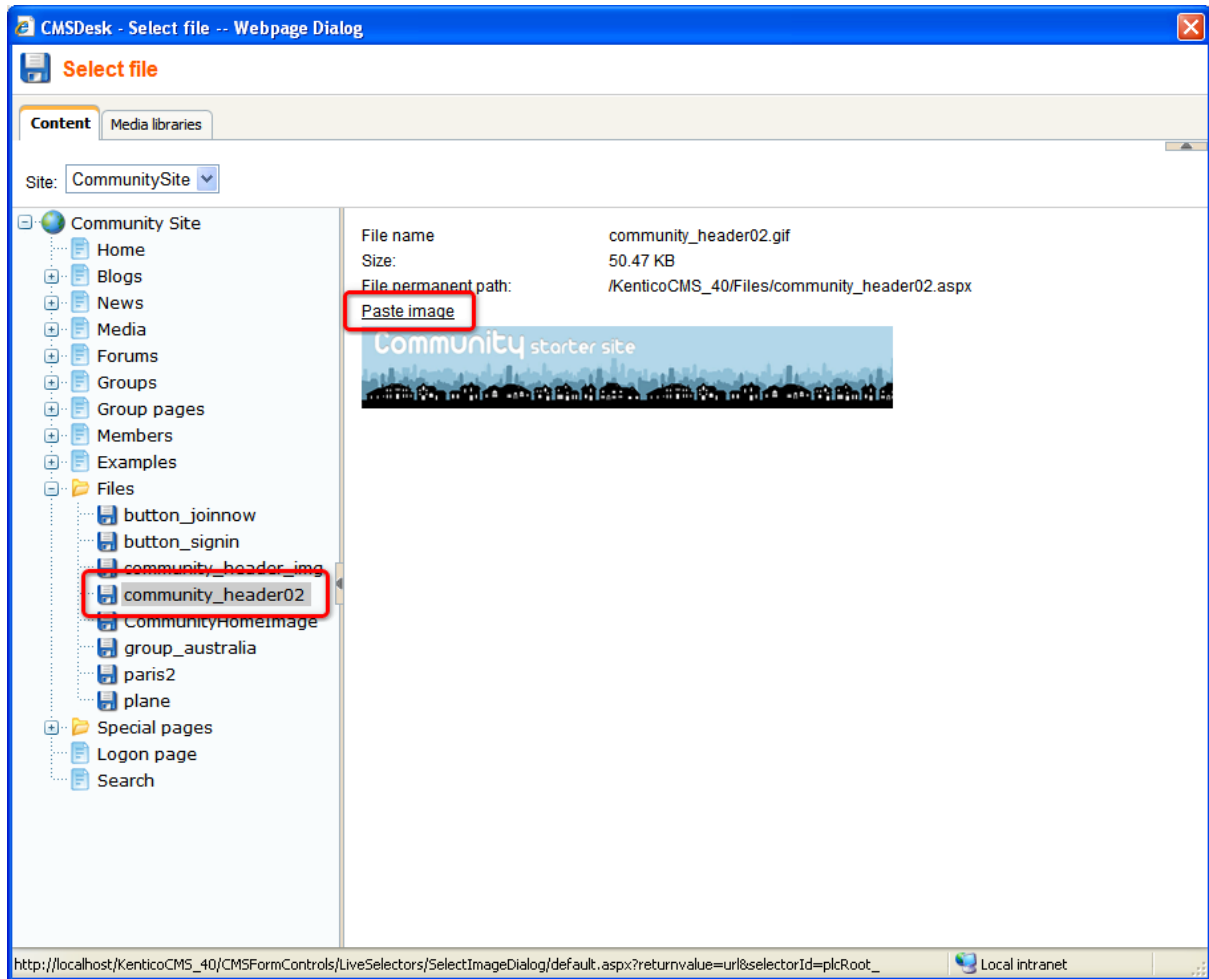


3. The image is now uploaded, so let's use it on the master page. Select the root of the content tree in **Page** tab and click the **Select** button at the top left corner of the header image.

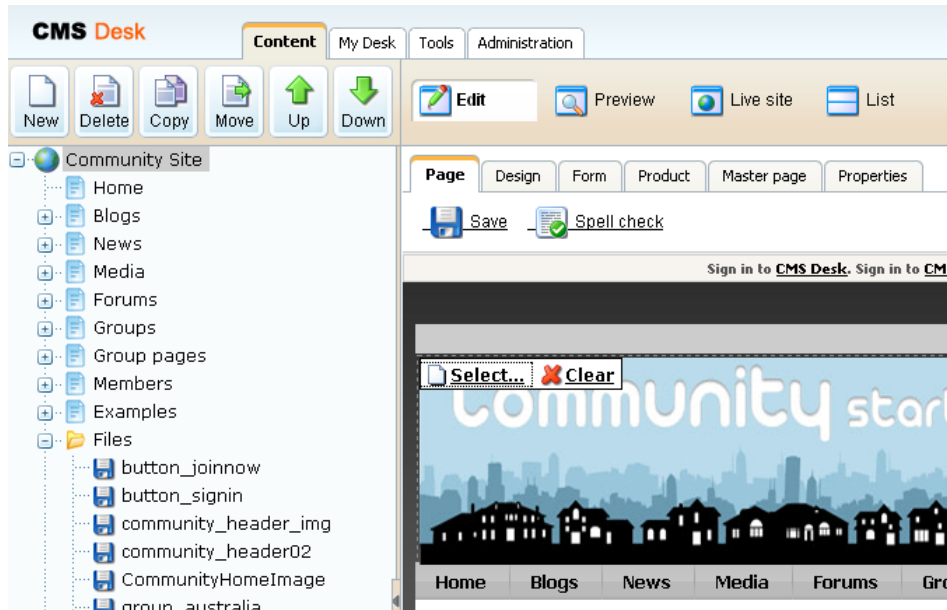




4. Select your previously uploaded image from the content tree and click the **Paste image** link.



5. Finally, click **Save** to save the changes made to the master page.



6. If you switch to the live site now, you should see the new header image in its full beauty.

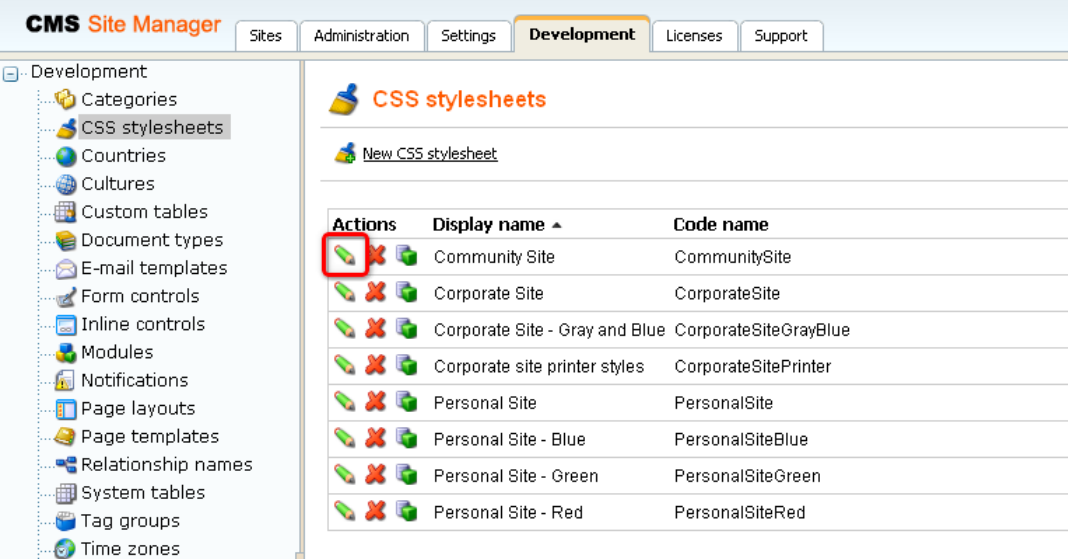


**Further steps:** You have learned how to change the header image on the master page. As you will probably not be satisfied with this level of customization, you can try modifying the site's CSS stylesheet. Like that, you will be able to fully customize the site's design according to your needs. In [the next chapter](#), you can find a simple example showing how the site's CSS stylesheet can be modified.

## 2.7.2 Modifying the stylesheet

In this example, you will learn how to edit the site's CSS stylesheet. We will follow the [previous example](#) and modify the main menu so that it matches the new header image. Any other modifications of your choice can be done to the stylesheet the same way as described below.

1. Go to **Site Manager -> Development -> CSS Stylesheets** and choose to **Edit** (🖍️) the **Community Site** stylesheet.



























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**CSS stylesheets**

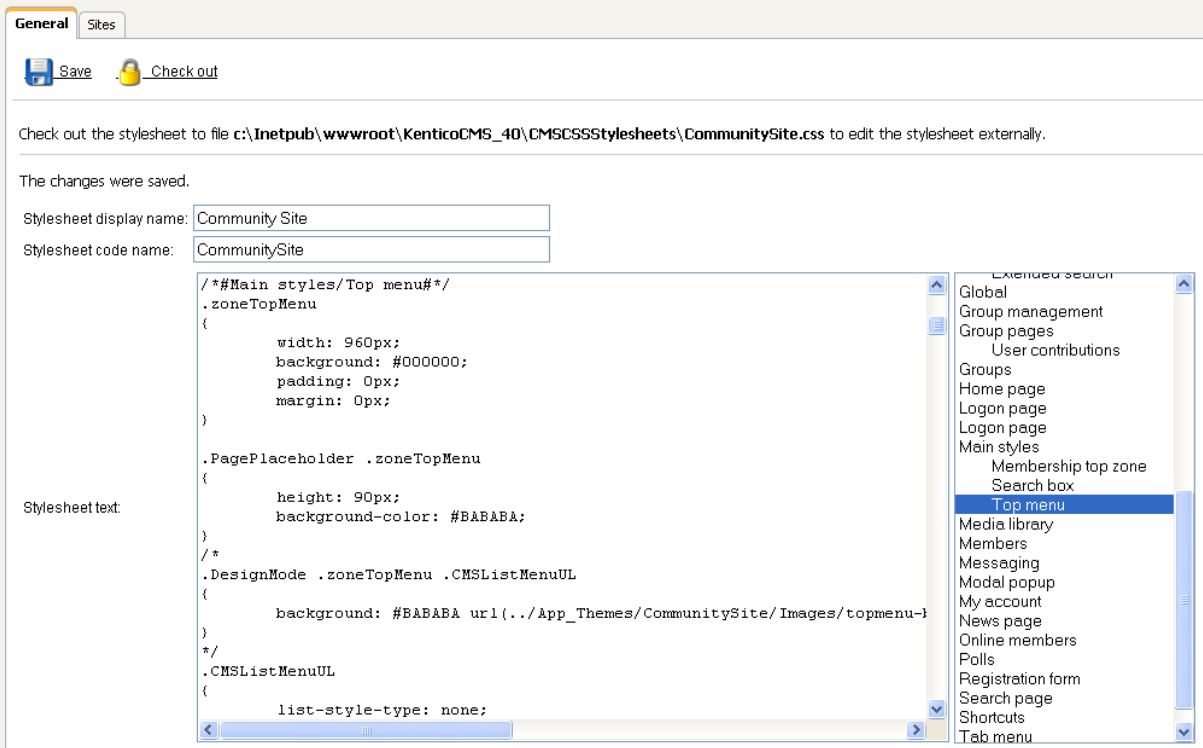
[New CSS stylesheet](#)

Actions	Display name ^	Code name
  	Community Site	CommunitySite
  	Corporate Site	CorporateSite
  	Corporate Site - Gray and Blue	CorporateSiteGrayBlue
  	Corporate site printer styles	CorporateSitePrinter
  	Personal Site	PersonalSite
  	Personal Site - Blue	PersonalSiteBlue
  	Personal Site - Green	PersonalSiteGreen
  	Personal Site - Red	PersonalSiteRed

2. The CSS stylesheet is divided into sections so that you can easily find the appropriate classes. The sections can be quickly accessed by selecting from the listbox on the right. Choose the **Top menu** section. Within this section, you can find all classes defining the appearance of the main menu.

### CSS stylesheet properties

CSS stylesheets ► Community Site



Save Check out

Check out the stylesheet to file `c:\inetpub\wwwroot\KenticoCMS_40\CMSCSSStylesheets\CommunitySite.css` to edit the stylesheet externally.

The changes were saved.

Stylesheet display name:

Stylesheet code name:

Stylesheet text:

```
/*#Main styles/Top menu#*/
.zoneTopMenu
{
    width: 960px;
    background: #000000;
    padding: 0px;
    margin: 0px;
}

.PagePlaceholder .zoneTopMenu
{
    height: 90px;
    background-color: #BABABA;
}
/*
.DesignMode .zoneTopMenu .CMSListMenuUL
{
    background: #BABABA url(../App_Themes/CommunitySite/Images/topmenu-}
*/
.CMSListMenuUL
{
    list-style-type: none;
}
```

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- Logon page
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  - Search box
  - Top menu**
- Media library
- Members
- Messaging
- Modal popup
- My account
- News page
- Online members
- Polls
- Registration form
- Search page
- Shortcuts
- Tab menu

3. Replace the text of this section (all classes before the `/*#Main styles/Search box#*/` line, which indicates the beginning of the new section) with the code below. Click **Save** to save the changes.

```

/*#Main styles/Top menu#*/
.zoneTopMenu
{
    width: 960px;
    background: #000000;
    padding: 0px;
    margin: 0px;
}

.PagePlaceholder .zoneTopMenu
{
    height: 90px;
    background-color: #BABABA;
}
/*
.DesignMode .zoneTopMenu .CMSListMenuUL
{
    background: #BABABA
url(..../App_Themes/CommunitySite/Images/topmenu-bg.gif) repeat-x top center;
}
*/
.CMSListMenuUL
{
    list-style-type: none;
    line-height: 27px;
    font-weight: bold;
    font-size: 13px;
    margin: 0px;
    padding: 0px;
    float: left;
    color: #000000;
}

.CMSListMenuLI, .CMSListMenuHighlightedLI
{
    display: block;
    float: left;
    padding: 0px;
    background: #000000;
}

.CMSListMenuLilast, .CMSListMenuHighlightedLilast
{
    background: none;
    display: block;
    float: left;
    padding: 0px;
}

.CMSListMenuLink, .CMSListMenuLinkHighlighted
{
    color: #cccccc;
    text-decoration: none;
    display: block;
    padding: 0px 15px;
    margin-right: 2px;
}

.CMSListMenuLI a:hover, .CMSListMenuLinkHighlighted, .CMSListMenuHighlightedLI a
{
    color: #FFFFFF;
}

```

```
background: #000000;  
text-decoration: none;  
}
```

4. If you switch to the live site now, you can see that the colors of the main menu have changed as defined in the pasted stylesheet code.

The screenshot shows the live site interface. At the top right, it says "Current user: Global Administrator (administrator) | Edit my profile | Inbox | Sign out". The main header features the text "Community starter site" in a large, white, sans-serif font against a blue background with a city skyline silhouette. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home, Blogs, News, Media, Forums, Groups, Members, Examples, and a Search box. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, a "Welcome to our community" section includes "Sign in >>" and "Join now >>" buttons, followed by a paragraph: "This community site is a virtual meeting point for those who like travelling, adventure, discovering new places, meeting new people and all the things related to it. If you are interested in this sort of things, don't hesitate and". On the right, a "Shortcuts" sidebar lists: My profile, Edit my profile, My messages, My friends, My invitations, Create a new group, Create a new blog, and Sign out. A group of seven diverse people in business attire is shown in the background of the welcome section.

**Further steps:** You have learned how to access, modify and save changes to the site's CSS stylesheet. If you are familiar with CSS in general, it should be no problem for you to fully customize any class of the site's CSS stylesheet and thereby customize the site's design as you wish.

**Part**



## 3 Part 2

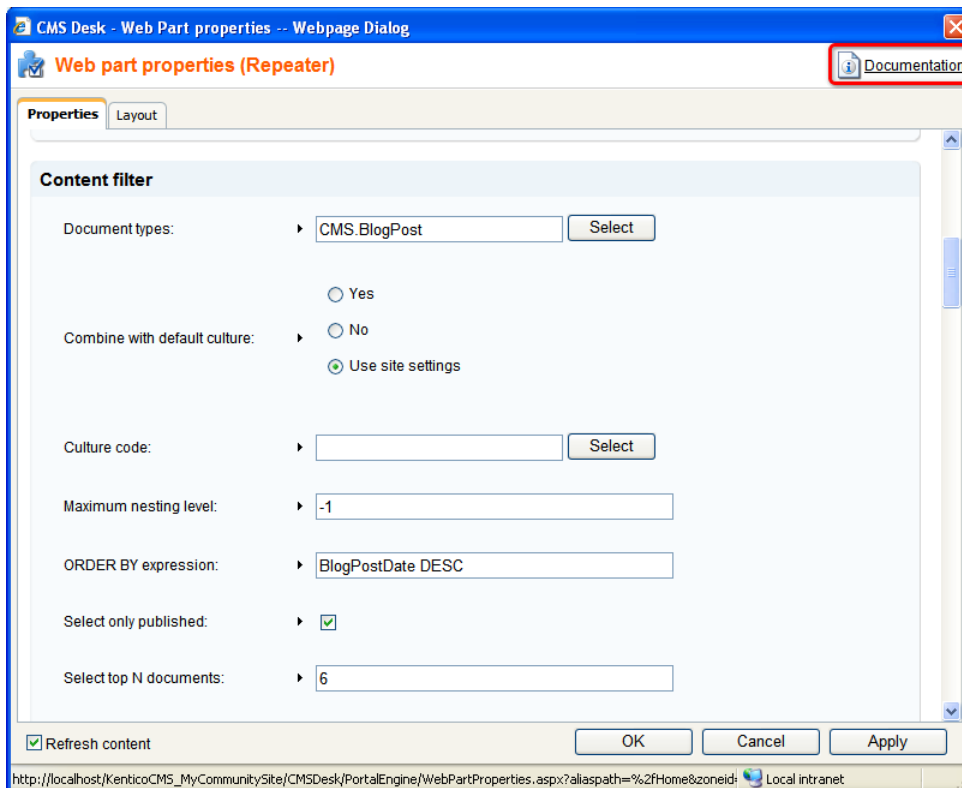
### 3.1 Introduction

In this part of Kentico CMS Community Site Guide, you will learn how to create a community site from scratch. Our goal in the following series of step-by-step tutorials will be to create an identical site to the sample **Community Starter site** from the very beginning, so that you can see all the stages of the web site development process.

You will learn how to define the site structure, populate the pages with web parts and set the web parts' properties to achieve the required functionality. Finally, you will make some settings to specify pages with certain special functionalities.

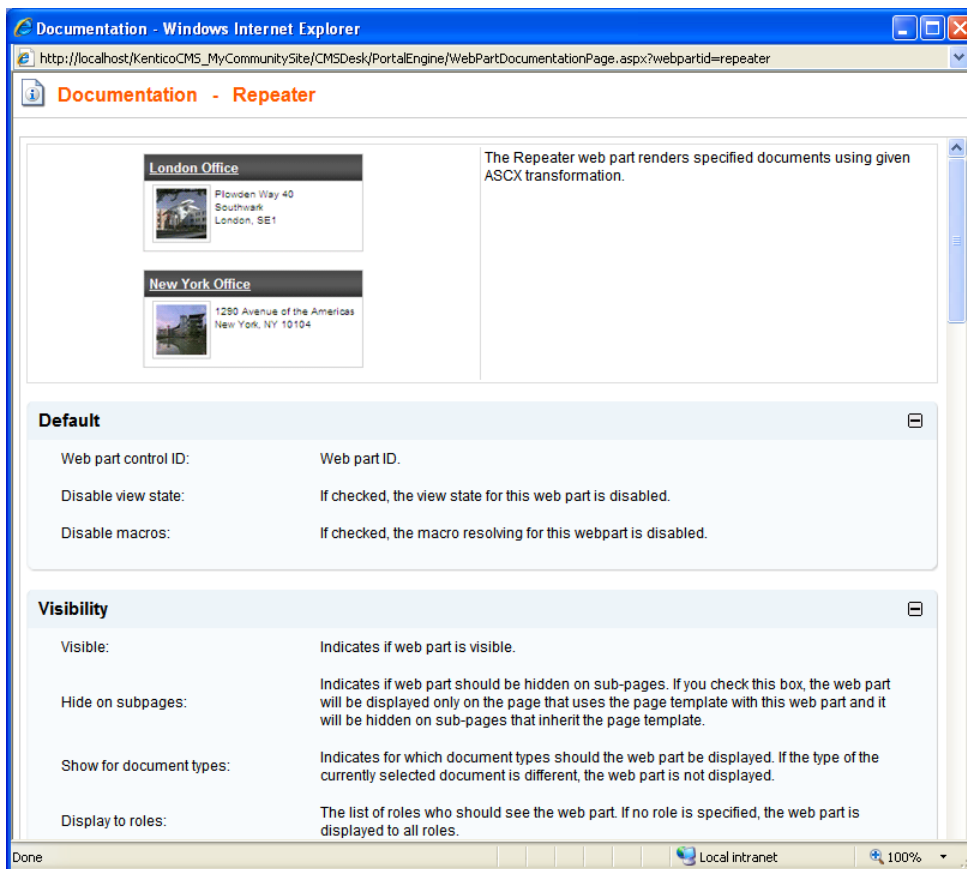
Here are some things to keep on mind when reading the tutorials in order to get the most out of them:

- These tutorials are intended for web developers with at least the basic knowledge of Kentico CMS. If you are new to Kentico CMS, please read at least the portal engine version of [Kentico CMS Tutorial](#) to get familiar with the basics of the system.
- Most of the code examples are self-explaining for people with a certain knowledge of HTML, CSS and transformations, so they are therefore not always commented. It is therefore highly recommended that you have a solid understanding of these languages.
- The most important part of the tutorials are the **web part properties settings**. Because it would take many times as much space to describe all the settings in detail, some of them are just listed without further explanation. The good news is that when you click the **Documentation** link at the top right corner of each web part properties window.





After clicking the link, you get the web part's documentation with all the properties explained.



- Other valuable information can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide](#). References to this reference guide can be found throughout the tutorials. In addition, going through the particular modules' chapters can enrich your knowledge and understanding of the system too. So for example if you don't understand something related to **Groups**, just open the **Module Groups** chapter of the guide and see if you can find the answers.

Wildcard URLs are used throughout the whole web site, mainly in the Groups section and on user profiles. If you are not familiar with the wildcard URLs concept, please read [this chapter](#) of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

- Last but not least, Kentico CMS is well-known for its outstanding **technical support**. So if you get really stuck, don't hesitate and contact our support team at <http://www.kentico.com/Support.aspx>. They are always there to help you.

## 3.2 Pre-development tasks


### 3.2.1 Creating the site

To get us started, we need to create a new web site. This can be achieved using the **New site wizard**. You can access it both when making new installation and when you already have Kentico CMS installed.


- When making a new installation, you can choose **Continue to the New site wizard** in **Step 4** of the

**Database Setup.** After clicking **Next**, you will be redirected to the first step of the wizard.

### Database Setup - Step 4



Choose starter site




**Corporate Site**

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**Corporate Site ASPX**


This is a web template for a general corporate site. It's used as a showcase of Kentico CMS capabilities and it can be used as a starting site that you modify as needed. It uses the ASPX page templates that require a higher level of .NET knowledge than the portal engine.

**Corporate Site ASPX**

This is a web template for a general corporate site. It's used as a showcase of Kentico CMS capabilities and it can be used as a starting site that you modify as needed. It uses the ASPX page templates that require a higher level of .NET knowledge than the portal engine.

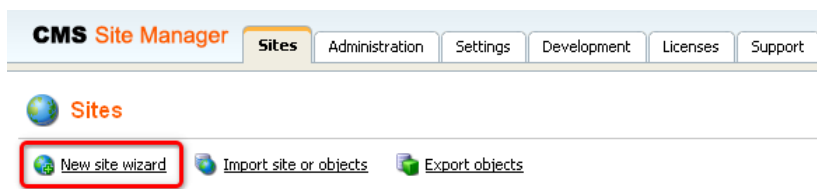
Continue to the New site wizard

Import existing Kentico CMS web site

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Version: 4.0 Build: 4.0.3328

- Alternatively, if you already have Kentico CMS installed, you can access the **New site wizard** by clicking the alike named link in **Site Manager -> Sites**.



1. In the first step of the wizard, choose **Create a new site using a wizard** and click **Next**.



2. In the second step, enter the following details:

- **Site display name:** My Community Site
- **Site code name:** MyCommunitySite
- **Domain name:** localhost
- **Site culture:** English - United States

Click **Next** to proceed.

**Step 2**

**Enter new site settings**

Enter the display name and code name of the web site. The Domain field must contain the domain that you will use to access the web site during development (you may change it when the site goes live). The default culture is the main language of the web site.

Site display name:

Site code name:

Domain name:

Site culture:

3. In Step 3, leave all settings at their default values and click **Next**.

### Step 3

#### Objects selection

Please select objects which should be imported.

- All objects
  - Web site
    - Documents
    - Administration
    - Settings
    - Development
  - Global objects
    - Tools
    - Administration
    - Development

#### Import objects

**Please note:** The import process may overwrite your existing objects. The existing objects are marked with \* and will be overwritten if checked.

Please select the object type from the tree if you wish to change the default selection. Click **Next** to start the import of selected objects.

**Global selection**

[Load default selection](#)
[Select all objects](#)
[Select only new objects](#)
[Deselect all objects](#)

**Import settings**

Assign all objects to the imported site (recommended)  
 Run the site after import  
 Delete incomplete site when import fails  
 Import files (recommended)  
 Do not import objects where parent object is missing

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4. An import log will be displayed. When it finishes, click the **Next** button.

### Step 4

#### Import progress

Objects are being imported.

**Import has successfully finished**

Starting site 'My Community Site'

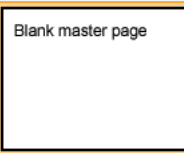


- Importing 'Notification templates' objects
- Importing 'Notification gateways' objects
- Importing 'Reports' objects
- Importing 'Report categories' objects
- Importing additional document properties
- Importing ACL items
- Importing ACLs
- Importing document/ (en-US)
- Importing 'Content categories' objects
- Importing 'Tag groups' objects
- Importing 'Workflows' objects
- Importing 'Scheduled tasks' objects
- Importing 'Role' objects
- Importing 'Web site' objects
- Importing 'Document types' objects
- Importing 'User' objects
- Importing 'Badges' objects
- Importing 'Avatars' objects
- Importing 'System tables' objects
- Importing 'Modules' objects
- Importing 'Form controls' objects
- Importing 'Web part containers' objects
- Importing 'Inline controls' objects
- Importing 'Scheduled tasks' objects
- Importing 'Relationship names' objects

Import in progress

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[Cancel](#)
[Next >](#)

5. In Step 5, you can choose from three default master page layouts. Choose the **Blank master page**, as we will define the layout later on.

**Step 5** | **Select master page**  
The master page defines the layout of the main menu, logo and content placeholders. You can change it at any time later.

	<b>Blank master page</b> Generic default page template.
	<b>Top logo and left menu</b> Master page template with logo on the top and menu on the left side.
	<b>Top logo and menu</b> Master page for the Sample web site.

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6. The sixth step of the wizard allows you to define basic site structure. As we will create the pages when creating the particular sections, you can skip this step by clicking the **Next** button.

**Step 6** | **Define basic site structure**  
Define the site map of your new web site. The pages you create will be displayed in the site menu. Every page must have some template specified or it can inherit page template from the parent page.

New Delete Up Down

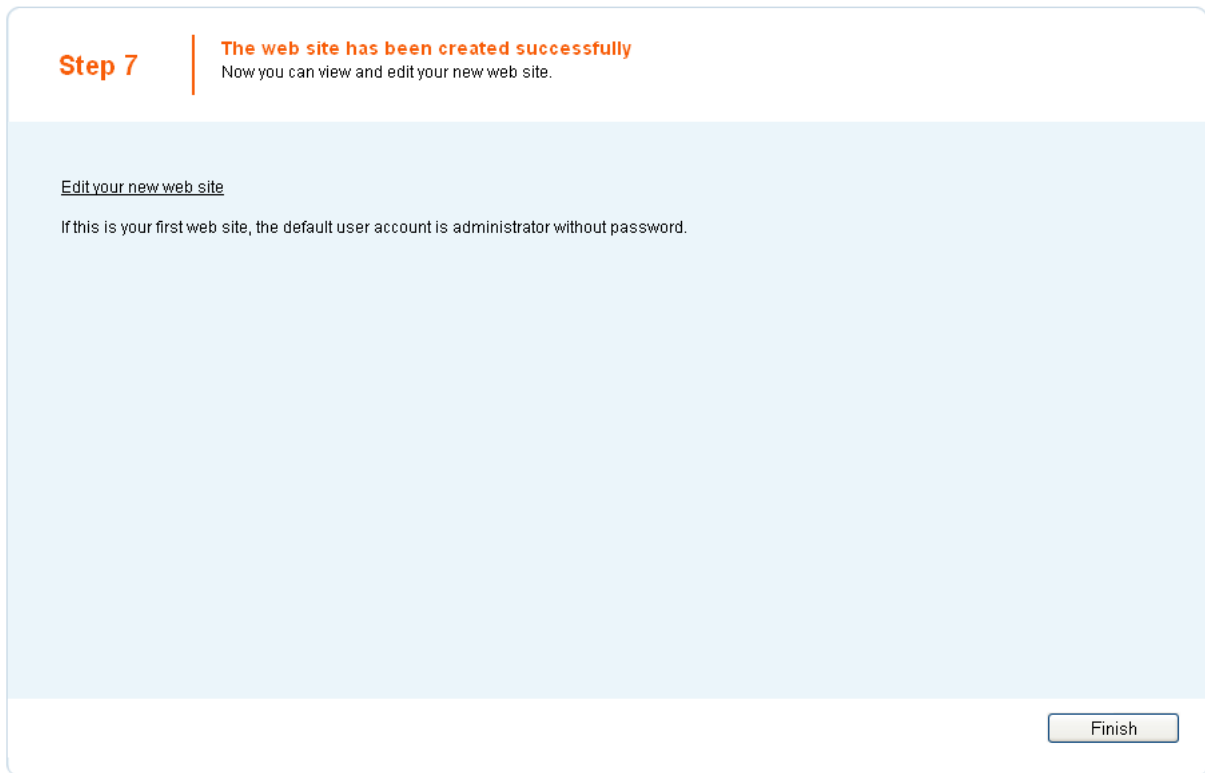
..... My Community Site

**Page properties**

Page name:

Page template:

7. If you have reached the seventh step, you have created the site successfully. Click **Finish** to return to **Site Manager -> Sites**.



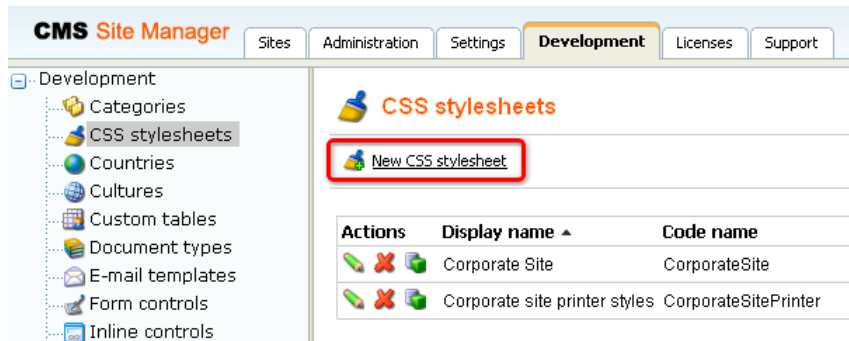
The screenshot shows a confirmation screen for Step 7. The top left corner features the text "Step 7" in orange. To its right, a vertical line separates the text "The web site has been created successfully" in orange from the subtext "Now you can view and edit your new web site." in black. Below this, a light blue background contains the text "Edit your new web site" in blue, which is a hyperlink. Underneath, it states "If this is your first web site, the default user account is administrator without password." In the bottom right corner, there is a button labeled "Finish".



### 3.2.2 Assigning the CSS stylesheet

Once you have the site created, you can create its CSS stylesheet and assign it to the site. For the purposes of this guide, you should use the **CommunitySite.css**, which is the Community Starter site's original CSS stylesheet. The file can be found in the attached files package that can be found at [http://www.kentico.com/Downloads/CommunityGuide/CommunitySiteGuide\\_files.zip](http://www.kentico.com/Downloads/CommunityGuide/CommunitySiteGuide_files.zip).

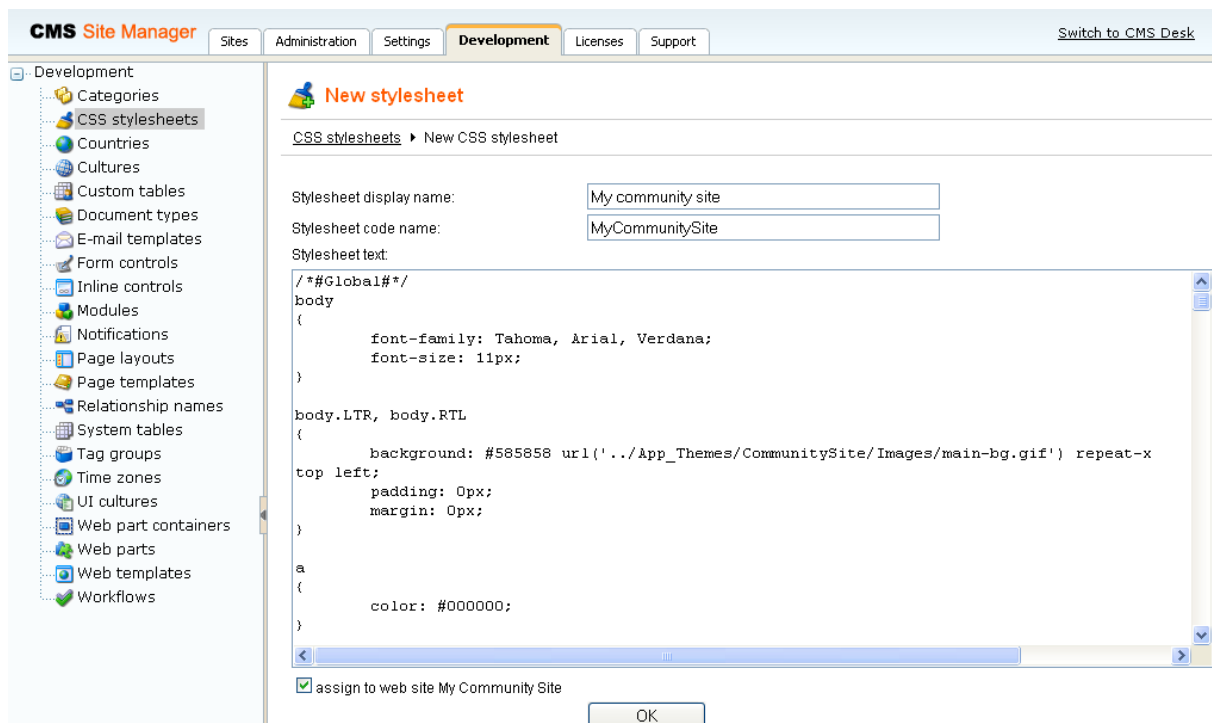
1. Go to **Site Manager -> Development -> CSS Stylesheets** and click the **New CSS stylesheet** link at the top of the page.




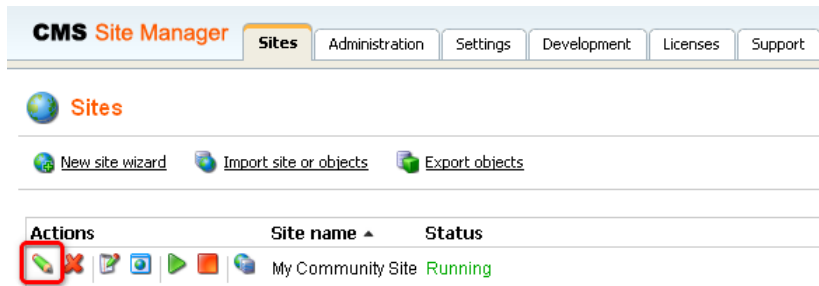
2. Enter the following details:

- **Stylesheet display name:** My community site
- **Stylesheet code name:** MyCommunitySite
- **Stylesheet text:** copy and paste the stylesheet text from the **CommunitySite.css** file

Leave the **Assign to web site My Community Site** check-box checked and click **OK**.










3. Go to **Site Manager -> Sites** and choose to **Edit** (  ) your site.



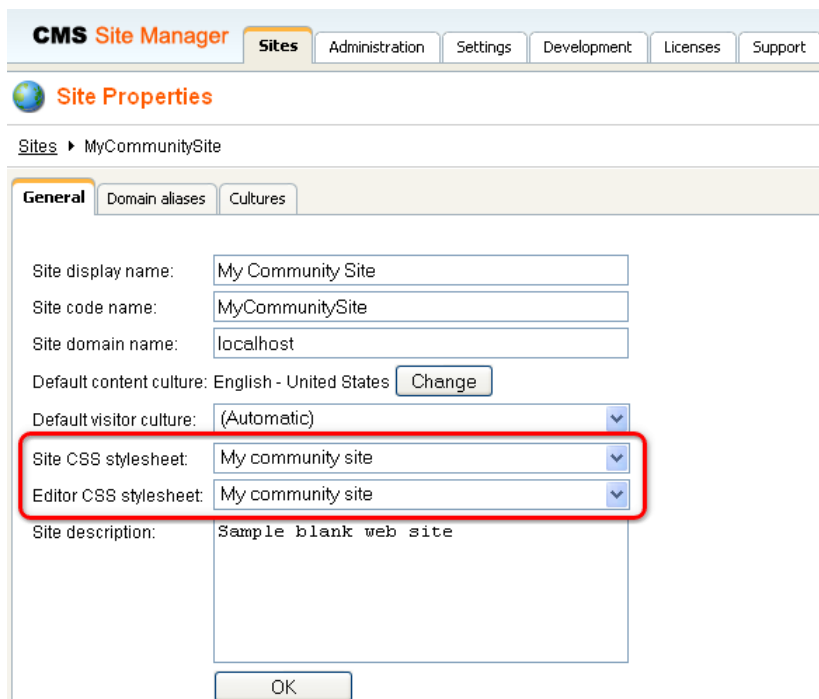
**CMS Site Manager** Sites Administration Settings Development Licenses Support

**Sites**

[New site wizard](#) [Import site or objects](#) [Export objects](#)

Actions	Site name ▲	Status
      	My Community Site	Running

4. On the **General** tab, select the new stylesheet in both **Site CSS stylesheet** and **Editor CSS stylesheet** drop-downs and click **OK**.



**CMS Site Manager** Sites Administration Settings Development Licenses Support

**Site Properties**

Sites ▶ MyCommunitySite

**General** Domain aliases Cultures

Site display name:

Site code name:

Site domain name:

Default content culture: English - United States

Default visitor culture: (Automatic) ▼

Site CSS stylesheet:  ▼

Editor CSS stylesheet:  ▼

Site description:

You have learned how to create a new CSS stylesheet and assign it to your site.

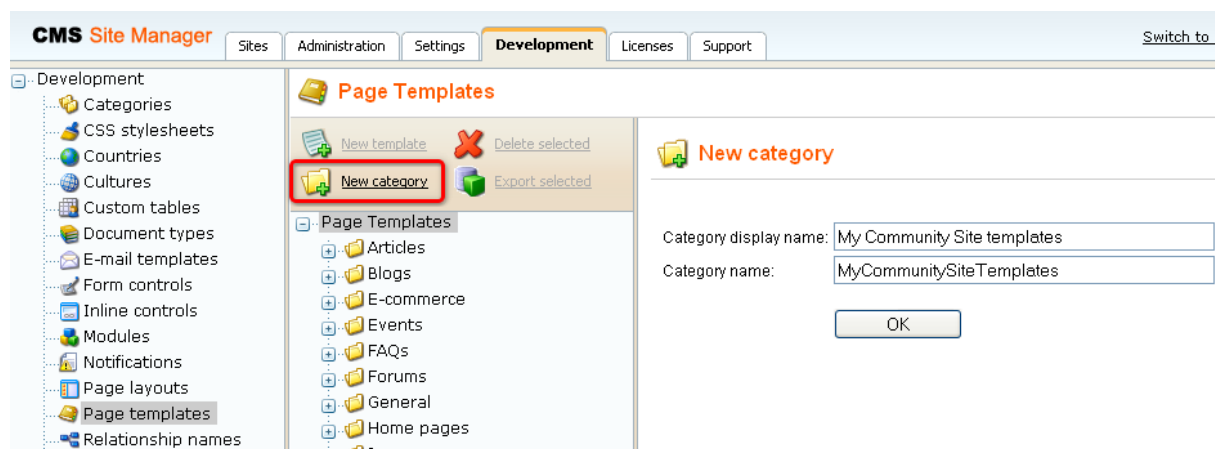
### 3.2.3 Creating page templates category

Throughout the process of the web site creation, you will create various pages. It is a good practice to store the pages as page templates so that they can be reused later on at some other part of the web site, without the need to define the page structure again. For you to keep the page templates organized neatly, it is recommended to create a new page template category where the templates will be stored.

1. Go to **Site Manager -> Development -> Page templates**. Select the root of the template categories tree (Page Templates) and click the **New category** link. Enter the following details:

- **Category display name:** My Community Site templates
- **Category name:** MyCommunitySiteTemplates

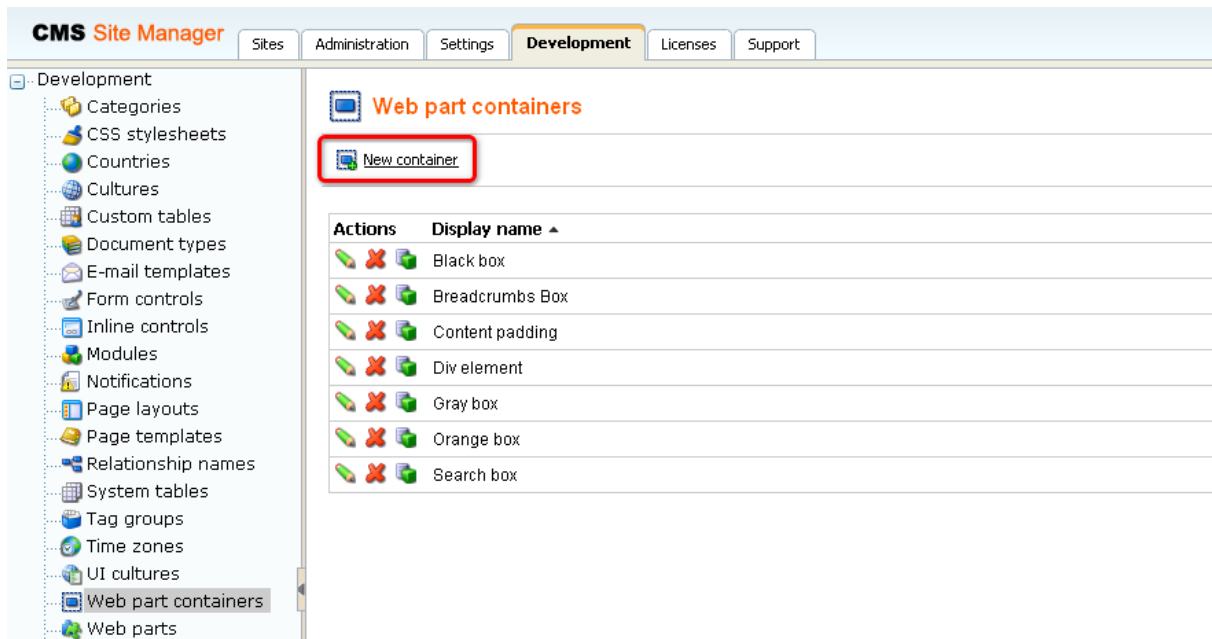
Click **OK**. Your category is now created and you can save all your page templates for this site in it.



### 3.2.4 Defining web part containers

Web part containers are elements of the web site which can encapsulate web parts. They consist of a HTML code before the web part and a after the web part. Throughout the web site, we will use six different web part containers which we will define in the following example.

1. Go to **Site Manager -> Development -> Web part containers** and click the **New container** link above the list.



2. In the **New container** dialog, enter the following details:

- **Display name:** Community Site - Blue Box
- **Code name:** CommunitySite.BlueBox
- **Text before web part:**

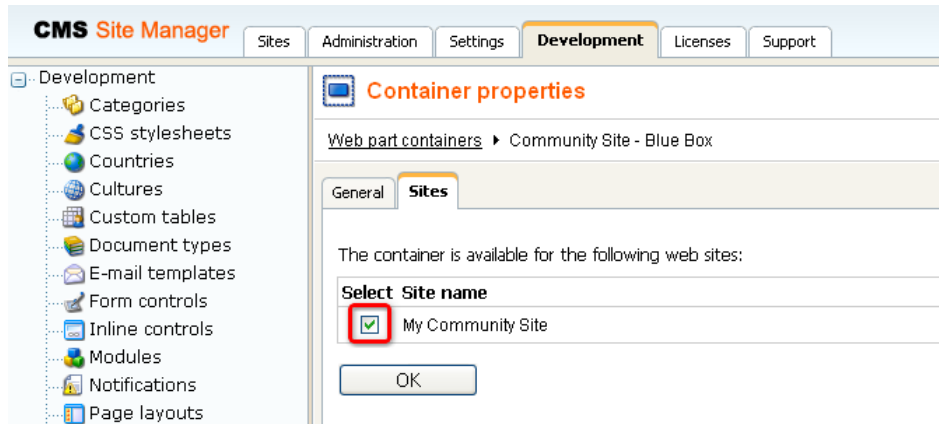
```
<div class="blueBoxTop"></div>
<div class="blueBox">
<h3 class="blueBoxTitle">{%ContainerTitle%}</h3>
```

- **Text after web part:**

```
</div>
<div class="blueBoxBottom"></div>
```

Click **OK**.

3. Switch to the **Sites** tab and enable the web part container for **My Community Site**. Click **OK**.



4. Repeat the same procedure for the following five web part containers:

- **Display name:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Code name:** CommunitySite.BlueBoxLight
- **Text before web part:**

```
<div class="boxBlueLight">
<h3>{%ContainerTitle%}</h3>
```

- **Text after web part:**

```
</div>
```

- **Display name:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Code name:** CommunitySite.GrayBox
- **Text before web part:**

```
<div class="grayBoxTop"></div>
<div class="grayBox">
<h3 class="grayBoxTitle">{%ContainerTitle%}</h3>
```

- **Text after web part:**

```
</div>
<div class="grayBoxBottom"></div>
```

- **Display name:** Community Site - Orange Box
- **Code name:** CommunitySite.OrangeBox
- **Text before web part:**

```
<div class="orangeBoxTop"></div>
<div class="orangeBox">
<h3 class="orangeBoxTitle">{%ContainerTitle%}</h3>
```

- **Text after web part:**

```
</div>
<div class="orangeBoxBottom"></div>
```

- **Display name:** Community Site - Red Box
- **Code name:** CommunitySite.RedBox
- **Text before web part:**

```
<div class="redBoxTop"></div>
<div class="redBox">
<h3 class="redBoxTitle">{%ContainerTitle%}</h3>
```

- **Text after web part:**

```
</div>
<div class="redBoxBottom"></div>
```

- **Display name:** Community Site - Red Box Light
- **Code name:** CommunitySite.RedBoxLight
- **Text before web part:**

```
<div class="boxRedLight">
<h3>{%ContainerTitle%}</h3>
```

- **Text after web part:**

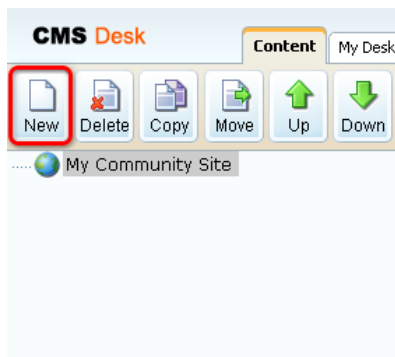
```
</div>
```

You have created six new web part containers. These containers can now be used to encapsulate any web part on the site, using the **Web part container** property. This property is common to all web parts.

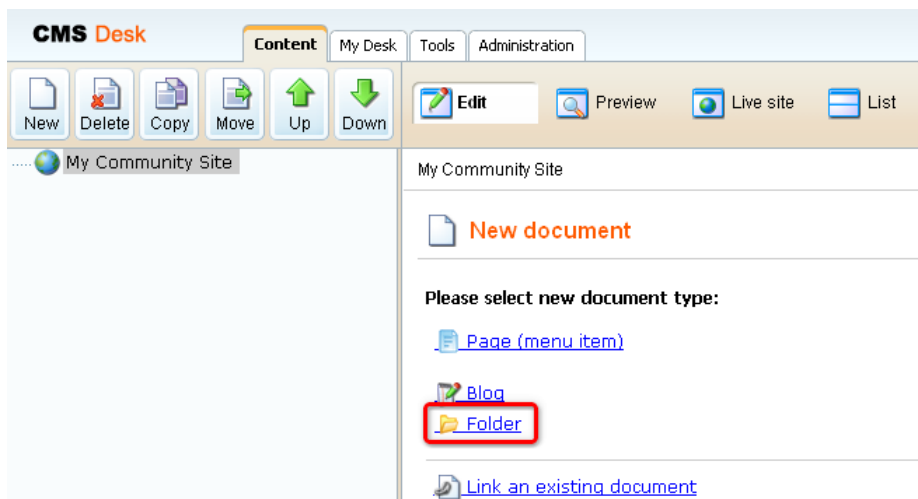
### 3.2.5 Uploading images

We will upload some images that we will use later on. You can find the images in the **images** folder inside the files package attached to this guide, which can be downloaded at [http://www.kentico.com/Downloads/CommunityGuide/CommunitySiteGuide\\_files.zip](http://www.kentico.com/Downloads/CommunityGuide/CommunitySiteGuide_files.zip). Please extract the images from the archive into a separate folder on your local disk before you start with the following steps.

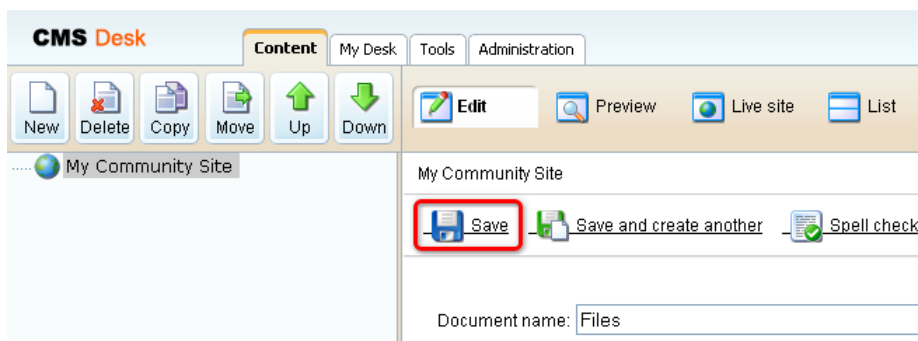
1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**.



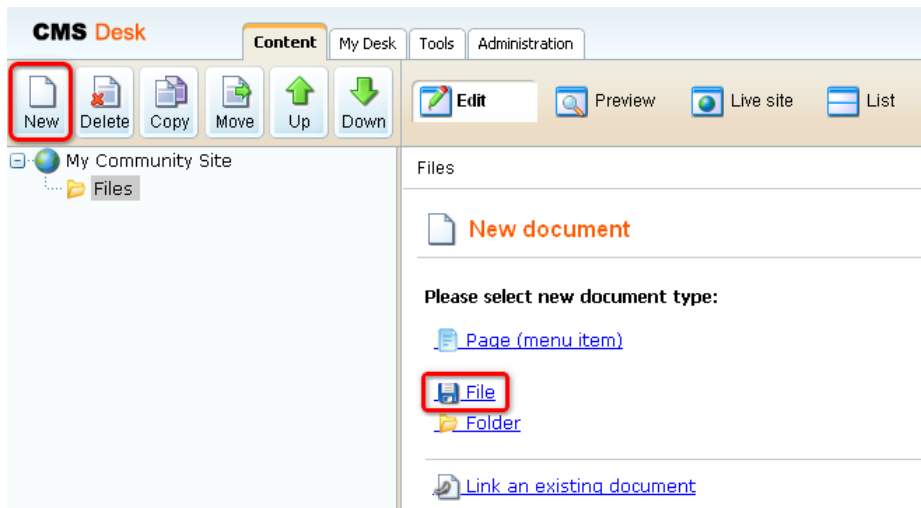
2. As the document type, choose **Folder**.



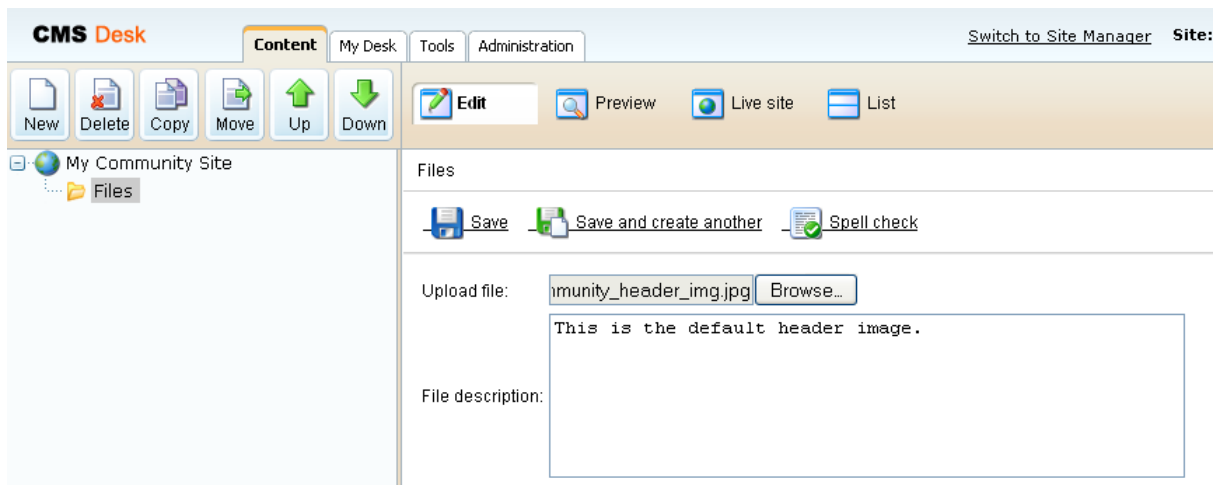
3. Enter **Files** as the **Document name** and click **Save**.



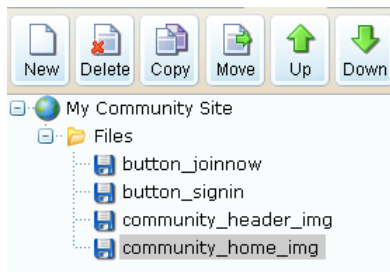
4. Now you have the folder ready in the content tree. Select it and click **New**. Choose the **File** document type.



5. Browse into the folder with the images, choose one of them, enter some text describing of the image and click **Save**.



6. Repeat the same procedure for the rest of the images in the folder. The result should look as in the following screenshot.

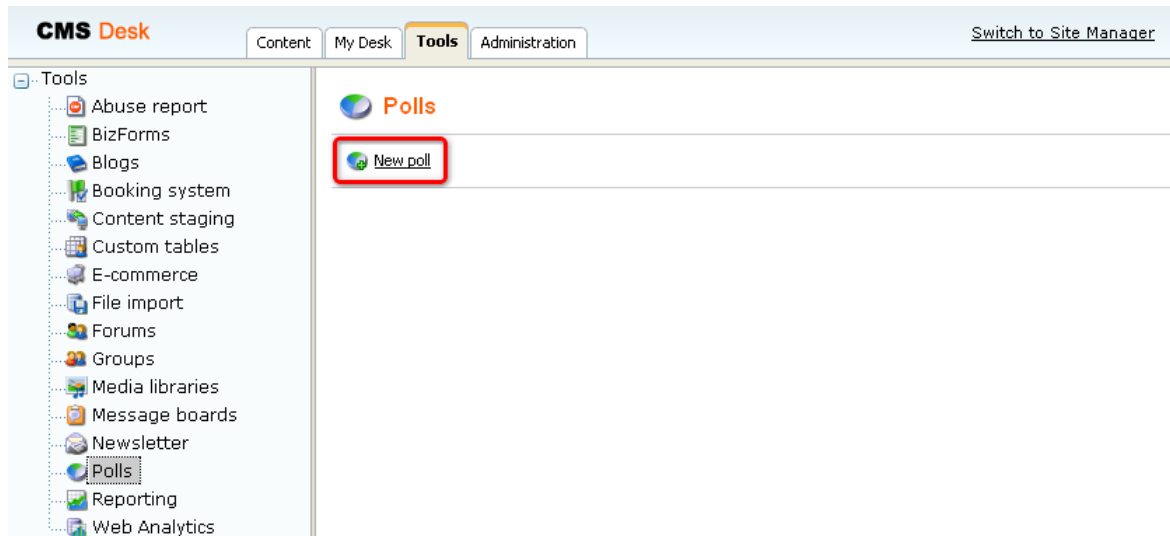




### 3.2.6 Creating a sample poll

In this example, you will learn how to create a sample poll that you will publish on the **Home** page [later on](#). More information about Kentico CMS Polls module can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Polls](#).

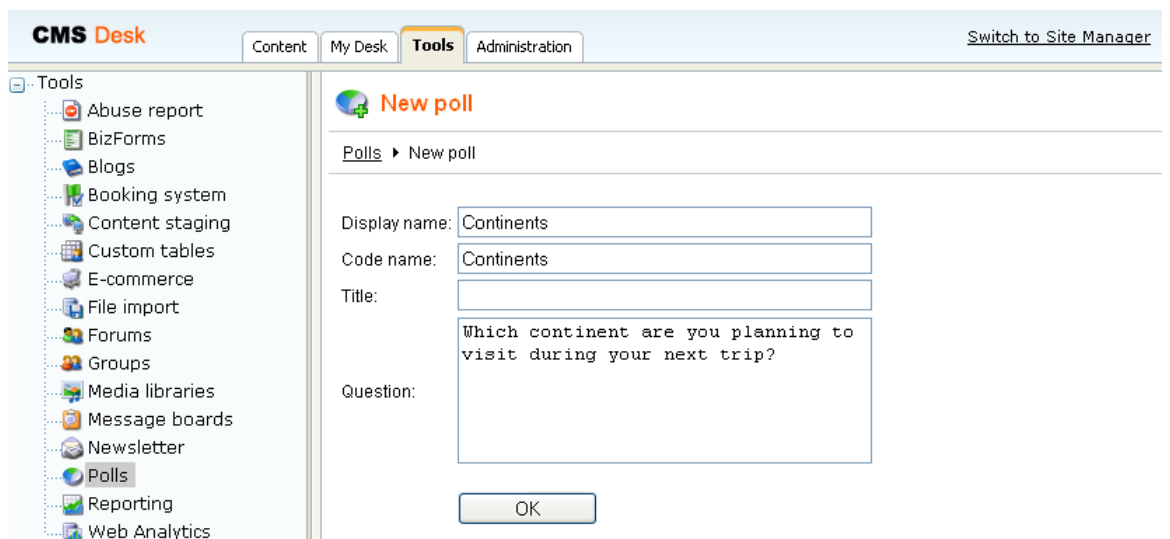
1. Go to **CMS Desk -> Tools -> Polls** and click the **New poll** link.



2. Enter the following details:

- **Display name:** Continents
- **Code name:** Continents
- **Title:** leave blank
- **Question:** Which continent are you planning to visit during your next trip?

Click **OK**.



3. The poll appears in the **Edit** mode, offering you five tabs where settings can be done. On the **General** tab, enter the following:

- **Message after vote:** Thank you for your vote.

Click **OK**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface with the 'Tools' tab selected. The left sidebar lists various tools, including 'Polls'. The main area displays the 'Poll properties' dialog box for a poll titled 'Continents'. The 'General' tab is active, and the 'Message after vote' field contains the text 'Thank you for your vote.'.

**CMS Desk** | Content | My Desk | **Tools** | Administration | [Switch to Site Manager](#)

**Tools**

- Abuse report
- BizForms
- Blogs
- Booking system
- Content staging
- Custom tables
- E-commerce
- File import
- Forums
- Groups
- Media libraries
- Message boards
- Newsletter
- Polls**
- Reporting
- Web Analytics

**Poll properties**

Polls > Continents

**General** | Answers | Security | Sites | View

Display name:

Code name:

Title:

Question:

Open from:  **Now**

Open to:  **Now**

Message after vote:

Allow multiple choices:

**OK**

4. Switch to the **Answers** tab and click the **New answer** link.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface with the 'Tools' tab selected. The left sidebar lists various tools, including 'Polls'. The main area displays the 'Poll properties' dialog box for a poll titled 'Continents'. The 'Answers' tab is active, and the 'New answer' link is highlighted.

**CMS Desk** | Content | My Desk | **Tools** | Administration | [Switch to Site Manager](#)

**Tools**

- Abuse report
- BizForms
- Blogs
- Booking system
- Content staging
- Custom tables
- E-commerce
- File import
- Forums
- Groups
- Media libraries
- Message boards
- Newsletter
- Polls**
- Reporting
- Web Analytics

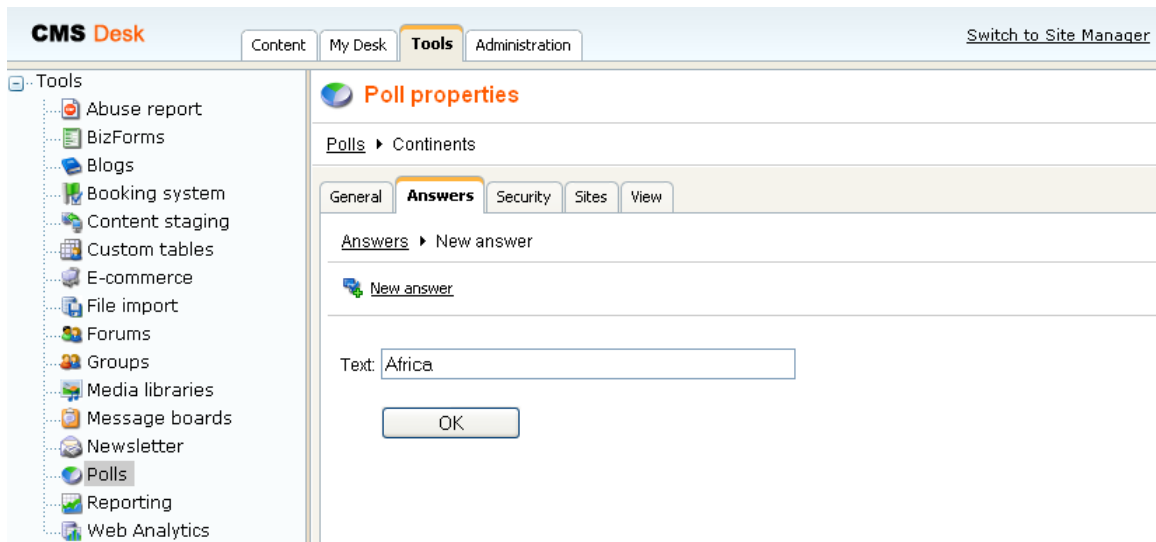
**Poll properties**

Polls > Continents

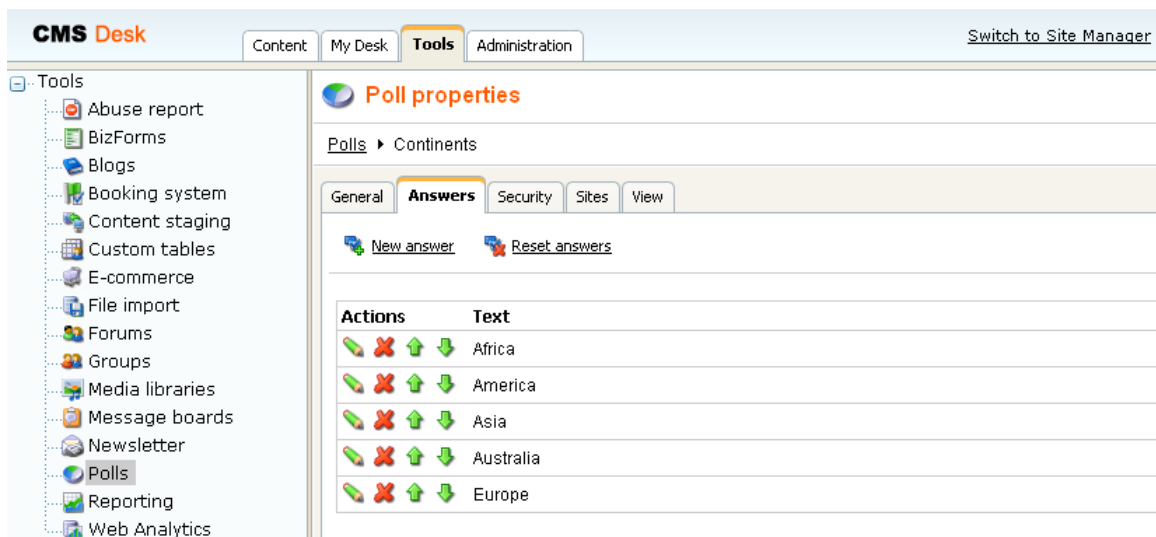
General | **Answers** | Security | Sites | View

**New answer** | [Reset answers](#)

5. Enter *Africa* into the **Text** field and click **OK**.



6. Repeat the procedure so that you have all five continents entered as answers.

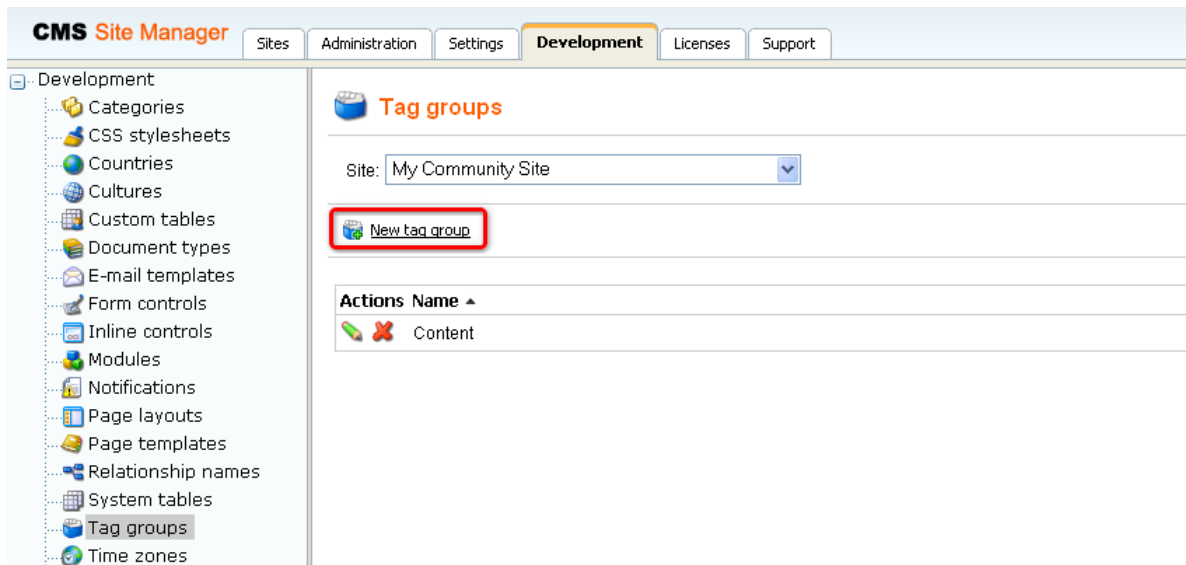


### 3.2.7 Creating the tag groups

Kentico CMS Tags module enables assigning documents with key words for better content-related navigation and search. These key words are called **tags** and they are organized in **tag groups**. There is one tag group called **Content** in the default installation. We will create two additional tag groups called **Blogs** and **News**, so that blog posts and news can be tagged with tags from separate groups.

More information about the Tags module can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Tags](#).

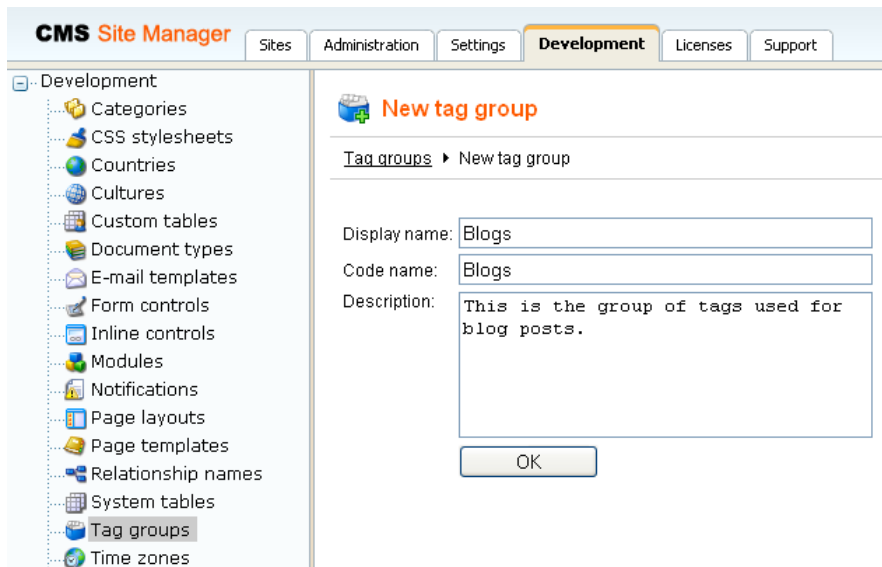
1. Go to **Site Manager -> Development -> Tag groups** and click the **New tag group**  link at the top of the page.



2. Enter the following details into the form:

- **Display name:** Blogs
- **Code name:** Blogs
- **Description:** This is the group of tags used for blog posts.

Click **OK**.



3. Repeat the same procedure and create a tag group with the following details:

- **Display name:** News
- **Code name:** News
- **Description:** This group contains tags used for news items.

Click **OK**.

4. If you go back to the list of tag groups, you should see the **Blogs**, **Content** and **News** tag groups.


The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Sites, Administration, Settings, Development (selected), Licenses, and Support. On the left, a sidebar lists various development tools, with 'Tag groups' selected. The main content area is titled 'Tag groups' and features a dropdown menu for 'Site' set to 'My Community Site'. Below this is a 'New tag group' button. A table lists existing tag groups with their names and associated actions (edit and delete icons).

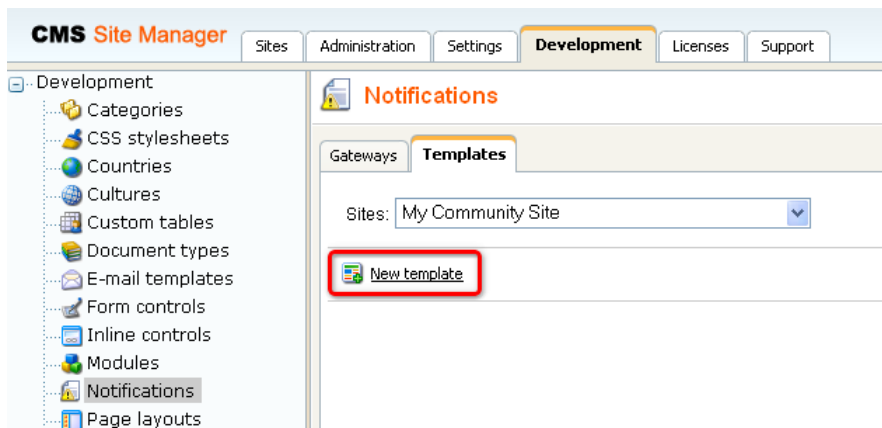
Actions	Name
	Blogs
	Content
	News

### 3.2.8 Creating the News notification template

There will be the **News** page on the site, where news will be added by content editors or site administrators. On the page, users will have the possibility to sign up for receiving notifications about new news items published on the site. You can find a tutorial on creating the page [here](#).

In this chapter, we will create a notification template. Notification e-mails will be based on this template. More information about Kentico CMS Notifications module can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Notifications](#).

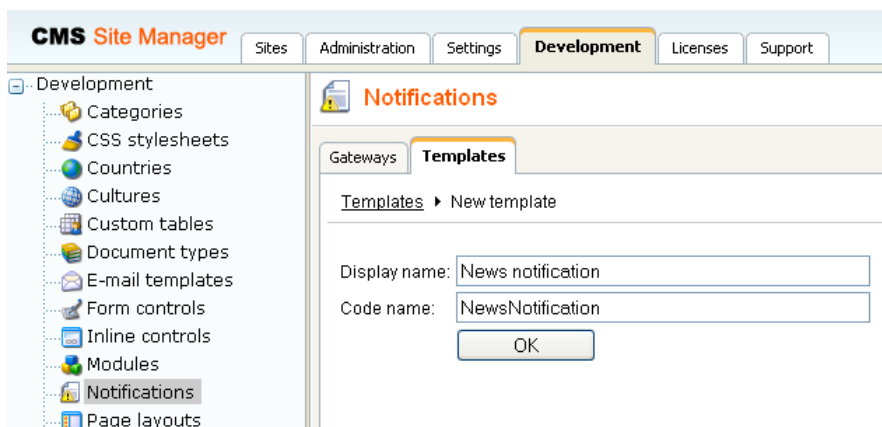
1. Go to **Site Manager -> Notifications** and switch to the **Templates** tab.
2. From the **Sites** drop-down list, select **My Community Site** and click the **New template**  icon.



3. In the next dialog, enter the following details:

- **Display name:** News notification
- **Code name:** NewsNotification

Click **OK**.



4. Switch to the **Text** tab and define the template's text the following way:

- **Subject:** Community Site News

Enter the following template text into both **HTML text** and **Plain text** fields:

```
Hello,

news item {%notificationcustomdata.newstitle%} has been just published on the
Community site. You can see it at {%documentlink%}.

You are subscribed for receiving this automatic e-mail notification. If you no
longer wish to receive these notifications, please change your preferences in
your user profile at the Community Site.
```

Click **Save**. The template is ready to be used.

The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation tree with 'Notifications' selected. The main content area is titled 'Notifications' and has tabs for 'Gateways' and 'Templates'. Under 'Templates', there is a sub-tab for 'News notification'. The 'Text' tab is active, and a 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box. Below the 'Save' button, there is a link 'Click here for template macro examples'. The 'Gateway' is set to 'Email gateway'. The 'Subject' field contains 'Community Site News'. The 'HTML text' field contains the following text:

```
Hello,
news item {%notificationcustomdata.newstitle%} has been just published on the
Community site. You can see it at {%documentlink%}.

You are subscribed for receiving this automatic e-mail notification. If you no
longer wish to receive these notifications, please change your preferences in
your user profile at the Community Site.
```

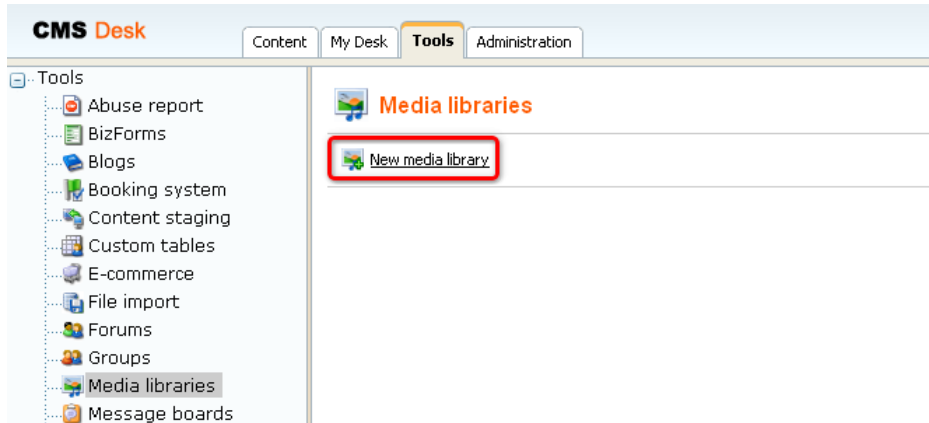
The 'Plain text' field contains the same text as the 'HTML text' field.

### 3.2.9 Creating a sample Media library

In the following example, we will create a sample media library. This media library will be global, which means that all site users and visitors will be able to see its content on the **Media** page. We will create the Media page later on in this guide in [this chapter](#).

Detailed information about the **Media libraries module** can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Media libraries](#).

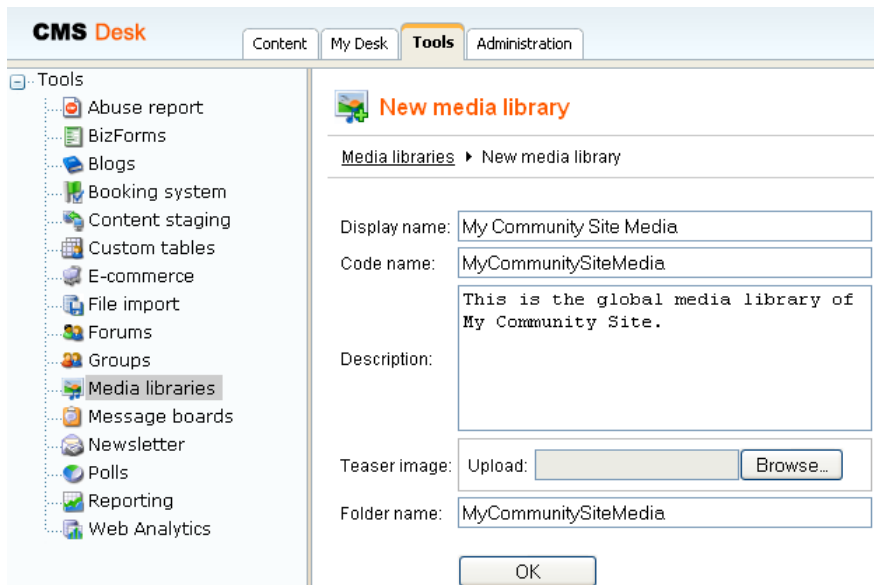
1. Go to **CMS Desk -> Tools -> Media libraries** and click the **New media library** link.



2. In the following dialog, enter the details listed below:

- **Display name:** My Community Site Media
- **Code name:** MyCommunitySiteMedia
- **Description:** enter some text describing the media library
- **Teaser image:** you can leave the field blank
- **Folder name:** MyCommunitySiteMedia

Click **OK**.



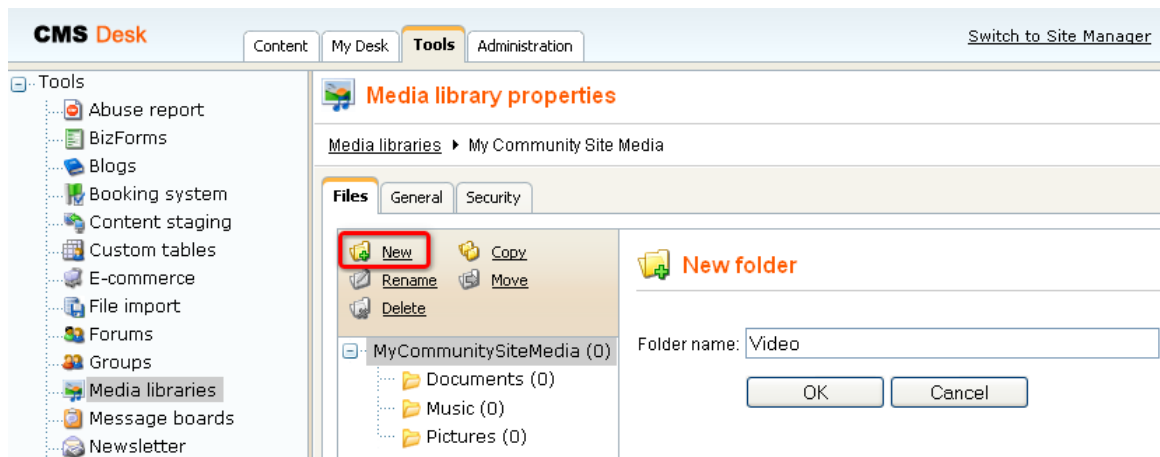


3. The media library has been created and you are redirected to the library's editing interface. We will define the folder structure first.

Click the **New** icon while the root of the library is selected. Enter the name of the new folder into the **Folder name** field and click **OK**.

Repeat the procedure so that you have the following four folders in the root of your library:

- Documents
- Music
- Pictures
- Video



4. Now that we have the folders ready, we can start uploading some files. We will use files from the **media\_library\_files** folder inside the files package attached to this guide. The package can be found at [http://www.kentico.com/Downloads/CommunityGuide/CommunitySiteGuide\\_files.zip](http://www.kentico.com/Downloads/CommunityGuide/CommunitySiteGuide_files.zip). Inside the folder, you will find four sub-folders with the same names that you defined in the previous step. Each of the folders contains several files. For the purposes of this example, you don't need to upload them all. Uploading at least one file into each folder will do the job.

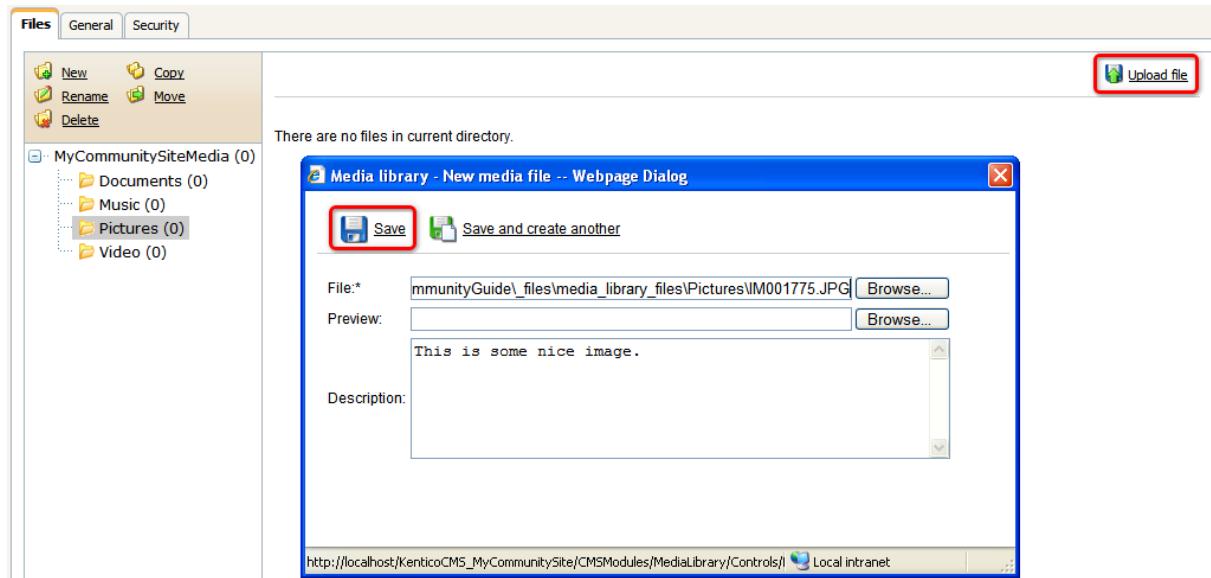
There are several ways how you can achieve this. You can find a detailed description of how files can be uploaded into the media libraries in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Media libraries -> Uploading files into media libraries](#).

Here, we will describe how you can upload files via the administration interface:

Select the target folder from the tree on the left and click the **Upload file** (📁) icon at the top right corner of the page. In the pop-up dialog, enter the following details:

- **File:** enter or browse for the path to the uploaded file
- **Preview:** enter or browse for the path to the file's preview; the preview image will be displayed in the list of files on the Media page; for image files, you don't need to enter anything as the image itself will be used as the preview
- **Description:** enter some text describing the uploaded file

Click **Save**.



Repeat the same procedure so that you have at least one file in each of the folders. Once finished, the library is ready to be published on the site.

### 3.3 Creating the Master page

As we have the site created and the pre-development tasks carried out, we can start defining the master page. The master page is represented by the root of the content tree. It is the page from which all other pages inherit the default content, such as the main menu, header image, etc. Like this, you can avoid laborious adding and setting of these elements at all pages. Instead, you only use them on the master page and all other pages will inherit it.

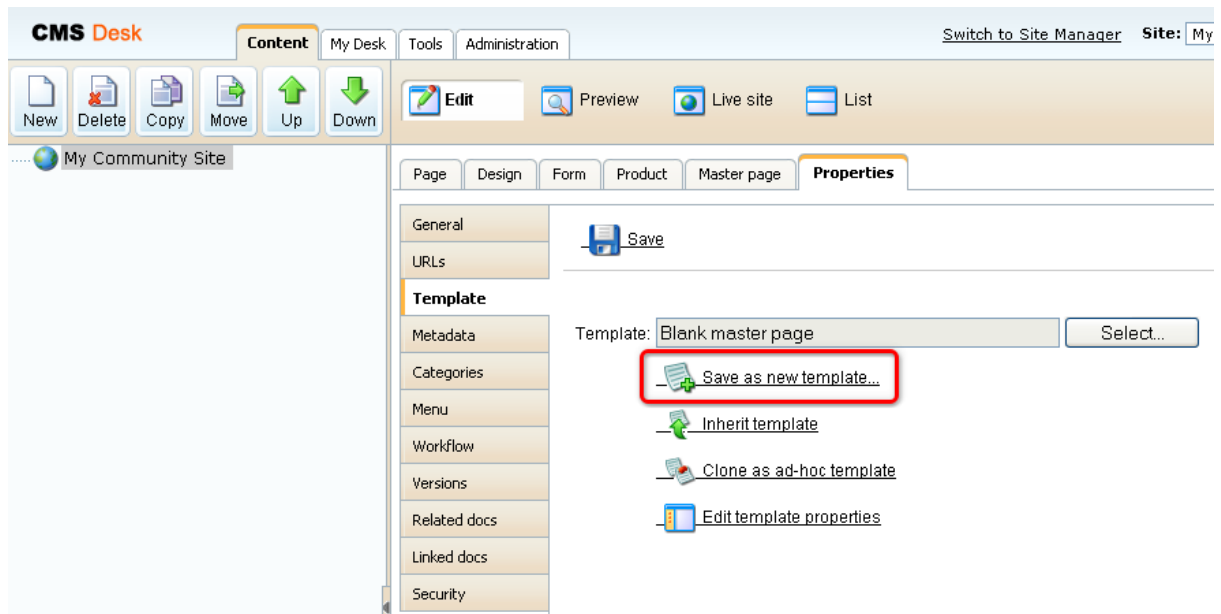
In **Step 5** of the [New site wizard](#), we chose to use the **Blank master page** page template. This is the most simple master page with two web part zones. As we want the master page to be a bit more complex, we will have to modify its layout.

Further information on master pages can be found in chapters [The master page concept](#) and [Editing the master page](#) of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

1. The master page uses the **Blank master page** page template. If you made any changes to the page now, the changes would be reflected on the page template too so that the original page template definition would be overwritten and could not be reused anymore.

To prevent this, you need to save the page as a new page template. We will stick to this practice throughout the whole guide.

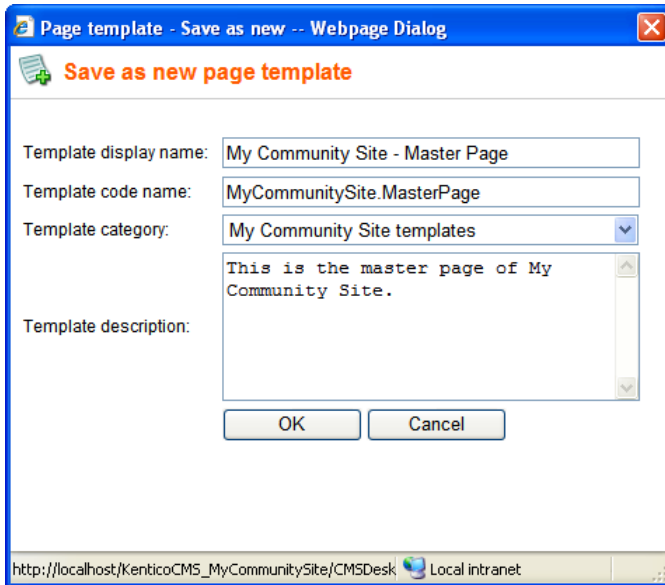
Go to **CMS Desk -> Edit**, select the master page from the content tree and switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab. Click the **Save as new template** link.



2. In the pop-up window, enter the following details:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Master Page
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.MasterPage
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the template

Click **OK**.



3. Now we can start making modifications to the page. First, we will re-define the page layout so that we get more web part zones on the page. Switch to the **Master page** tab and replace the original layout in the main text area (within the `<body>` tags) with the following piece of code.

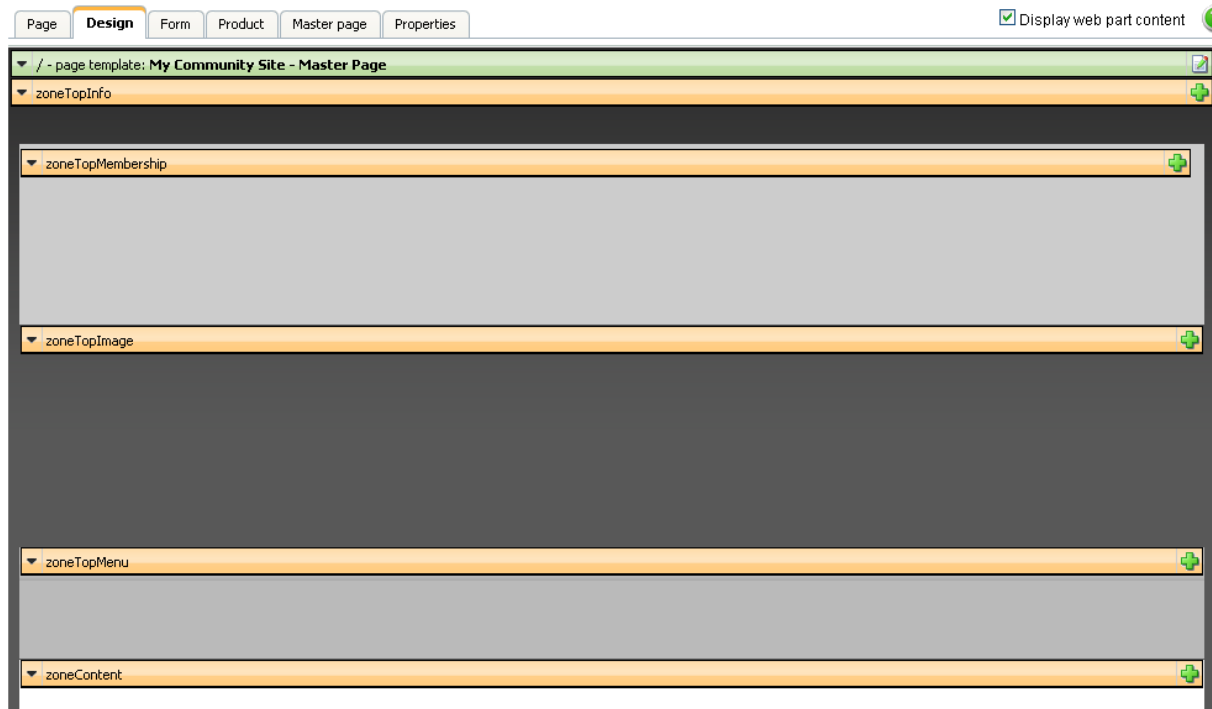
Click **Save** to save the changes.

```

<!-- Top info -->
<div class="zoneTopInfo">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneTopInfo" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="mainDiv">
<div class="zoneTopMembership">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneTopMembership" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="zoneTop">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneTopImage" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="zoneTopMenu">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneTopMenu" runat="server" />
    <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
<div class="zoneMain">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneContent" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="zoneBottom">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneBottom" runat="server" />
</div>
</div>

```

4. If you switch to the **Design** tab now, you should see that the master page has been populated with several web part zones. The layout is now ready and we can start populating the page with web parts.



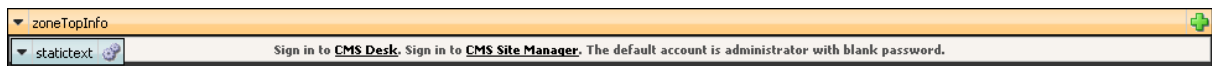
5. Let's start from the top where the logon bar with links to CMS Desk and Site Manager is located.

Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of **zoneTopInfo**. In the pop-up window, choose the **Text -> Static text** web part and click **OK**.

In the web part properties window, you only need to set the value of the **Text** property. Use the following code for the value:

```
<div style="border: 1px solid #cecfce;background:#f7f3ef;color:#555555;font-weight:bold;padding:3px;font-size:10px;text-align:center">
Sign in to <a href="~/CMSPages/logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=~/cmsdesk/default.aspx&username=administrator">CMS Desk</a>. Sign in to <a href="~/CMSPages/logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=~/cmssitemanager/default.aspx&username=administrator">CMS Site Manager</a>. The default account is administrator with blank password.
</div>
```

Leave the rest of the properties at their default values and click **OK**. You should see the logon bar appear in the web part zone.



6. Let's move on to **zoneTopMemebership**. This web part zone will contain the sign in/out link, link to the current user's private messaging inbox, link to the current user's profile editing page and information about the current user with link to her public profile.

Click the **Add web part** (+) icon, choose the **Membership -> Sign out button** web part and click **OK**. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values:

- **Show as link:** enabled
- **Button text for sign out:** Sign out
- **Show only when authenticated:** disabled
- **Sign in page path:** /Logon
- **Return page path:** /Home
- **Content before:** <div class="signOut">
- **Content after:** </div>

Click **OK**.

Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Messaging -> Messaging info panel** web part and click **OK**. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values:

- **Display to roles:** \_authenticated\_
- **Inbox link URL:** ~/Members/{%UserName|(encode)true%}/Messages.aspx
- **Show outbox:** disabled
- **Show new message:** disabled
- **Content before:** <div class="messagesPanel">
- **Content after:** " |&nbsp;</div>" (do not enter the parentheses, these are here to indicate that the string begins with a blank space)

Click **OK**.

Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, this time, choose the **Text -> Static HTML** web part and click **OK**. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at their default values:

- **Display to roles:** \_authenticated\_
- **Content before:** <div class="myAccountInfo">
- **Content after:** " |&nbsp;</div>" (do not enter the parentheses, these are here to indicate that the string begins with a blank space)
- **Text:** place the cursor into the text area, click the **Source** (≡) icon at the WYSIWYG editor and replace the original HTML code with the following code:

```
<a title="My profile" href="/KenticoCMS_40/Members/{%CurrentUser.UserName|(encode)true%}/Management.aspx">Edit my profile</a>
```

Click **OK**.

Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again and finally choose the **Membership -> Current user** web part. Click **OK**. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at their default values:

- **Authenticated URL link:** ~/Members/{%CurrentUser.UserName|(encode)true%}.aspx
- **User text CSS class:** userName
- **Content before:** <div class="currentUser">
- **Content after:** " |&nbsp;</div>" (do not enter the parentheses, these are here to indicate that the string begins with a blank space)

Click **OK**.

7. Next on is the **zoneTopImage** web part zone, where the header image should be placed. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of this web part zone and choose the **Text -> Editable image** web part. Set its following properties, the rest can be left at their default values:

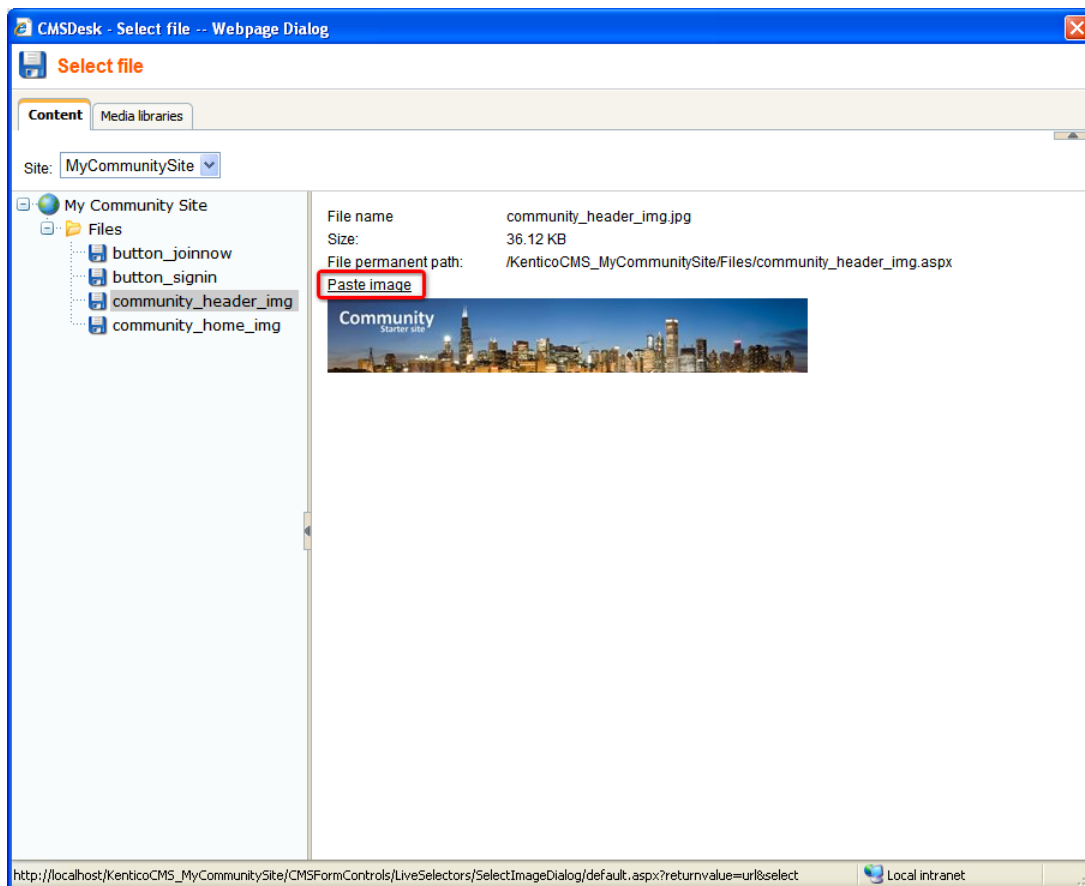
- **Image width:** 960
- **Image height:** 148
- **Alternate text:** Community Site

Click **OK**.

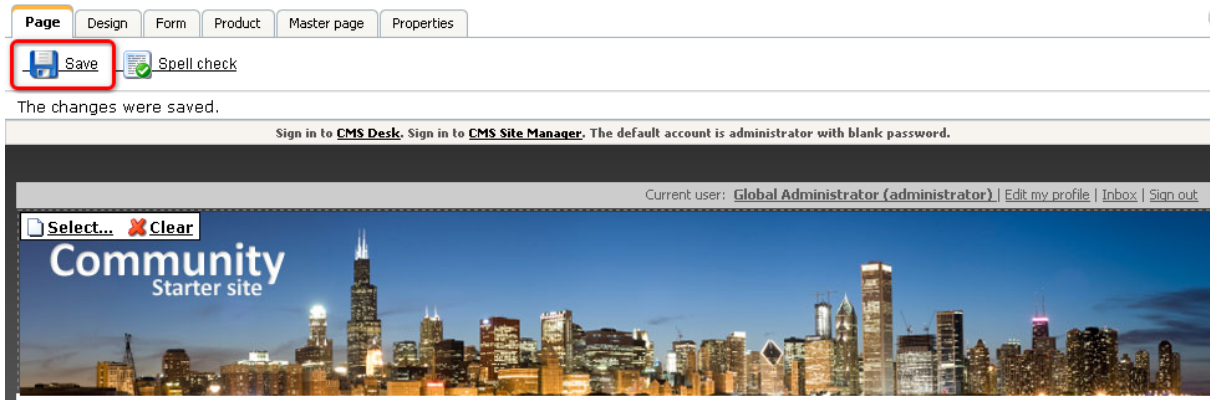
Now switch to the **Page** tab. The added web part is represented here only by the two link buttons as in the screenshot below. Click the **Select** button of the added web part.



7. In the pop-up window, select the previously uploaded **community\_header\_img.jpg** and click the **Paste image** link.



8. The header image is now at its place. Click **Save** to save the master page.



9. Now we need to populate the **zoneTopMenu** web part zone where the search box and the main menu will reside. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of this web part zone and choose the **Full-text search -> Search box** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, the rest can be left at their default values:

- **Disable view state:** enabled
- **Search button text:** Search
- **Search button CSS class:** buttonSearch
- **Search textbox CSS class:** inputSearch
- **Search results page URL:** ~/Search.aspx
- **Show search label:** disabled

Click **OK**.

10. Let's add the main menu now. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneTopMenu** web part zone again and choose the **Navigation -> CSS list menu** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, the rest can be left at their default values:

- **Path:** /%
- **Document types:** CMS.MenuItem;CMS.Blog
- **Maximum nesting level:** 1
- **Render CSS classes:** enabled
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled

11. The **zoneContent** web part zone is where content of all the pages will be loaded. To achieve this behavior, you need to place the **Page placeholder** web part into the web part zone. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon and choose the **General -> Page placeholder** web part. You can leave all its properties at their default values and click **OK**.



12. Finally, we will add the **Kentico logo** into the **zoneBottom** web part zone. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon and choose the **General -> Powered by Kentico** web part. Replace the value of the Text property with the following code:

```
<a href="http://www.kentico.com" title="Kentico CMS for ASP.NET - the WEB 2.0 Content Management System for .NET developers"></a>
```

Click **OK**.

13. And that's us finished with the master page. If you switch to the **Live site** mode now, you should see the page appear as in the screenshot below. The main menu is not visible yet as there are no pages defined. The rest of the page is already at its required appearance. Content of all site's pages will be loaded into the main white zone where the **Page placeholder** web part resides.

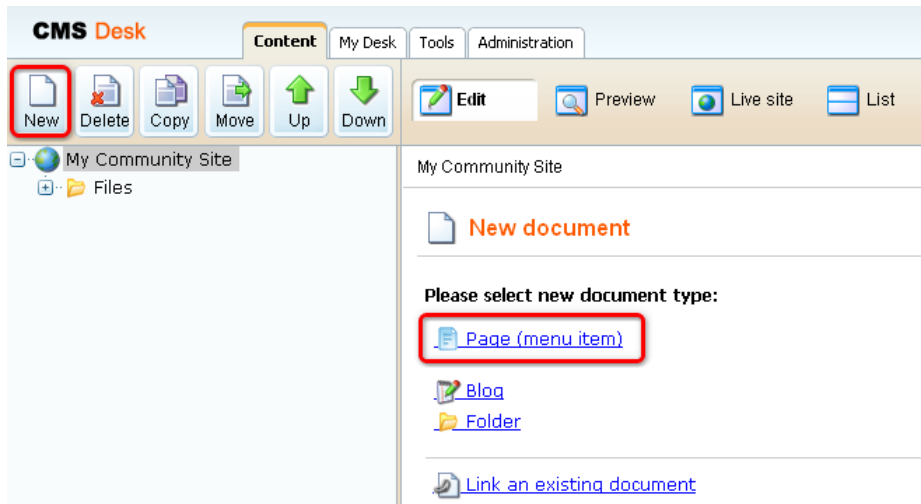


### 3.4 Creating the Search page

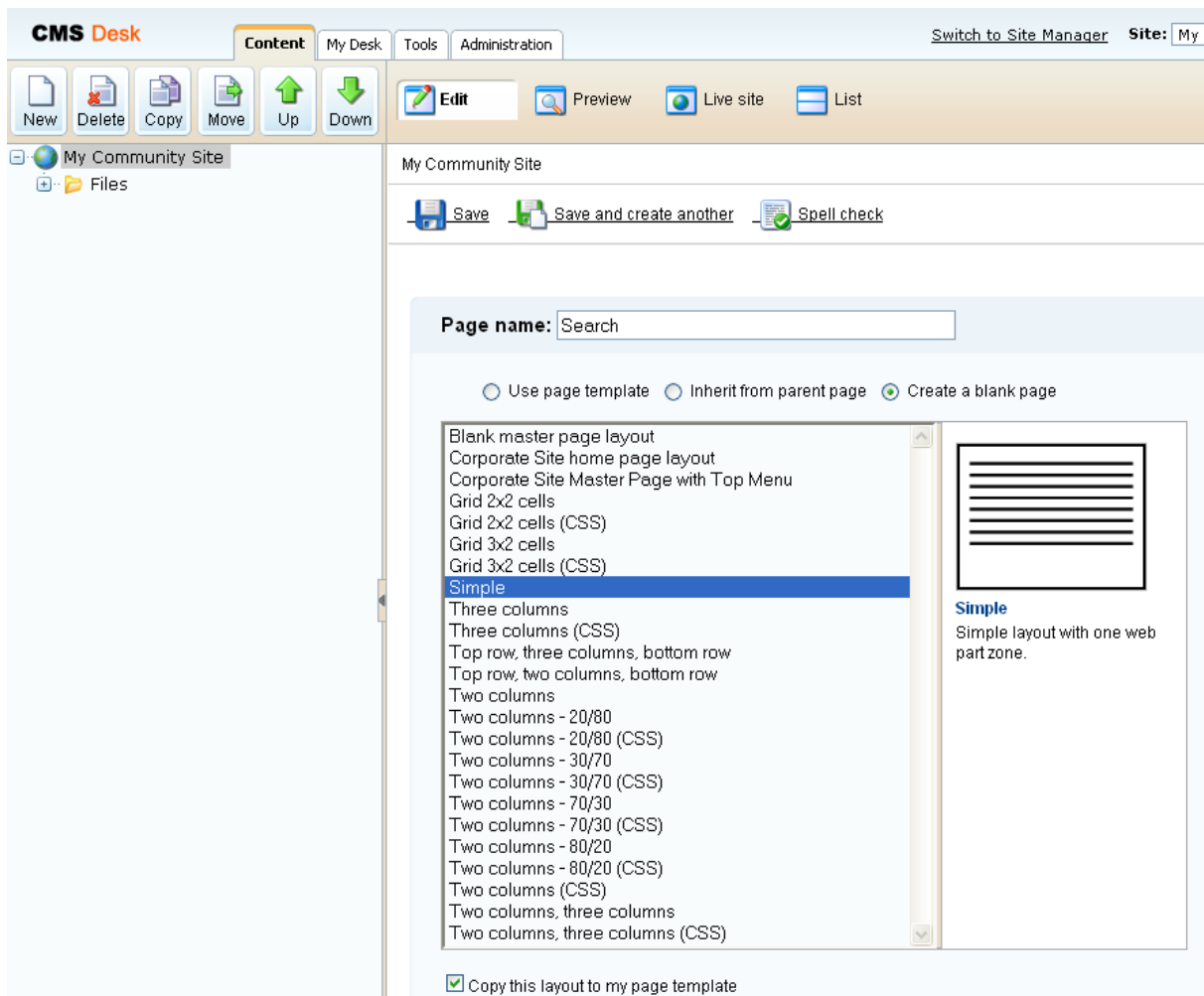
In the previous chapter, you have defined the master page. In the ninth step, you placed the **Search box** web part next to the main menu and set its **Search results page URL** property to `~/Search.aspx`. This is where the user will be redirected after submitting the search request and where the search results will be displayed. On this page, users will also be able to perform full-text search with extended options using the **Search dialog with results** web part.

Further information on Kentico CMS Search Engine can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Search Engine -> Overview](#).

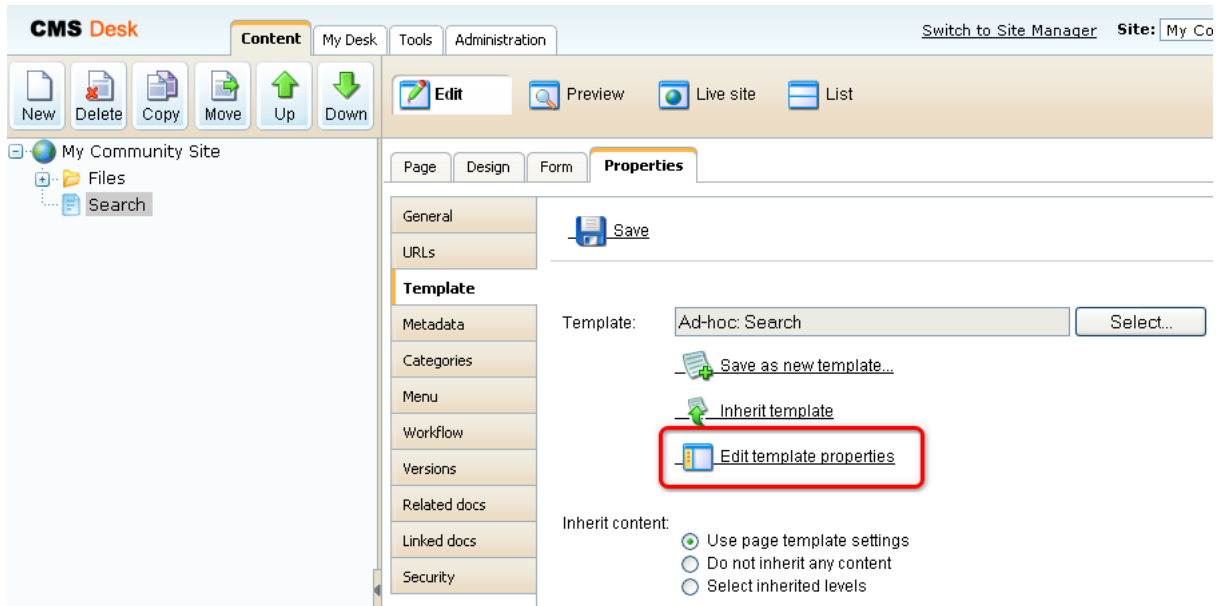
1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Choose to **Create a blank page** using the **Simple** layout. For **Page name**, enter *Search* and click **Save**.



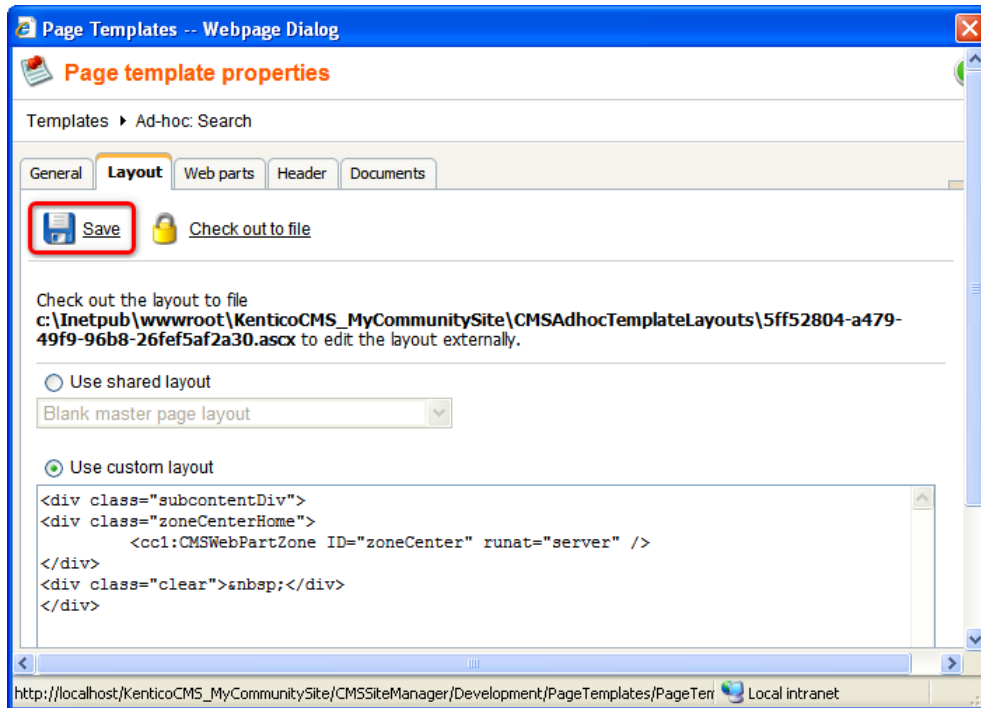
3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Edit template properties** link.



4. In the pop-up **Page template properties** window, switch to the **Layout** tab and replace the original layout with the following code:

```
<div class="subcontentDiv">
<div class="zoneCenterHome">
    <c1:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneCenter" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
```

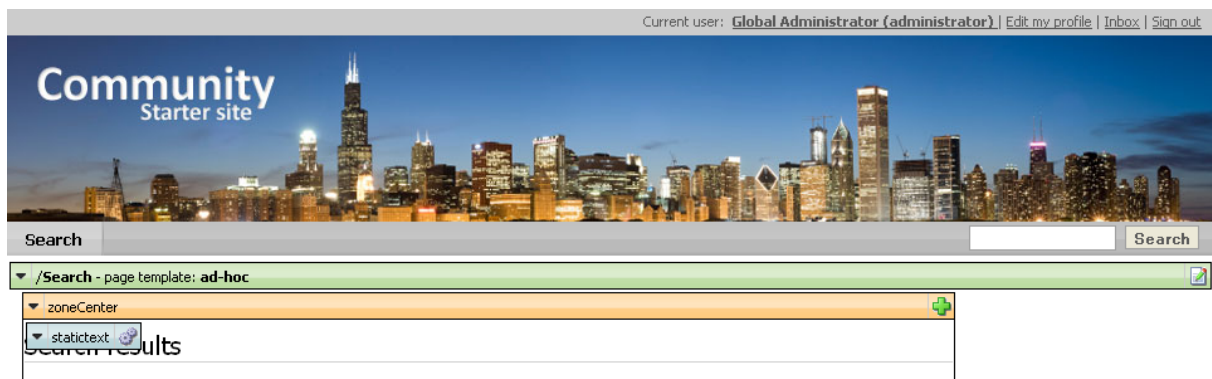
Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. You should see one web part zone named **zoneCenter** on the page, just as you defined by the layout above. Let's add some heading text first. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of this web part zone and choose the **Text -> Static text** web part. In the web part properties window, set the following values. The rest of the properties can be left at the default values:

- **Text:** <h1 class="header">Search results</h1>

Click **OK**.

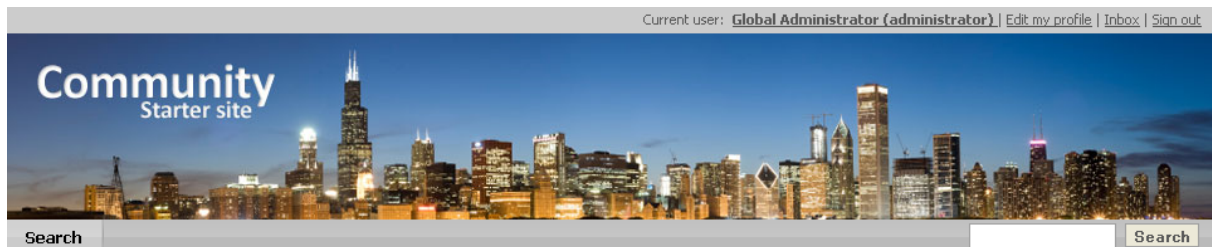


6. Displaying search results and the search function itself will be achieved using the **Search dialog with results** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again and choose the **Full-text search -> Search dialog with results** web part. In the web part properties window, enter the following values. The rest of the properties can be left at their default values:

- **Paging mode:** Postback
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Content padding
- **Content after:** <br/>

Click **OK**.

From this moment on, if you switch to the Live site, the page should be fully functional. Try searching both using the **Search box** next to the main menu and the **Search dialog with results** web part. Use e.g. *community* as the keyword, since this word is included in two previously uploaded images' names and the master page's name. You will get the results as in the following screenshot.



### Search results

Search for:

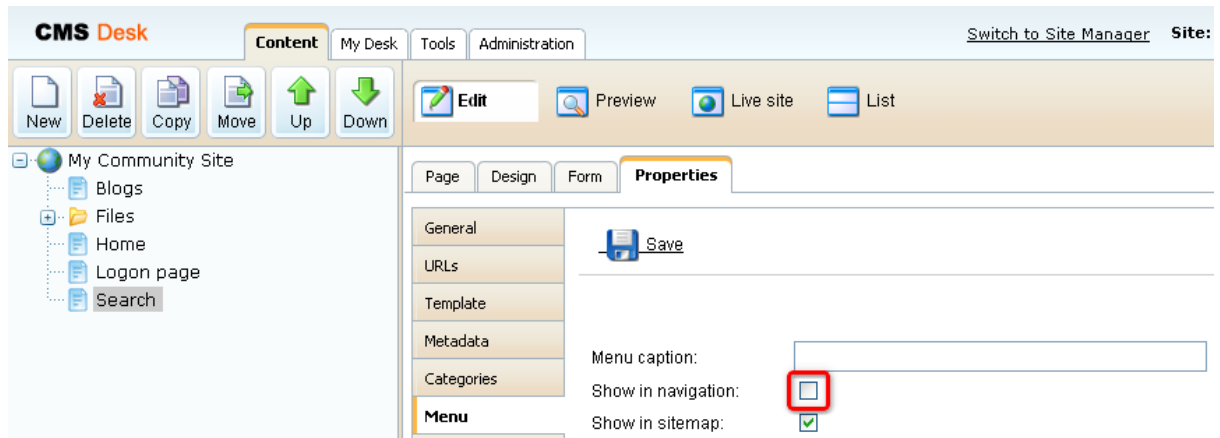
Search mode:

▶ [community\\_header\\_img](#)  
Path: /Files/community\_header\_img

▶ [community\\_home\\_img](#)  
Path: /Files/community\_home\_img

▶ [/](#)  
Path: /

7. We don't want the Search page to be displayed in the main menu. To prevent this, select the page in **CMS Desk** and switch to the **Properties -> Menu** tab. Disable the **Show in navigation** check-box and click **Save**.



8. Finally, we will save the page as a page template so that it can be reused in the future. This is a good practice to avoid repeating laborious task. Switch to the **Edit** mode and go to the **Properties -> Template** tab. Click the **Save as new template** link and enter the following details:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Search page
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.SearchPage
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. The page is now saved as a new page template and can be reused when creating new pages with similar layout or content.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS interface. At the top, the 'CMS Desk' header includes tabs for 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. A 'Switch to Site Manager' link and 'Site: My Co' are visible on the right. Below the header is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. The left sidebar shows a tree view for 'My Community Site' with sub-items: 'Blogs', 'Files', 'Home', 'Logon page', and 'Search'. The main content area has tabs for 'Page', 'Design', 'Form', and 'Properties'. The 'Properties' tab is active, showing a 'Save' button and a 'Template' dropdown menu set to 'My Community Site - Search page'. A 'Select...' button is next to the dropdown.

A dialog box titled 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open in the foreground. It has a blue title bar and a close button. The dialog contains the following fields and options:

- Save as new page template** (Section header)
- Template display name: My Community Site - Search page
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.SearchPage
- Template category: My Community Site templates (dropdown)
- Template description: This is the Search page of My Community Site.
- Buttons: OK, Cancel

On the right side of the dialog, there are several options:

- Save as new template...** (highlighted with a red box)
- Inherit template
- Clone as ad-hoc template
- Edit template properties
- Use page template settings (selected)
- Do not inherit any content
- Select inherited levels

The status bar at the bottom of the dialog shows the URL: `http://localhost/KenticoCMS_MyCommunitySite/CMSDesk` and 'Local intranet'.



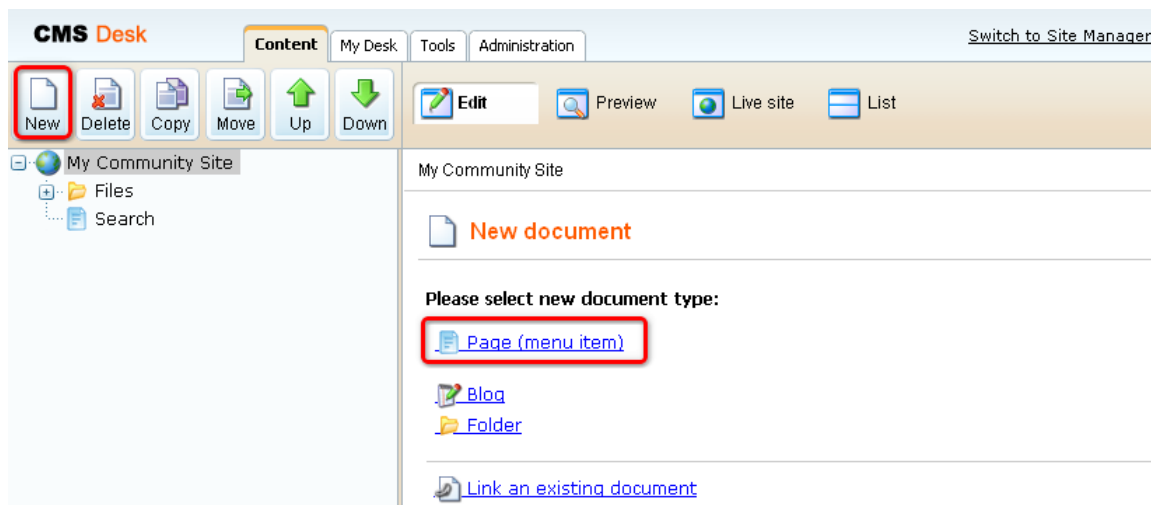
### 3.5 Creating the Logon page

On the Master page, we placed the **Sign out button** web part and set its **Sign in page path** property to `/Logon`. This is where the user will be redirected in order to sign in. This can also happen in other cases such as when a user tries to access a section which is available only to authorized users.

The page will provide the sing-in functionality via the **Logon form** web part, as well as the possibility to register for anonymous site visitors, which will be achieved using the **Custom registration form** web part.

Information about the Custom registration form and how you can modify the appearance of the form can be found in [this chapter](#).

1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Choose to **Create a blank page** using the **Simple** layout. For **Page name**, enter *Logon page* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS interface. At the top, the 'CMS Desk' header includes tabs for 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. A 'Switch to Site Manager' link and 'Site: My' are visible on the right. Below the header is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. On the left, a tree view shows 'My Community Site' with sub-items 'Files' and 'Search'. The main workspace shows 'My Community Site' with buttons for 'Save', 'Save and create another', and 'Spell check'. A form for creating a page is open, with 'Page name' set to 'Logon page'. Three radio buttons are present: 'Use page template', 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page', with the last one selected. A list of page layouts is shown, with 'Simple' highlighted. To the right of the list is a preview of the 'Simple' layout, which consists of a single horizontal line. Below the list, a checkbox labeled 'Copy this layout to my page template' is checked.

**Page name:**

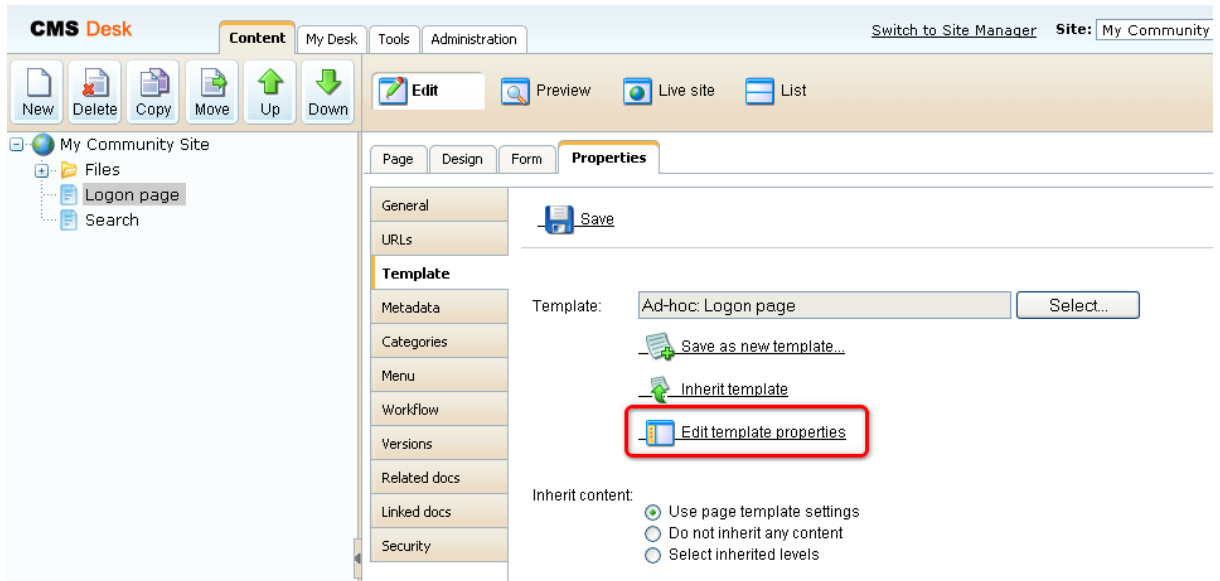
Use page template  Inherit from parent page  Create a blank page

- Blank master page layout
- Corporate Site home page layout
- Corporate Site Master Page with Top Menu
- Grid 2x2 cells
- Grid 2x2 cells (CSS)
- Grid 3x2 cells
- Grid 3x2 cells (CSS)
- Simple**
- Three columns
- Three columns (CSS)
- Top row, three columns, bottom row
- Top row, two columns, bottom row
- Two columns
- Two columns - 20/80
- Two columns - 20/80 (CSS)
- Two columns - 30/70
- Two columns - 30/70 (CSS)
- Two columns - 70/30
- Two columns - 70/30 (CSS)
- Two columns - 80/20
- Two columns - 80/20 (CSS)
- Two columns (CSS)
- Two columns, three columns
- Two columns, three columns (CSS)

**Simple**  
Simple layout with one web part zone.

Copy this layout to my page template

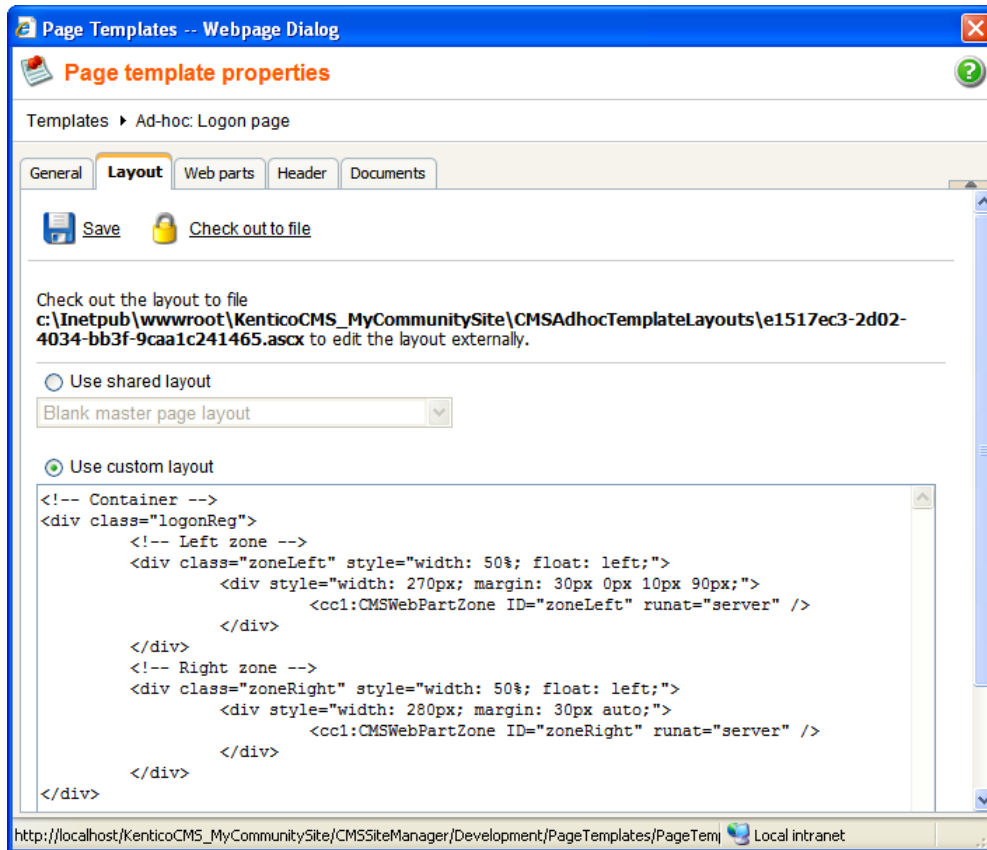
3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Edit template properties** link.



4. In the pop-up **Page template properties** window, switch to the **Layout** tab and replace the original layout with the following code:

```
<!-- Container -->
<div class="logonReg">
  <!-- Left zone -->
  <div class="zoneLeft" style="width: 50%; float: left;">
    <div style="width: 270px; margin: 30px 0px 10px 90px;">
      <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneLeft" runat="server" />
    </div>
  </div>
  <!-- Right zone -->
  <div class="zoneRight" style="width: 50%; float: left;">
    <div style="width: 280px; margin: 30px auto;">
      <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneRight" runat="server" />
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
```

Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. You should see two web part zones on the page - **zoneLeft** and **zoneRight** - just as you defined by the layout code above. The left web part zone will host the logon form, the registration form will be placed in the right one. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneLeft** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> Logon form** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, the rest can be left at their default values:

- **Default target URL:** ~/Home.aspx
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Sign in
- **Content before:** <div style="min-height: 160px; height: auto">
- **Content after:** </div>

Click **OK**.

6. User registration will be achieved using the **Custom registration form** web part. This web part has no default appearance - the way it will look like is defined by an **alternative form** of the **cms.user** system table. We will use the pre-defined **Registration form** alternative form. However, you can customize the alternative form according to your needs, as described [here](#), or even create your own form a similar way.

First, click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> Custom registration form** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, all other properties can be left at their default values:

- **Alternative form:** cms.user.RegistrationForm
- **Redirect to URL:** ~/Members/{%CMSContext.CurrentUser.UserName%}.aspx
- **Registration error message:** There was an error during registration. Please see details below.
- **E-mail confirmation page:** ~/Special-pages/Registration-approval.aspx
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Join the community

Click **OK**.

7. If you switch to the **Live site** mode, you should see the following appearance of the page.

The screenshot shows a web page with a header bar containing 'Logon page' and 'Search' buttons. Below the header, there are two main sections: 'Sign in' and 'Join the community'.

**Sign in section:**

- User name:
- Password:
- Remember me
- 
- [Forgotten password](#)

**Join the community section:**

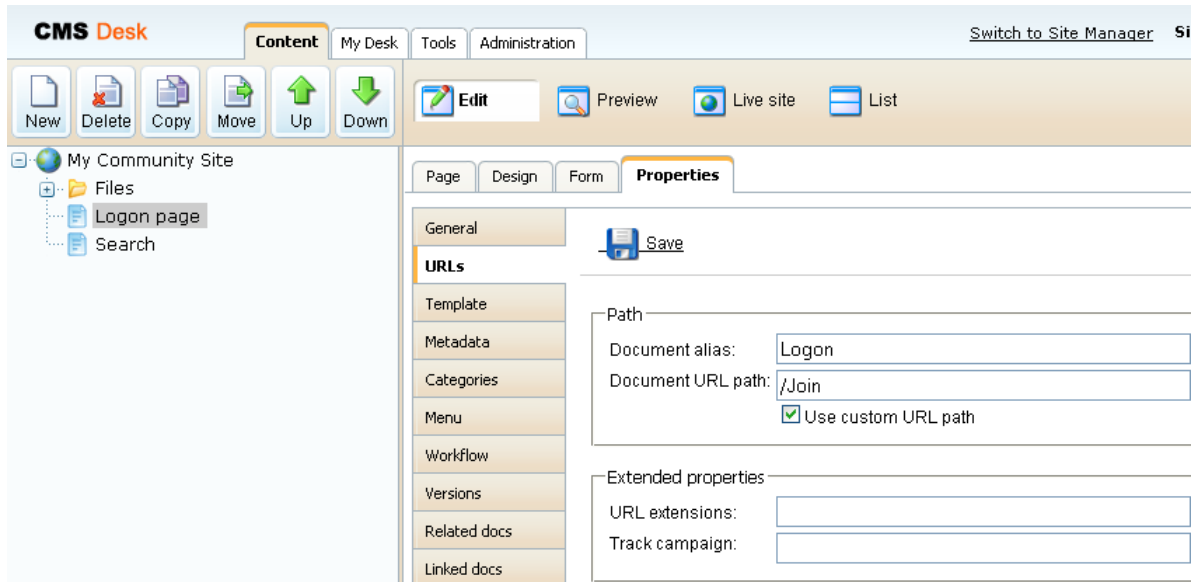
- User name:
- First name:
- Last name:
- E-mail:
- Password:
- Confirm password:
- Gender:  Male  Female
- 

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer bar with the text 'Powered by KENTICO CMS' and a logo.

8. Switch back to the **Edit** mode and go to the **Properties -> URLs** tab. Enter the following details:

- **Document alias:** Logon
- **Document URL path:** /Join

Click **Save**.

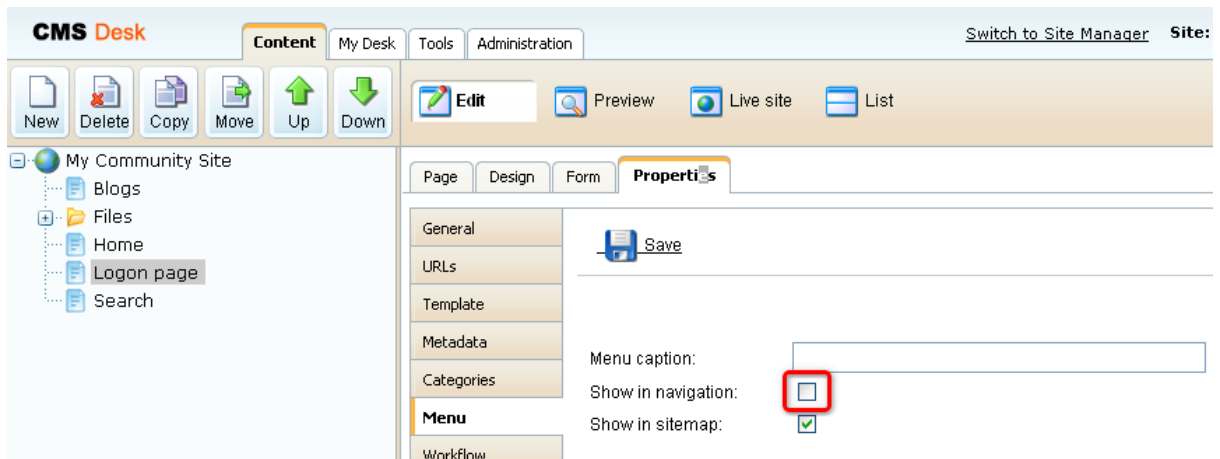


The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS Desk interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The left sidebar shows a tree view for 'My Community Site' with folders for 'Files', 'Logon page', and 'Search'. The main content area is divided into tabs: 'Page', 'Design', 'Form', and 'Properties'. The 'Properties' tab is active, and the 'URLs' sub-tab is selected. The 'General' section is expanded, showing a 'Save' button. The 'URLs' section contains the following fields:

- Path: (empty)
- Document alias: Logon
- Document URL path: /Join
- Use custom URL path

The 'Extended properties' section is also visible, with fields for 'URL extensions' and 'Track campaign'.

9. We don't want the Logon page to be displayed in the menu. Go to the **Properties -> Menu** tab and disable the **Show in navigation** check-box. Click **Save**.



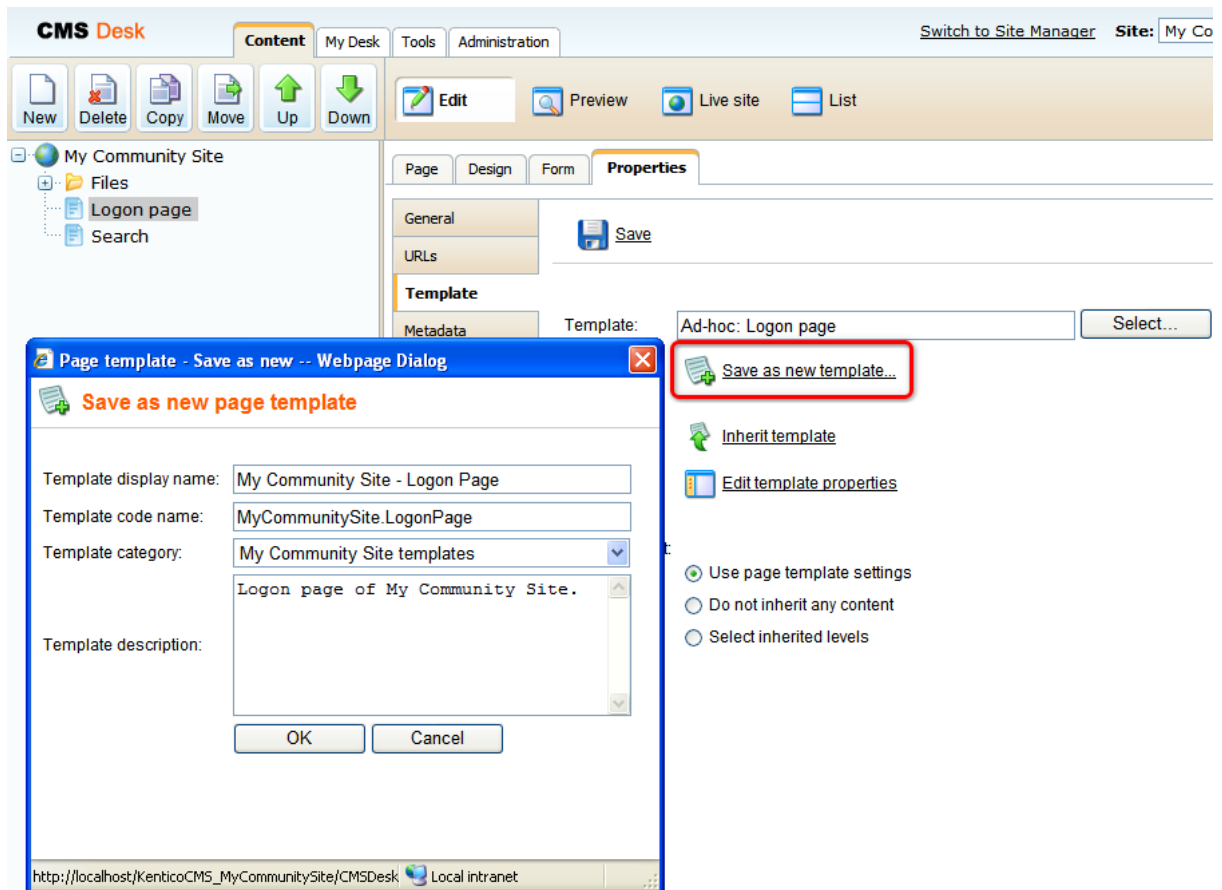
The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS Desk interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The left sidebar shows a tree view for 'My Community Site' with folders for 'Blogs', 'Files', 'Home', 'Logon page', and 'Search'. The main content area is divided into tabs: 'Page', 'Design', 'Form', and 'Properties'. The 'Properties' tab is active, and the 'Menu' sub-tab is selected. The 'General' section is expanded, showing a 'Save' button. The 'Menu' section contains the following fields:

- Menu caption: (empty)
- Show in navigation:
- Show in sitemap:

10. Finally, we will save the page as a page template for further re-usability. Go to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Logon Page
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.LogonPage
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

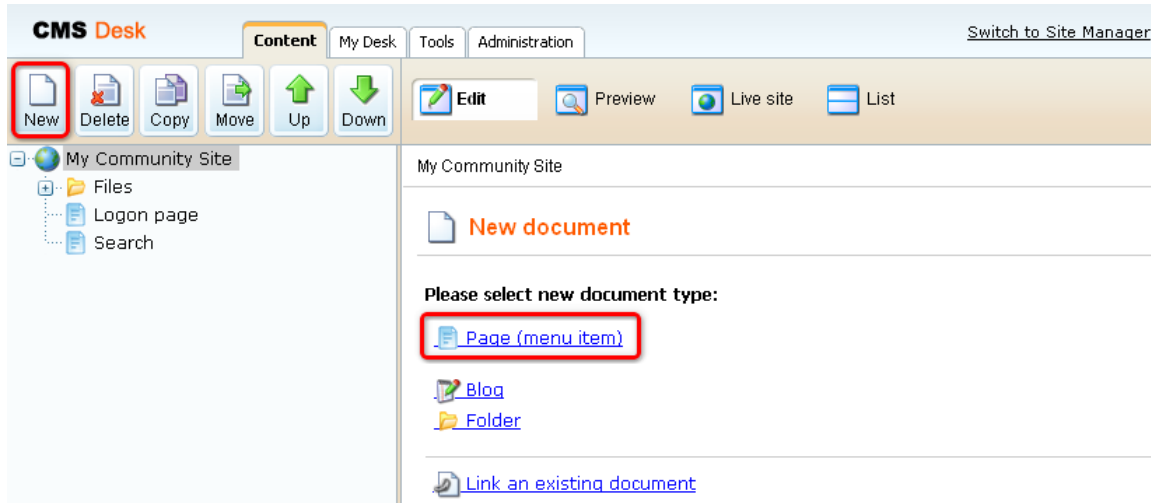
Click **OK**.



### 3.6 Creating the Home page

In this chapter, you will see how to create the Home page. This is the initial landing page - the page that the site visitors will see at first when they enter the URL of your site into the browser. It is important to set the alias path of this page in **Site Manager -> Settings -> Web site -> Default alias path**, as described [here](#).

1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.

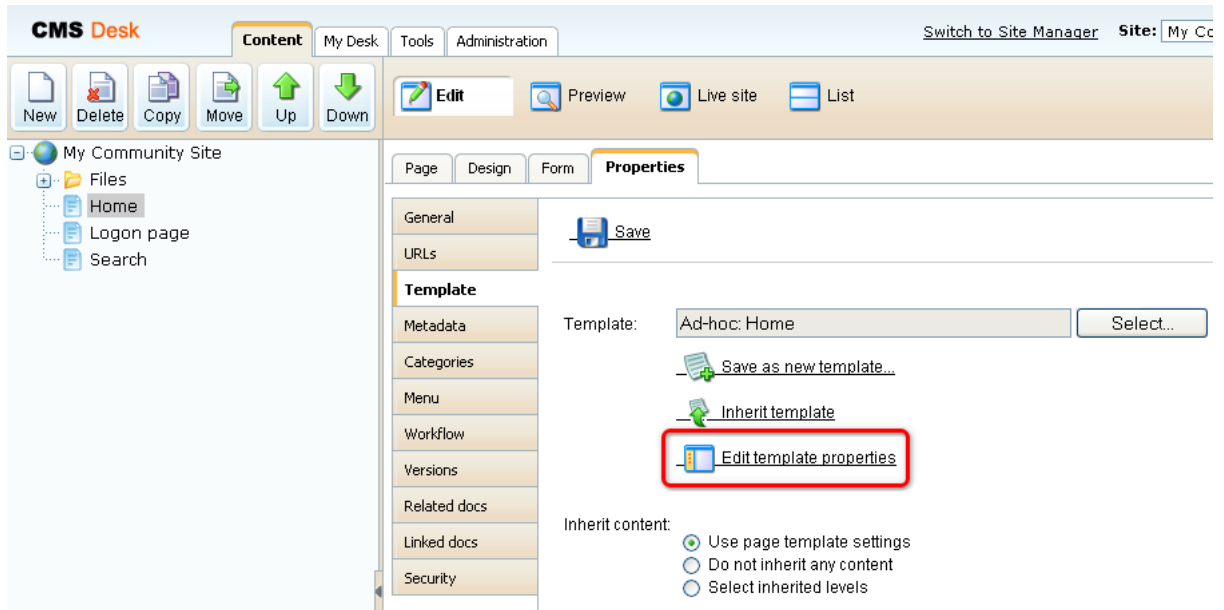




2. Choose to **Create a blank page** using the **Simple** layout. For **Page name**, enter *Home* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The 'Content' tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a navigation bar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', and 'Down', along with buttons for 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. On the left side, there is a tree view for 'My Community Site' containing 'Files', 'Logon page', and 'Search'. The main content area shows the 'My Community Site' page being edited. A red box highlights the 'Save' button. Below the 'Save' button, there are options for 'Save and create another' and 'Spell check'. The 'Page name' field is set to 'Home'. Below the page name, there are radio buttons for 'Use page template', 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page', with 'Create a blank page' selected. A list of page layouts is shown, with 'Simple' selected. The 'Simple' layout is described as 'Simple layout with one web part zone'. A checkbox at the bottom is checked, labeled 'Copy this layout to my page template'.

3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Edit template properties** link.



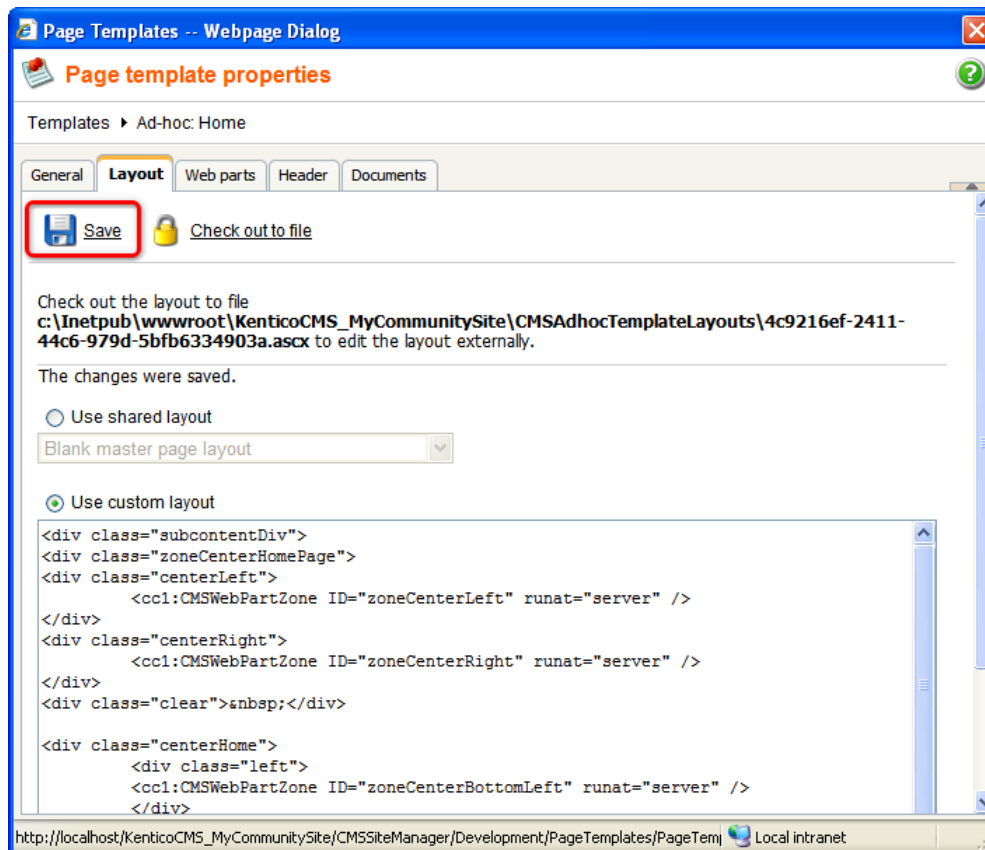
4. In the pop-up **Page template properties** window, switch to the **Layout** tab and replace the original layout with the following code:

```
<div class="subcontentDiv">
<div class="zoneCenterHomePage">
<div class="centerLeft">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneCenterLeft" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="centerRight">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneCenterRight" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>

<div class="centerHome">
    <div class="left">
        <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneCenterBottomLeft" runat="server" />
    </div>
    <div class="right">
        <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneCenterBottomRight" runat="server" />
    </div>
    <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>

</div>
<div class="zoneRight">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneRight" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
```

Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. You should see an empty page with five web part zones. Let's start with **zoneRight**, where the right side column with various info boxes will be placed. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> Logon miniform** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them as they are:

- **Display to roles:** `_notauthenticated_`
- **Logon failure text:** Error logging in.
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red Box
- **Web part container title:** Sign in

Click **OK**. The next web part to add is the handy **Shortcuts** web part, displaying shortcuts to various actions and sections depending on the current context. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Community -> Shortcuts** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Display Join/Leave the group link:** disabled
- **Display Friendship links:** disabled
- **Display Add to contact list link:** disabled
- **Display Add to ignore list link:** disabled
- **Display manage group link:** disabled
- **Display Sign in link:** disabled
- **My messages path:** `/Members/{%UserName|(encode>true%)/Messages`
- **My friends path:** `/Members/{%UserName|(encode>true%)/Friends`

- **My invitations path:** /Members/{%UserName|(encode>true%)/Invitations
- **Sign out path:** /Home
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red Box
- **Web part container title:** Shortcuts

Click **OK**. Let's go on with the scrolling news. This will be the **Scrolling text** web part set up so that it displays news from the News section. The News section will be created later on in this guide. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Listings and viewers -> Scrolling text** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Path:** /News/%
- **Document types:** CMS.News
- **ORDER BY expression:** NewsReleaseDate DESC
- **Select top N documents:** 5
- **Transformation:** CMS.News.Preview
- **Cache dependencies:** nodes[{%currentsite.sitename|(tolower)%}|cms.news|all
- **Width (px):** 150
- **Height (px):** 150
- **Script stop time (milliseconds):**4000
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box
- **Web part container title:** Latest News

Leave the rest of the properties at their default values and click **OK**.

So now we have a web part displaying the latest five news items. Let's have a similar info box displaying the latest groups. Again, the Groups section is not created yet, but we will get to it later in this guide. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Community -> Groups viewer** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Disable view state:** enabled
- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.GroupsPreviewList
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **ORDER BY condition:** GroupCreatedWhen DESC
- **No record found text:** There are currently no groups.
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Web part container title:** Latest Groups
- **Content after:** <div class="clear"></div> <div><a href="~/Groups.aspx">View all</a></div>

Leave the rest of the properties at their default values and click **OK**.

One more info box to go. This time, it will be displaying three latest registered site users. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Membership -> Users viewer** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Disable view state:** enabled
- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersPreviewList
- **No record found text:** There are currently no members.
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **ORDER BY condition:** UserCreated DESC
- **Selected columns:** UserID,UserNickName,UserGender,UserDateOfBirth,UserAvatarID, UserCreated,UserName,AvatarGuid
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled

- **Web part container:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Web part container title:** Latest Members
- **Content after:** <div class="clear"></div><div><a href="/~/Members.aspx">View all</a></div>

Leave the rest of the properties at their default values and click **OK**.

That's us finished with the info boxes in this web part zone. However, we will place the sample poll created [in this chapter](#) to the bottom of the web part zone. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon for the last time, choose the **Polls -> Poll** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Poll name:** Continents
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box
- **Web part container title:** Poll

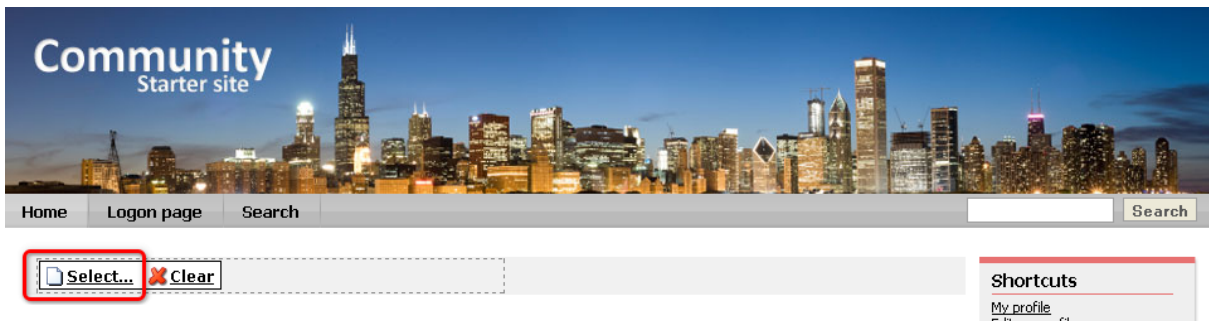
Click **OK**. That's us finished with the **zoneRight** web part zone. Now we can move on and populate the other web part zones.

6. We will place the **community\_home\_img.jpg** image, which we uploaded earlier in [this chapter](#), to the **zoneCenterRight** web part zone. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon, choose the **Text -> Editable image** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

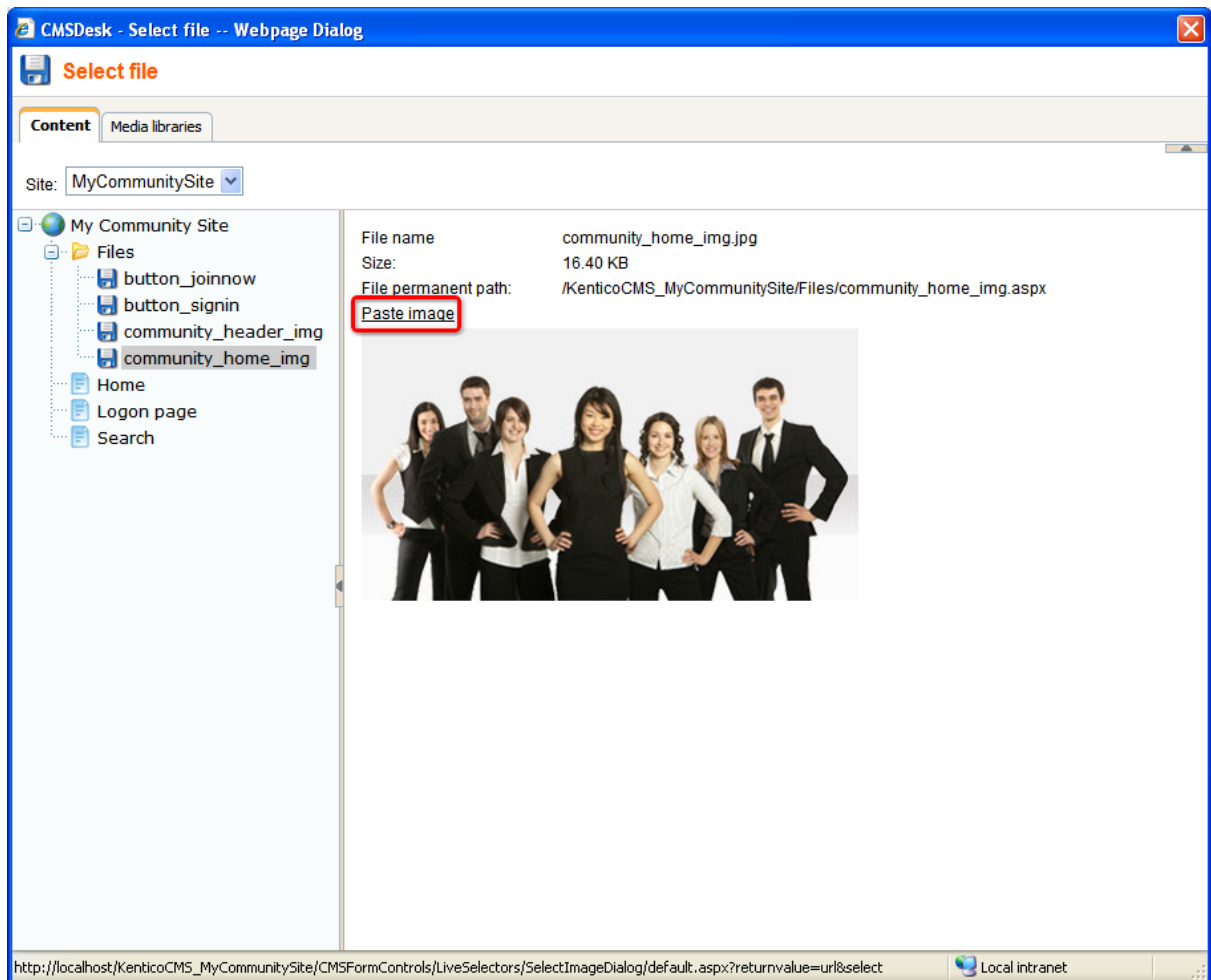
- **Alternate text:** Community photo

Click **OK**.

Switch to the **Page** tab and click the **Select** link of the **Editable image** web part.



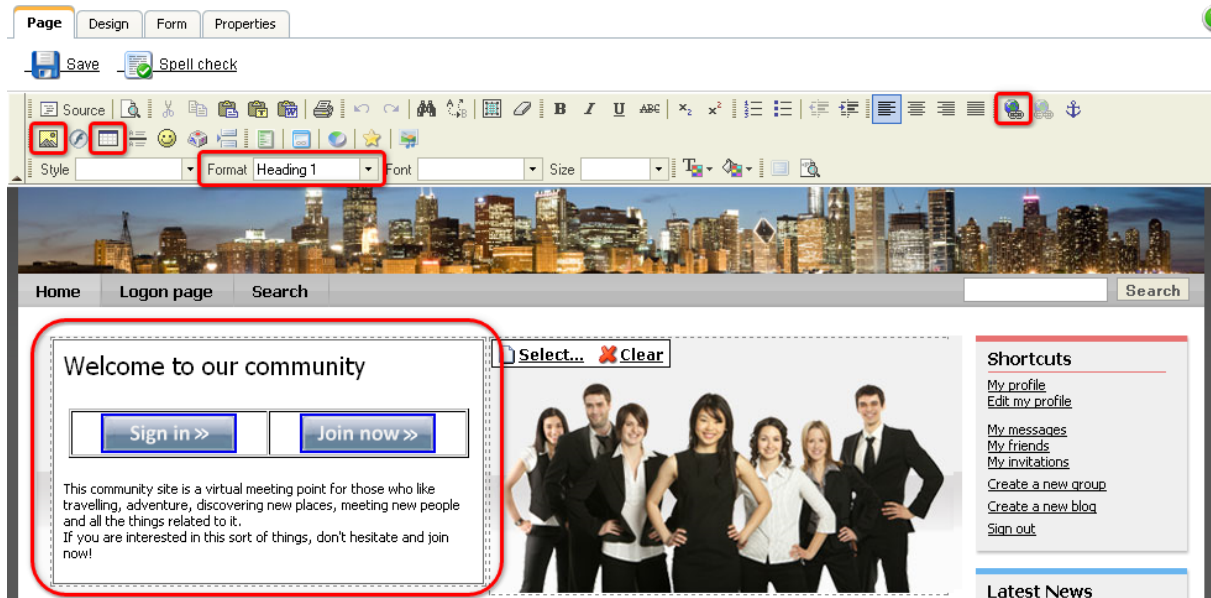
Select the file from the content tree and click the **Paste image** link. Click **Save** to save the content of the page.



7. The **zoneCenterLeft** web part zone will host the welcome text and links for sing-in and registration. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon, choose the **Text -> Editable text** web part and click **OK**. You can left all web part's properties at the default values and click **OK**.

8. Switch to the **Page** tab. Using the WYSIWYG editor, try to achieve the same result that you can see in the screenshot below. You can find detailed description of the WYSIWYG editor's capabilities in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Content management -> WYSIWYG editor](#). However, you can see the controls that you will use highlighted in the screenshot.

You will need to write the heading and change its **Format** to *Heading 1*. Then you will need to add a table with one row and two columns. Set the **Border size** property of the table to 0. You will insert the images into the table. Then you will select each of the images and add a hyperlink to the **Logon page** to it. Then you will have to select both of the images in the table and choose the center alignment. Finally, you will have to type the remaining text and set its **Format** to *Normal*.



9. Two web part zones are remaining. In the **zoneCenterBottomLeft**, we will place a repeater displaying extracts from the latest blog posts. The **Blogs** section from that the extracts will be displayed will be created later in this guide. Click the **Add web part (+)** icon, choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part and click **OK**. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at their default values:

- **Disable view state:** enabled
- **Path:** /Blogs/%
- **Document types:** CMS.BlogPost
- **ORDER BY expression:** BlogPostDate DESC
- **Select top N documents:** 6
- **Transformation:** Community.Transformations.HomeBlogPostsCenter
- **Cache dependencies:** nodes[{"%CurrentSite.SiteName|(tolower)%}|cms.blogpost|all
- **No record found text:** There are currently no posts.
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Latest blog posts

Click **OK**.

10. Last but not least, we will place a similar repeater to the **zoneCenterBottomRight** web part zone. This repeater will be displaying latest forum posts. The **Forums** section will be created later in this guide. Click the **Add web part (+)** icon, choose the **Forums -> Forum posts viewer** web part and click **OK**. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at their default values:

- **Disable view state:** enabled
- **Top N:** 6
- **Order by:** PostTime DESC
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled

- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Latest forum posts

Click **OK**.

11. You have just finished creating the **Home** page. Most of the web parts are not displaying any content because the related sections of the web are not created yet. However, as you will be creating these sections further in this guide, you will see the related content appear on the home page. In the **Design** tab, the page should look as in the following screenshot.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS Design view for the Home page. The page title is "/Home - page template: ad-hoc". The layout is organized into several zones and web parts:

- zoneCenterLeft:** Contains an **editabletext** web part with the text "welcome to our community". Below the text are two buttons: "Sign in >>" and "Join now >>". A paragraph of text follows: "This community site is a virtual meeting point for those who like travelling, adventure, discovering new places, meeting new people and all the things related to it. If you are interested in this sort of things, don't hesitate and join now!".
- zoneCenterRight:** Contains an **EditableImage** web part displaying a group photo of seven people in business attire.
- zoneCenterBottomLeft:** Contains a **repeater** web part.
- zoneCenterBottomRight:** Contains a **ForumPostsViewer** web part.
- zoneRight:** Contains several web parts:
  - logonminiform:** A login and user information form.
  - Shortcuts:** A section titled "Shortcuts" with links: "My profile", "Edit my profile", "My messages", "My friends", "My invitations", "Create a new group", "Create a new blog", and "Sign out".
  - ScrollingText:** A section titled "Latest News".
  - GroupsViewer:** A section for viewing groups.
  - UsersViewer:** A section titled "Latest members" showing a user profile for "Admin" with details: "Gender: N/A", "Age: 0", and a "View all" link.
  - poll:** A section titled "Poll" with the question "Which continent are you planning to visit during your next trip?". The options are radio buttons for Africa, America, Asia, Australia, and Europe. A "Vote" button is at the bottom.



12. The last step is to save the page as a page template for further reusability. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Home page
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.HomePage
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**.

The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS Desk interface. The 'Properties' tab is selected, and the 'Template' section is active. The 'Save as new template...' link is highlighted with a red box. A dialog box titled 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open, showing the following details:

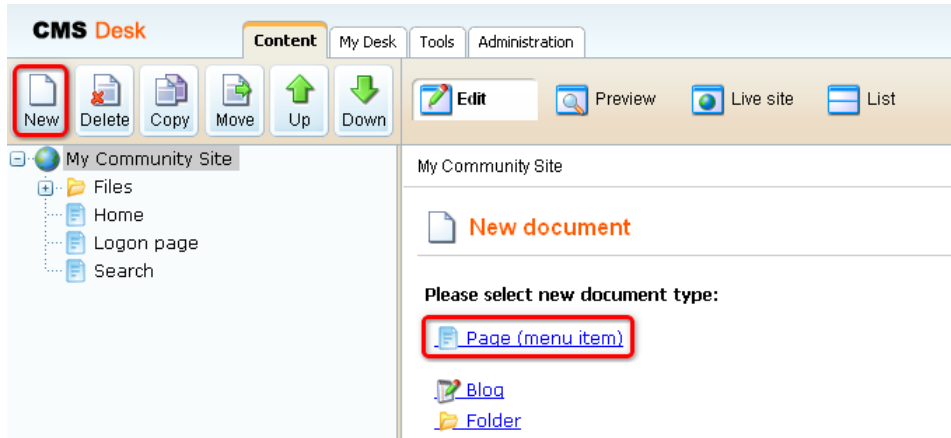
- Template display name: My Community Site - Home page
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.HomePage
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Home page of My Community Site.

The dialog also has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

### 3.7 Creating a starter page template

Many pages on the site will have the same layout and contain the same web parts. To prevent repeating the same development tasks again and again, it is a good practice to create a starter page template. This template will contain the required layout with two web part zones and three web parts - **Editable text** for heading in **zoneLeft** web part zone and the **Logon mini form** and **Shortcuts** web parts in **zoneRight** web part zone.

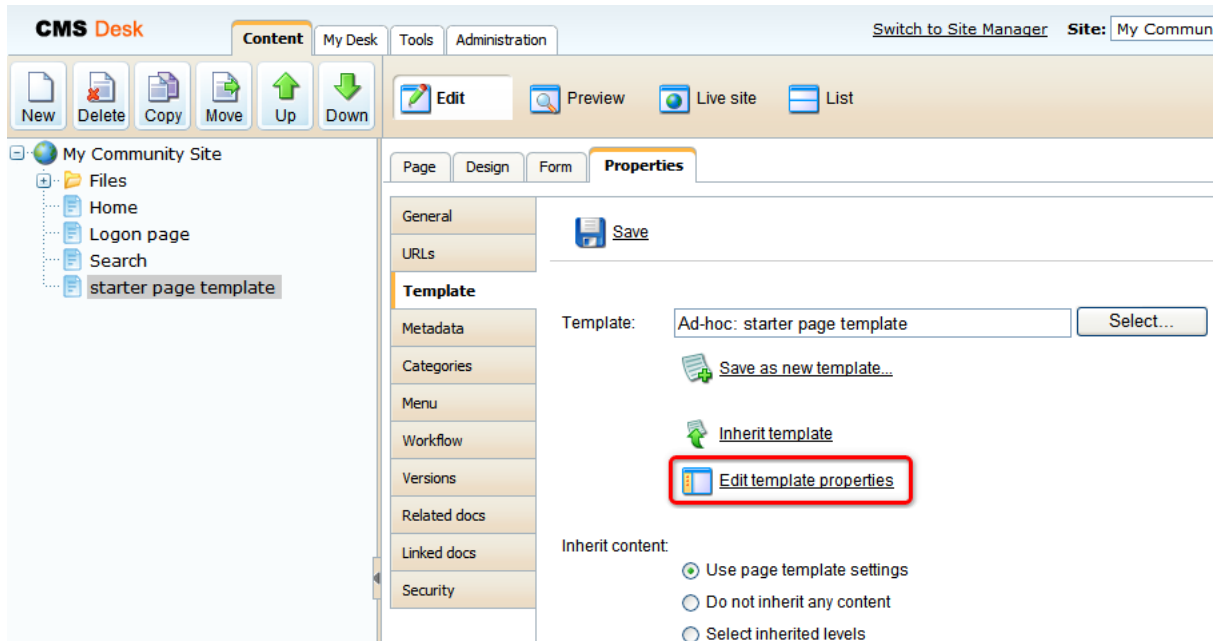
1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Choose to **Create a blank page** using the **Simple** layout. For **Page name**, enter *starter page template* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The 'Content' tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a navigation bar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', and 'Down'. To the right of this bar are buttons for 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. On the left side, there is a tree view for 'My Community Site' with sub-items: 'Files', 'Home', 'Logon page', and 'Search'. The main content area shows the 'My Community Site' page. At the top of this area, there are buttons for 'Save' (highlighted with a red box), 'Save and create another', and 'Spell check'. Below these buttons, there is a 'Page name' field containing the text 'starter page template'. Underneath the field, there are three radio buttons: 'Use page template', 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page' (which is selected). Below the radio buttons is a list of page layouts. The 'Simple' layout is selected and highlighted in blue. To the right of the list, there is a preview of the 'Simple' layout, which is a rectangular box with several horizontal lines representing text. Below the preview, the text reads: 'Simple Simple layout with one web part zone.'

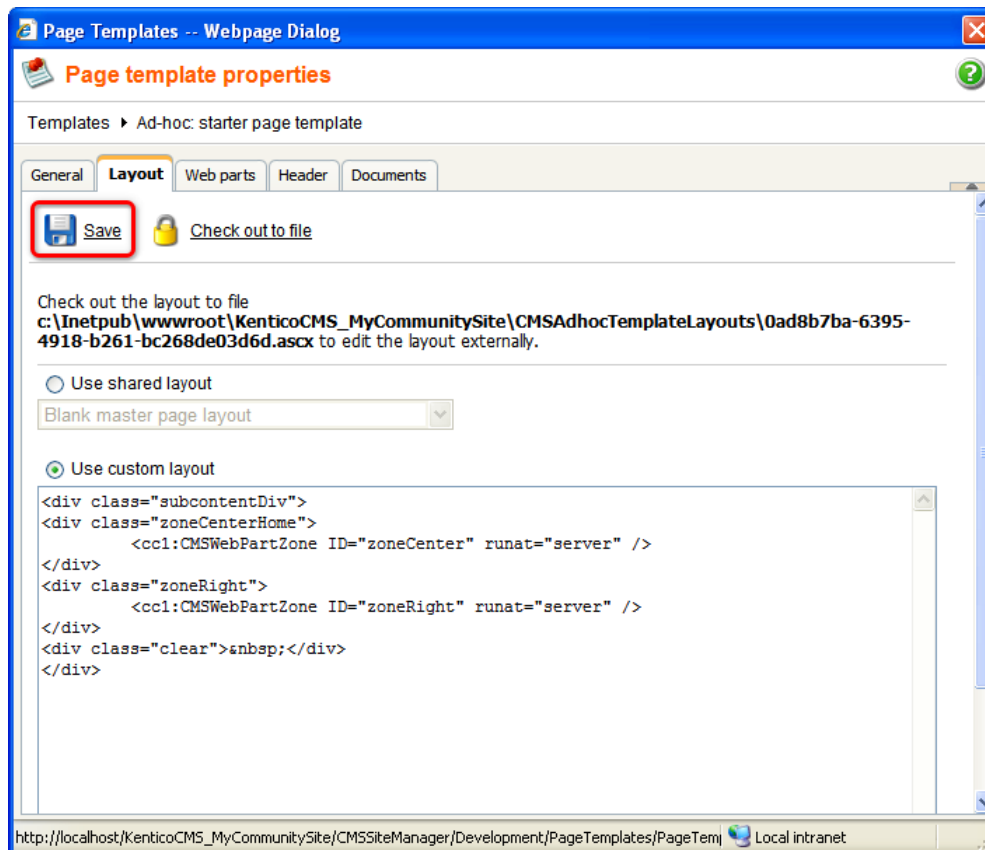
3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Edit template properties** link.



4. In the pop-up window, switch to the **Layout** tab and replace the original layout with the following code:

```
<div class="subcontentDiv">
<div class="zoneCenterHome">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneCenter" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="zoneRight">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneRight" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
```

Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. You can see a page layout with two web part zones - **zoneCenter** and **zoneRight**. This layout is common to many of the pages that we will create on the site. In the **zoneCenter** web part zone, all of the pages will contain a heading, provided by the **Editable text** web part. We will add the web part now. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon, choose the **Text -> Editable text** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Editable region type:** Text box
- **Content before:** <h1 class="header">
- **Content after:** </h1>

Click **OK**.

6. In the zone **zoneRight** web part zone, two web parts will be common to all the pages. The first of them will be the **Logon mini form**. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> Logon mini form** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them as they are:

- **Display to roles:** \_notauthenticated\_
- **Logon failure text:** Error logging in.
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red Box
- **Web part container title:** Sign in

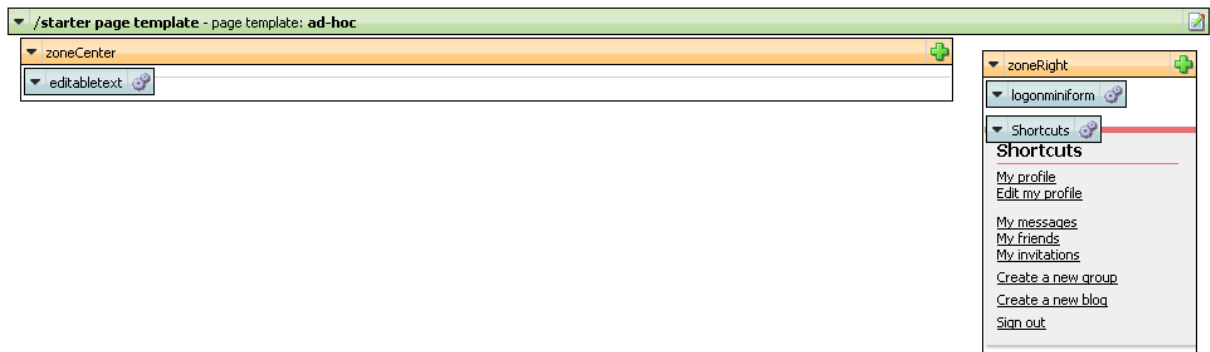
Click **OK**.

7. The next web part common on all the pages is the handy **Shortcuts** web part, displaying shortcuts to various actions and sections depending on the current context. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Community -> Shortcuts** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties. Leave the rest of the properties at the default values:

- **Display Join/Leave the group link:** disabled
- **Display Friendship links:** disabled
- **Display Add to contact list link:** disabled
- **Display Add to ignore list link:** disabled
- **Display manage group link:** disabled
- **Display Sign in link:** disabled
  
- **My messages path:** /Members/{%UserName|(encode>true%)/Messages
- **My friends path:** /Members/{%UserName|(encode>true%)/Friends
- **My invitations path:** /Members/{%UserName|(encode>true%)/Invitations
- **Sign out path:** /Home
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red Box
- **Web part container title:** Shortcuts

Click **OK**.

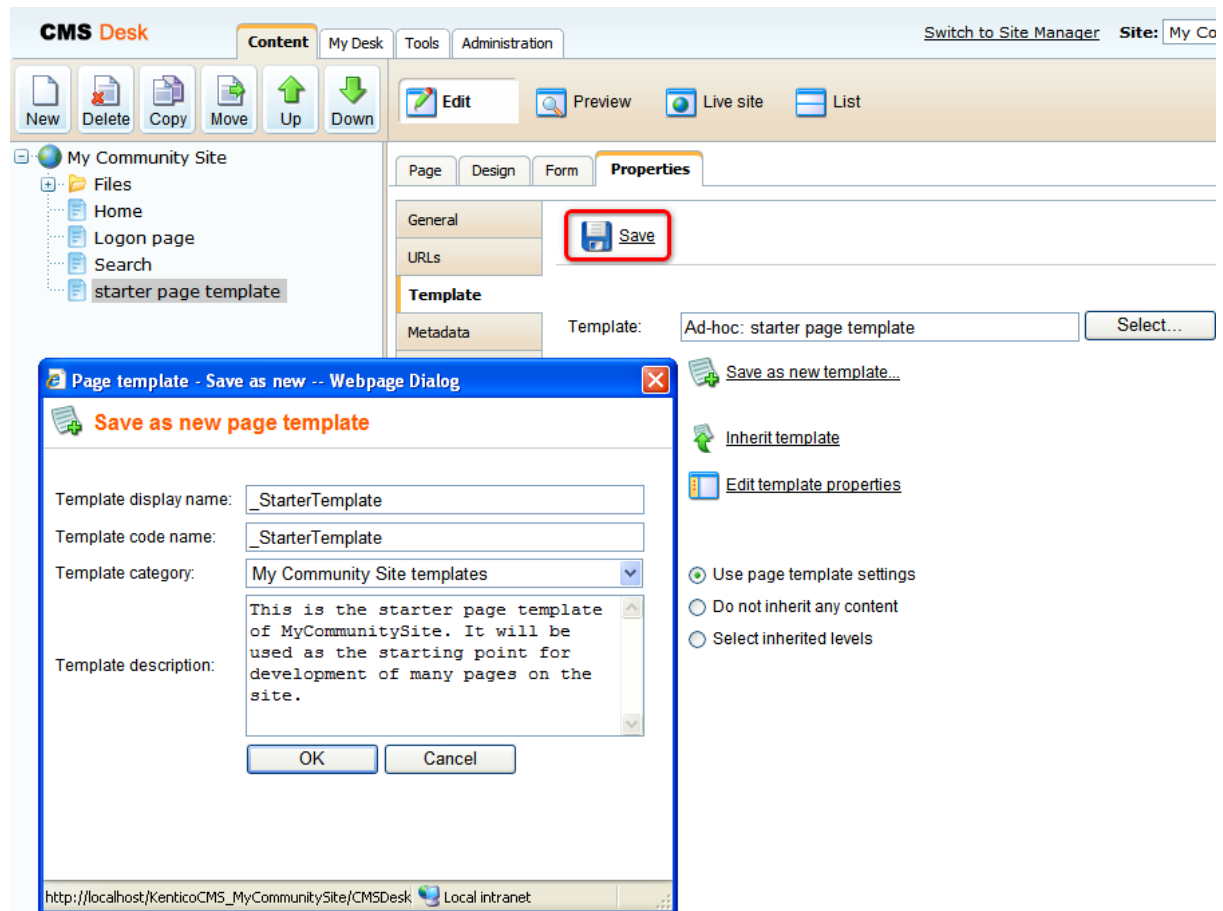
When you are finished, the page in **Design** tab should look as in the following screenshot.



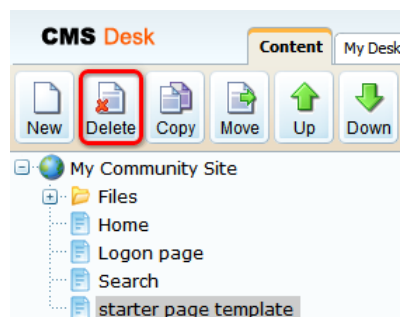
8. We will save the page template so that it can be reused later. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details into the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** \_StarterTemplate
- **Template code name:** \_StarterTemplate
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** enter some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



9. As the page template is now saved, we do not need the page created in this chapter anymore. **Delete** the page from the content tree. The page template will remain saved and can be used in the future.

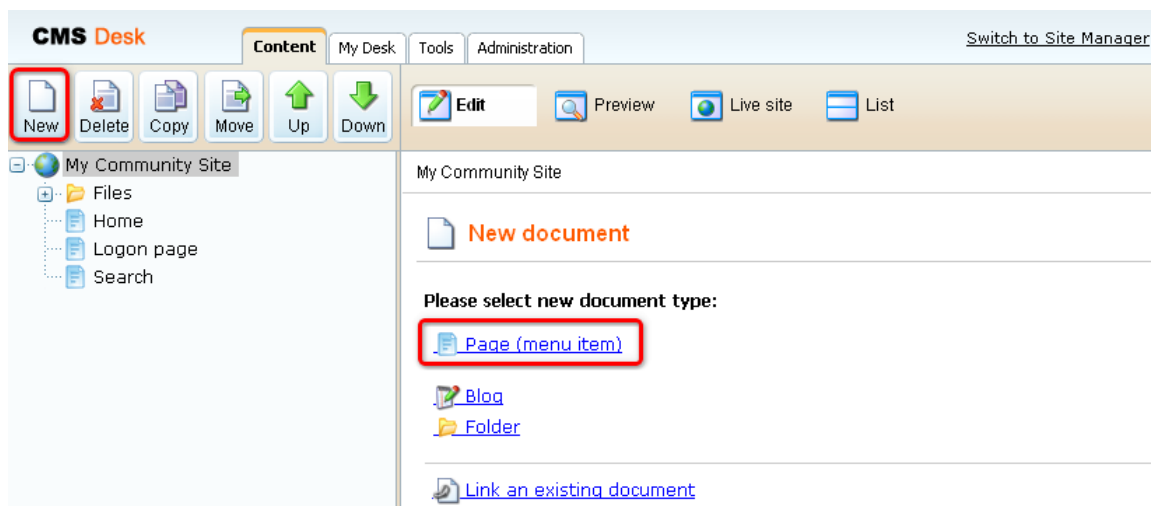


## 3.8 Creating the Blogs section

### 3.8.1 Creating the Blogs page

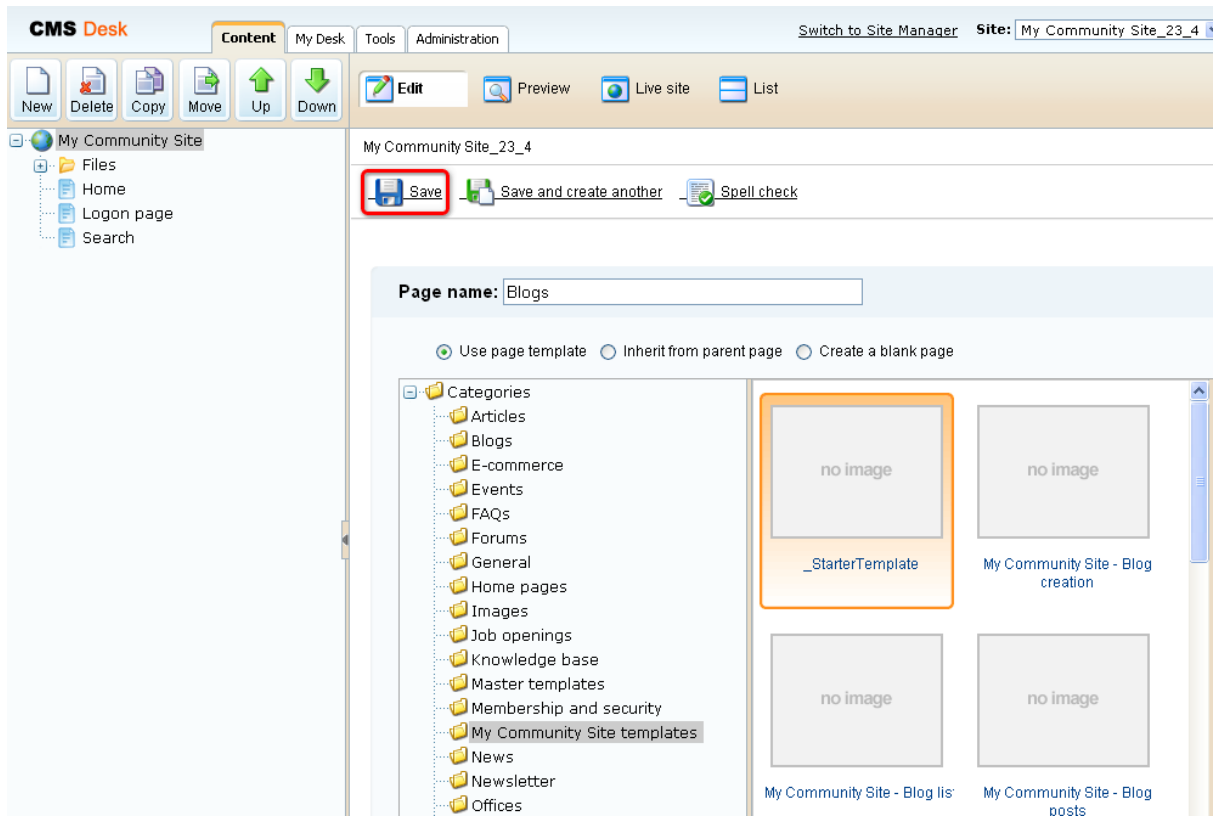
In this part of the guide, we will create the Blogs section. This section will allow users to read blog posts from any number of blogs. Users will also be able to create a new blog directly on the site, as well as add new blog posts. Most of this functionality is achieved using the User contributions module web part. For more information about the module, please refer to [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module User contributions](#). Detailed information about the Blogs module can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Blogs](#).

1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.





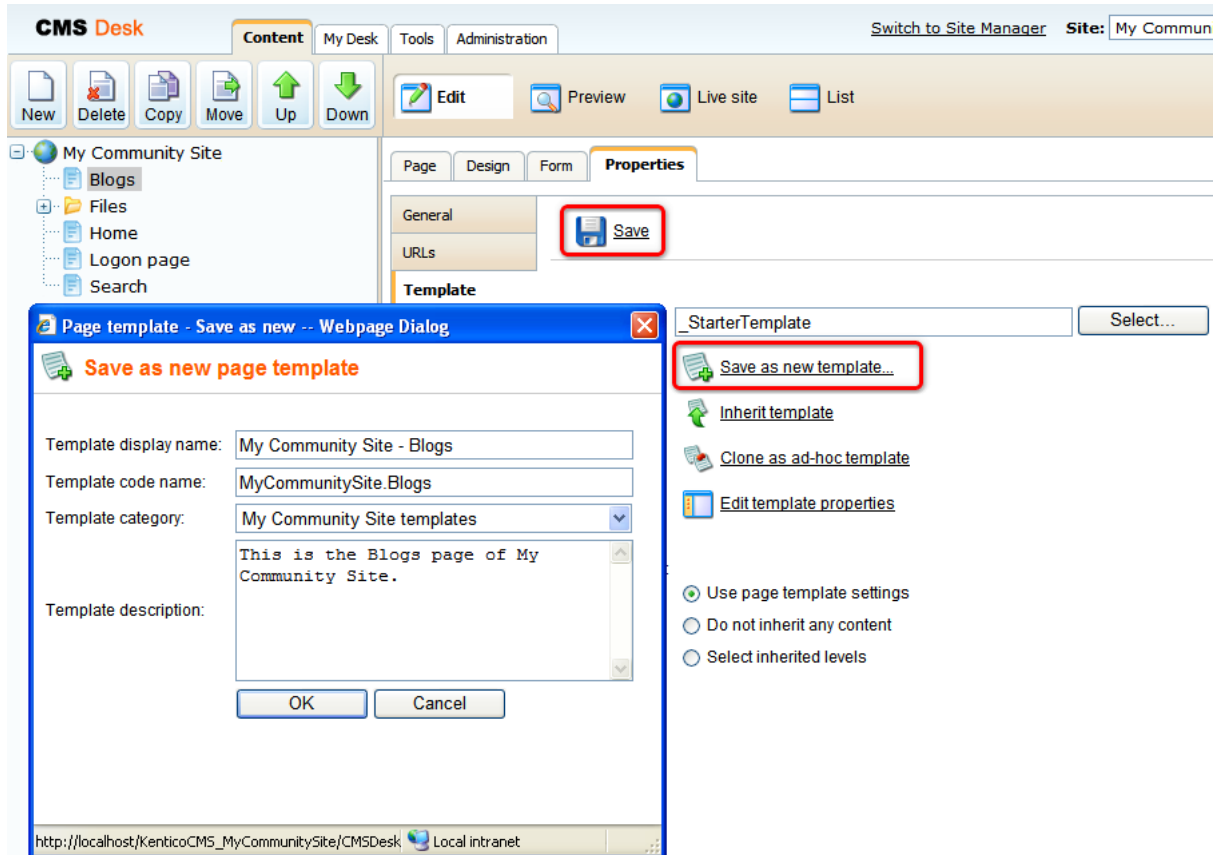
2. We will use the starter page template created in [this chapter](#) as the starting point for this page. Choose the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate**. For **Page name**, enter *Blogs* and click **Save**.



3. Go to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Blogs
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Blogs
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

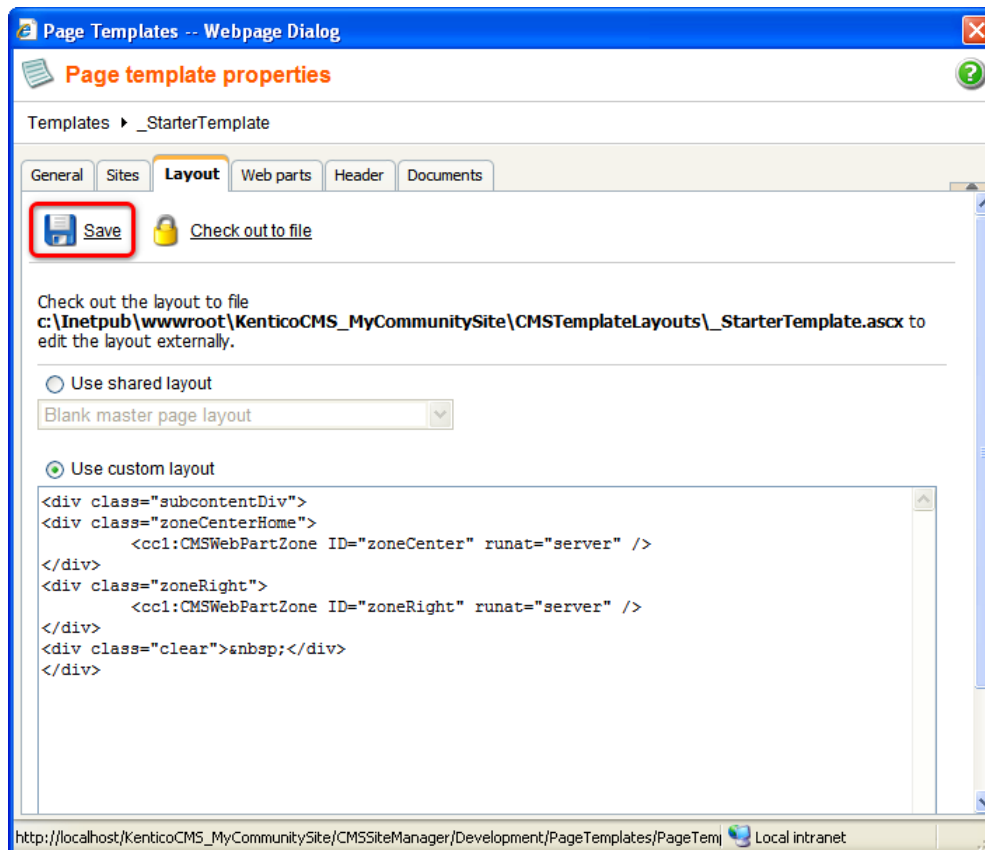
Click **OK**.



4. On the same tab, click the **Edit template properties** link. In the pop-up **Page template properties** window, switch to the **Layout** tab and replace the original layout with the following code:

```
<div class="subcontentDiv">
<div class="zoneCenterBlog">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneCenter" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="zoneRight">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneRight" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
```

Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. You should see two web part zones - **zoneLeft** and **zoneRight** - just as you defined by the layout above. Let's add web parts to the **zoneRight** web part zone first.

Below the **Shortcuts** menu, the **Tag cloud** web part will be displayed. After clicking a tag in the web part, users will be redirected to the `/Blogs/Blog-posts` page, where a list of blog posts tagged with the clicked tag will be displayed. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Tagging & categories -> Tag cloud** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Show for document types:** CMS.Blog;CMS.MenuItem
- **Tag group name:** Blogs
- **Document list URL:** /Blogs/Blog-posts
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Orange Box
- **Web part container title:** Tag cloud


Click **OK**.

Below the Tag cloud, we will place an info-box displaying links to 3 latest blogs on the site. This will be achieved using the **Repeater** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Web part control ID:** LatestBlogs

- **Disable view state:** enabled
- **Show for document types:** CMS.Menuitem
- **Path:** ./%
- **Document types:** CMS.Blog
- **Select top N documents:** 3
- **Transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogsListRight
- **Cache dependencies:** nodes{%CurrentSite.SiteName{(tolower)%}}cms.blog|all
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Web part container title:** Recent blogs
- **Content after:** <a href="~/Blogs/Blog-list.aspx" title="All blogs" class="viewAllBlogs">View all blogs</a>

Click **OK**.

Next on is another similar info box. This one will be displaying latest blog comments. Click the **Add web part**  icon again, choose the **Blogs -> Blogs comments viewer** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.BlogComments
- **Selected columns:** CommentPostDocumentID,CommentDate,CommentUserName,CommentText
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** There are currently no comments.
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Web part container title:** Latest blog comments

Click **OK**.

The last web part in the right column will be the **Posts archive** web part. This web part will be displaying links to the latest blog months. The web part will not be displayed on this page, but only when a blog, blog month or blog post is displayed. Click the **Add web part**  icon again, choose the **Blogs -> Post archive** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Show for document types:** cms.blog;cms.blogmonth;cms.blogpost
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** No data in archive.
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Web part container title:** Post archive

Click **OK**.

The **zoneLeft** web part zone is finished. You can see the desired appearance in the screenshot below. Notice that some of the web parts are not displaying any content yet. This is because there is no content to be displayed yet, but when the content is added, all the web parts should work fine. You will see later on in this guide.



We will move to the **zoneCenter** web part zone now. First, let's enter the heading text. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Recent blog posts* into the text box representing the web part. Click **Save**.



The heading that we've just added will be displayed only on the title page. When a content of a blog is displayed, the heading will be replaced by breadcrumbs of the same size. These breadcrumbs will be clickable and will indicate the current position in the blogs hierarchy. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Navigation -> Breadcrumbs** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Show for document types:** CMS.BlogMonth;CMS.BlogPost;CMS.Blog
- **Starting path:** /Blogs
- **Class names:** CMS.Blog;CMS.BlogMonth;CMS.MenuItem
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Content before:** <div class="blogsTopBreadcrumbs">
- **Content after:** </div>

Click **OK**.

Now we have the heading ready, so let's get to the three web parts enabling users to edit blog properties, create blog posts and edit blog posts directly on the live site. As mentioned above, this functionality will be achieved using the **User contributions** module web parts.

The first one will be used for blogs editing. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **User contributions -> Edit contribution** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Web part control ID:** EditBlog
- **Show for document types:** CMS.Blog
- **Alternative form name:** CMS.Blog.EditBlog
- **Edit button label:** Edit blog
- **Allow delete:** disabled
- **Content before:** <div class="EditPanel">
- **Content after:** </div>

Click **OK**.

The second of the User contributions web parts will be used to enable users edit blog posts. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **User contributions -> Edit contribution** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Web part control ID:** EditBlogPost
- **Show for document types:** CMS.BlogPost
- **Alternative form name:** CMS.BlogPost.EditBlogPost
- **Content before:** <div class="EditPanel">
- **Content after:** </div>

Click **OK**.

The last of the three User contributions web parts will enable adding of new blog posts. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **User contributions -> Edit contribution** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Web part control ID:** NewBlogPost
- **Show for document types:** CMS.Blog
- **Path for new documents:** "." (do not include the parentheses, these are only indicating that you should enter the dot only)
- **Allowed new document types:** CMS.BlogPost
- **Alternative form name:** CMS.BlogPost.EditBlogPost
- **Display a list of documents:** disabled
- **New item button label:** New blog post
- **List button label:** My blog posts
- **Allow delete:** disabled
- **Content before:** <div class="EditPanel">
- **Content after:** </div>

Click **OK**.

Now we will add two repeaters with similar settings. The first repeater will be displayed only on Blog month documents and will display a list of all blog posts in the month, paged by 5 posts. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Web part control ID:** rptMonthPosts
- **Show for document types:** cms.blogmonth
- **Path:** ./%
- **Document types:** CMS.BlogPost
- **Transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogsAllBlogsPosts
- **Selected item transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogPostDetail

- **Enable paging:** enabled
- **Page size:** 5
- **Cache dependencies:** nodes{%CurrentSite.SiteName|(tolower)%}cms.blogpost|all

Click **OK**.

The second repeater will display a list of 5 latest blog posts on the Blogs title page (the page that you are creating now) and on a particular blog's title page. The repeater will also be used for displaying particular blog posts. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Web part control ID:** rptLatestPostsAllBlogs
- **Disable view state:** enabled
- **Show for document types:** CMS.Blog;CMS.BlogPost;CMS.MenuItem
- **Path:** ./%
- **Document types:** cms.blogpost
- **Order by expression:** BlogPostDate DESC
- **Select top N documents:** 5
- **Transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogsAllBlogsPosts
- **Selected item transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogPostDetail
- **Cache dependencies:** nodes{%CurrentSite.SiteName|(tolower)%}cms.blogpost|all

Click **OK**.

Three web parts remaining. The next one will be the **Content rating** web part. It will be displayed only for blog posts and will enable users to rate the content of the blog posts. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Content rating -> Content rating** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Show for document types:** CMS.BlogPost
- **Content before:** <div class="blogContentRating">
- **Content after:** </div><br />

Click **OK**.

The **Social bookmarking** web part will be placed below the Content rating web part and will enable users to bookmark blog posts via a large number of social bookmarking services. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Community services -> Social bookmarking** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Show for document types:** CMS.BlogPost
- **Bookmarking services:** enable the check-boxes for all social bookmarking services that you want to be available
- **Content after:** <br /><br />

Click **OK**.

The last web part on the page will also be displayed only for blog posts. It is the **Comments view** web part, enabling users to post blog comments and displaying the comments. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon again, choose the **Blogs -> Comment view** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Show for document types:** CMS.BlogPost
- **Check permissions:** disabled

- **Comment separator:** `<div class="PostCommentSeparatorLine">&nbsp;</div>`
- **Show edit button:** enabled
- **Enable user pictures:** enabled
- **User picture width:** 66
- **User picture height:** 66
- **Content before:** `<div class="blogComments">`
- **Content after:** `</div>`

Click **OK**.

In the screenshot below, you can see the desired appearance of the page in **Design** tab. As mentioned above, no content is displayed as there is no content (no blogs, no posts, ...) on the site yet. However, as the site gets populated with content, all web parts should be fully functional.

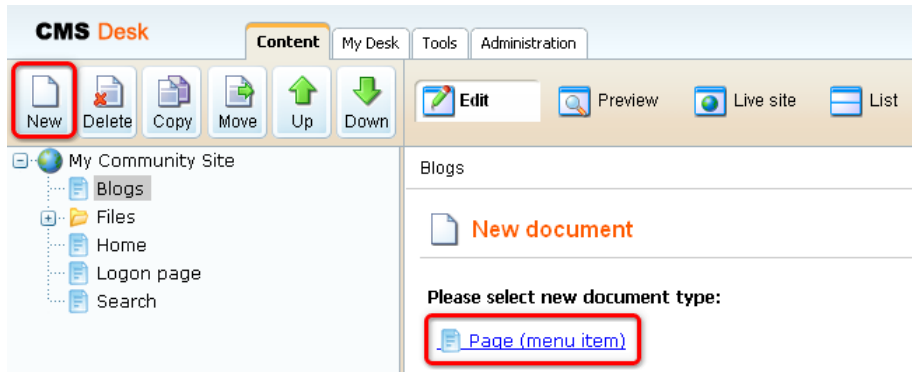




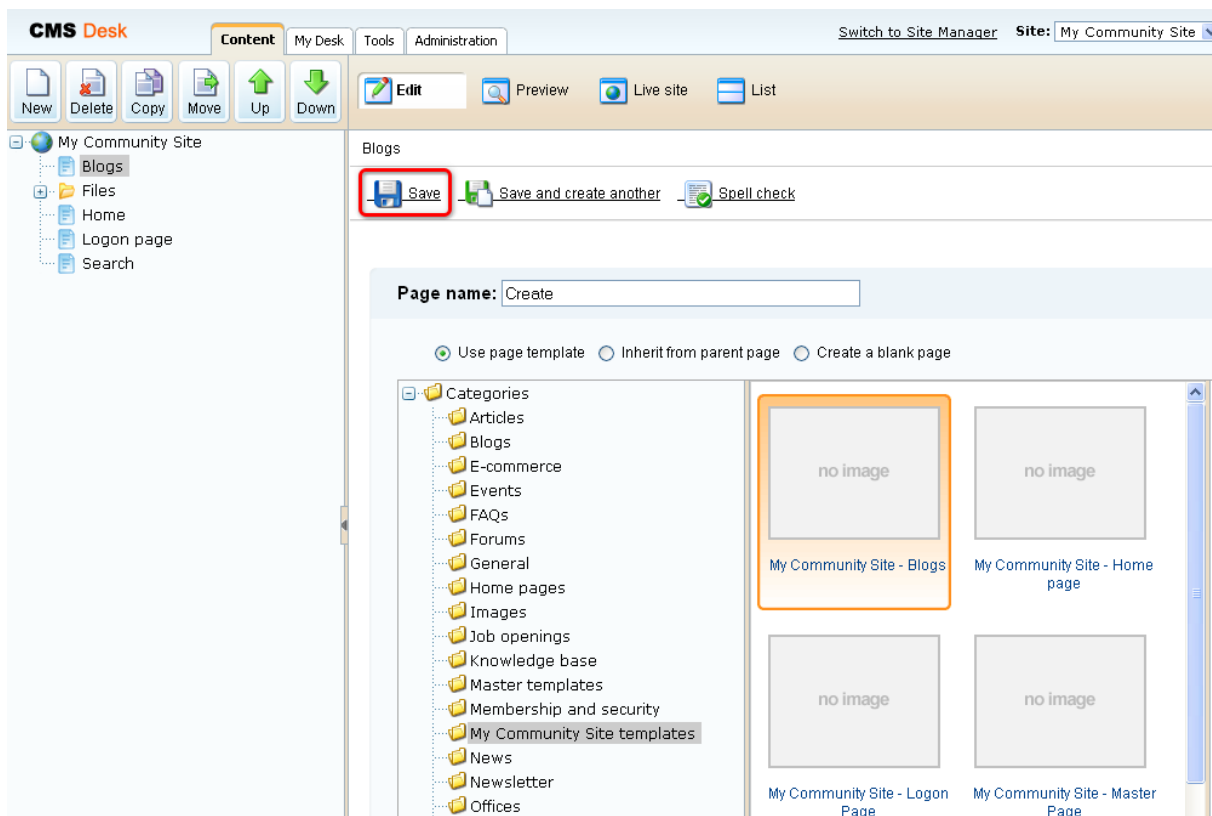
### 3.8.2 Creating the Create page

The Create page is where users are redirected when they want to create a new blog. The page is accessible via the **Shortcuts** menu, after clicking the **Create a new blog** link. In the following example, you will learn how to create the page. We will use the **My Community Site - Blogs** page template created in the [previous chapter](#) so that we don't have to waste time by adding the same web parts again.

1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the **Blogs** page in the content tree and click the **New** icon. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



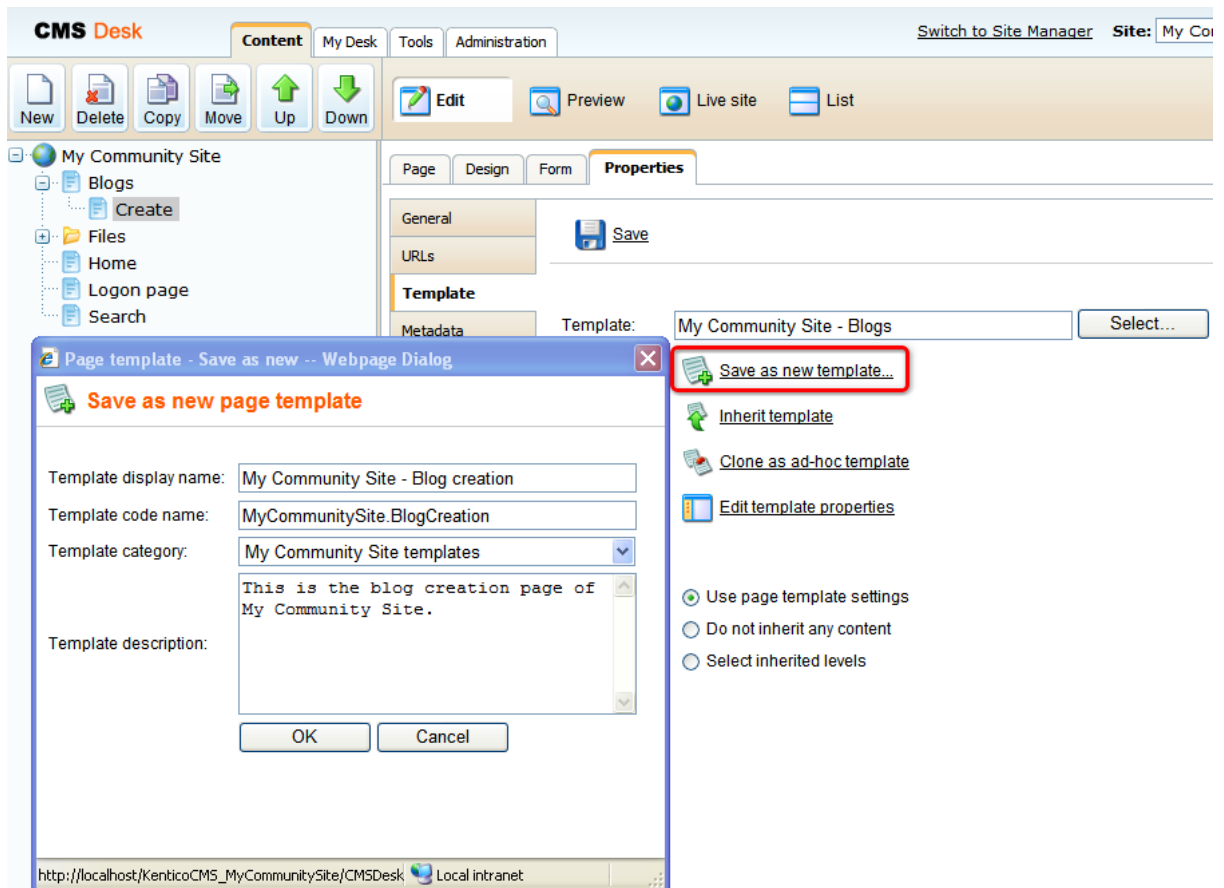
2. Choose the **My Community Site templates -> My Community Site - Blogs** page template. For **Page name**, enter *Create* and click **Save**.



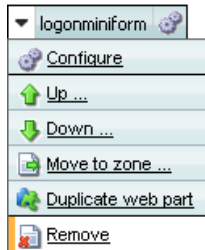
3. Now we have the Create page created. It uses the **My Community Site - Blogs** page template. If we started making modifications to the page now, the page template would also get modified, so that the Blogs page would be modified too. To prevent this, we will have to save the page as a new page template before the actual modification. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Blog creation
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.BlogCreation
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Now switch to the **Design** tab. Because the page template already contains some web parts that we will need on the page, we can focus on deleting the not-needed ones first. You can delete a web part by opening the web part's context menu (down-pointing arrow on the left) and selecting the **Remove** command.



From the **zoneRight** web part zone, delete the **Logon miniform**, **Post archive** and **Blog comments viewer** web parts.

5. We will add two more web parts to this web part zone. The first one will be a repeater displaying the current user's blogs. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them as they are:

- **Web part control ID:** repeaterYourBlogs
- **Path:** /Blogs/%
- **Document types:** CMS.Blog
- **ORDER BY expression:** DocumentCreatedWhen DESC
- **WHERE condition:** NodeOwner='{%CurrentUser.UserID%}'
- **Transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogsListRight
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **No record found text:** You have currently no blogs.
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Orange Box
- **Web part container title:** Your blogs

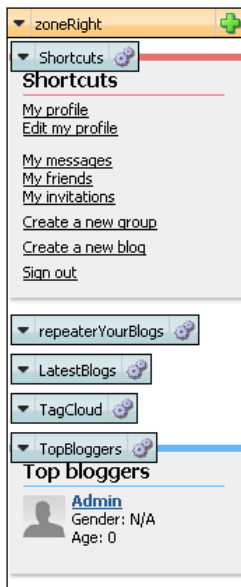
Click **OK**.

The second web part that we will add to the **zoneRight** web part zone is the Users viewer. We will set it up so that it displays the four most active bloggers on the site. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon and choose the **Membership -> Users viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them as they are:

- **Web part control ID:** TopBloggers
- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersPreviewList
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** There are currently no bloggers.
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **ORDER BY condition:** UserBlogPosts DESC
- **Select top N members:** 4
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box
- **Web part container title:** Top bloggers

Click **OK**.

Now that you have the web parts in place and configured, let's just reorder them by dragging and dropping. In the result, they should be ordered as in the screenshot below:



6. In the **zoneCenter** web part zone, we will need only the **Editable text** web part at the top, hence you can remove all the other web parts in this web part zone. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Create new blog* into the web part's text box. Click **Save**.

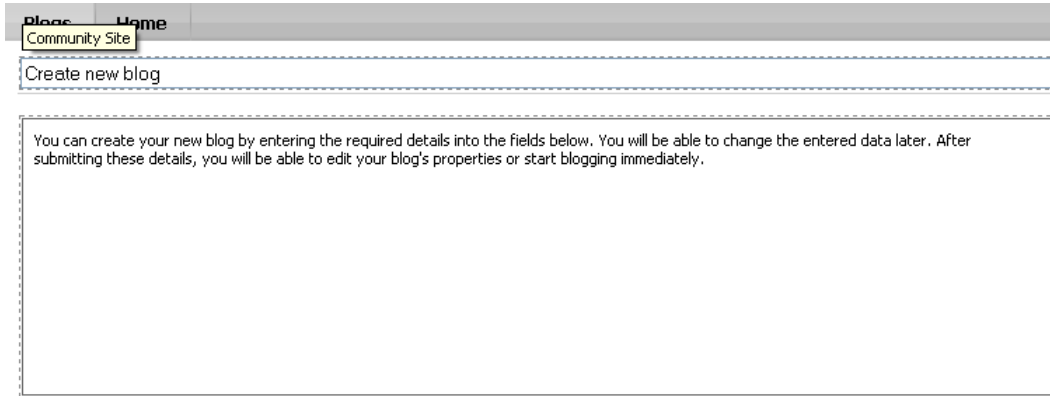


7. Switch back to the **Design** tab. You should see the heading displayed in the appropriate font size. The rest of the **zoneCenter** web part zone will host only another **Editable text** web part displaying some info text and the **New blog** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon and choose the **Text -> Editable text** web part. You can leave all properties of the web part at their default values and click **OK**.

Switch to the **Page** tab and enter some info text into the web part's text area. You can use the following sample text:

You can create your new blog by entering the required details into the fields below. You will be able to change the entered data later. After submitting these details, you will be able to edit your blog's properties or start blogging immediately.

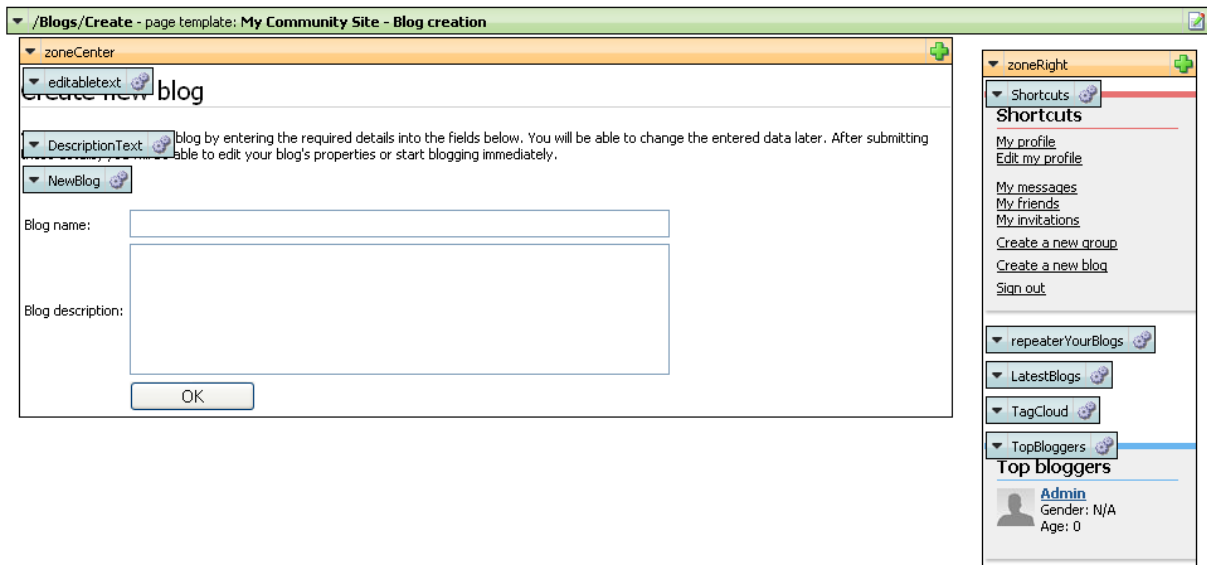
Click **Save**.



8. Switch back to the **Design** tab. Let's finish the page by adding its main part - the **New blog** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon and choose the **Blogs -> New blog** web part. Set the following property of the web part, leave the rest at their default values:

- **Blog parent path:** /Blogs

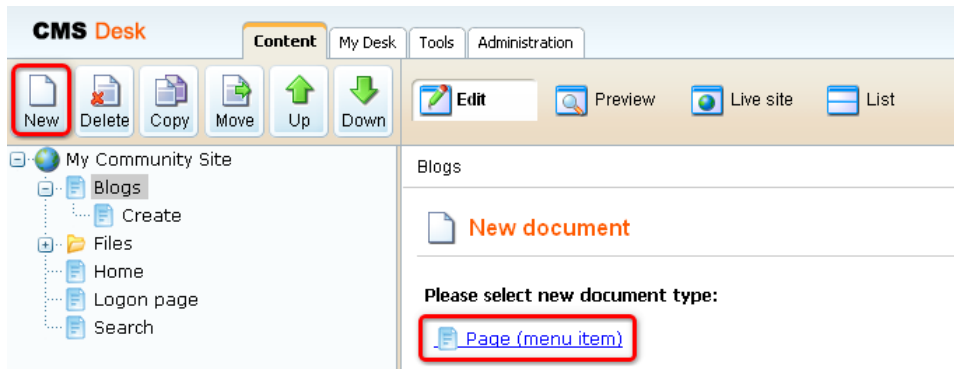
Click **OK**. You have just finished creating the blogs creation page. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



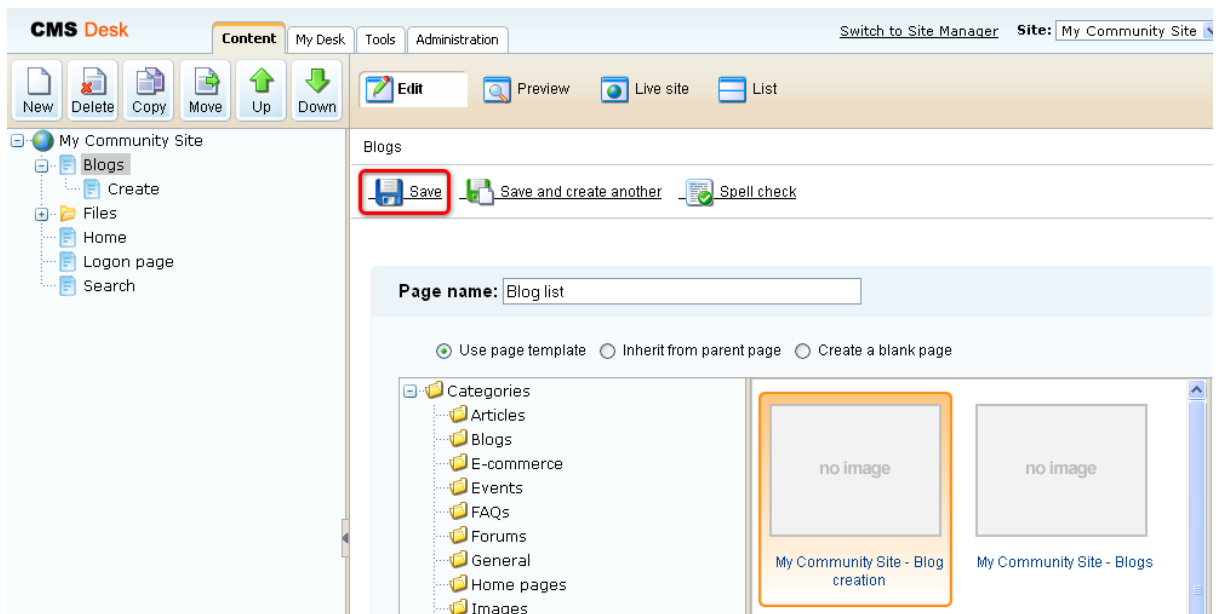
### 3.8.3 Creating the Blog list page

The Blog list page displays a list of all blogs on the site. This functionality will be achieved using the **Repeater** web part. The page is accessible from the **Recent blogs** repeater on the Blogs title page, by clicking the **View all blogs** link.

1. Go to **CMS Desk -> Edit** mode, select the **Blogs** page from the content tree and click **New**.



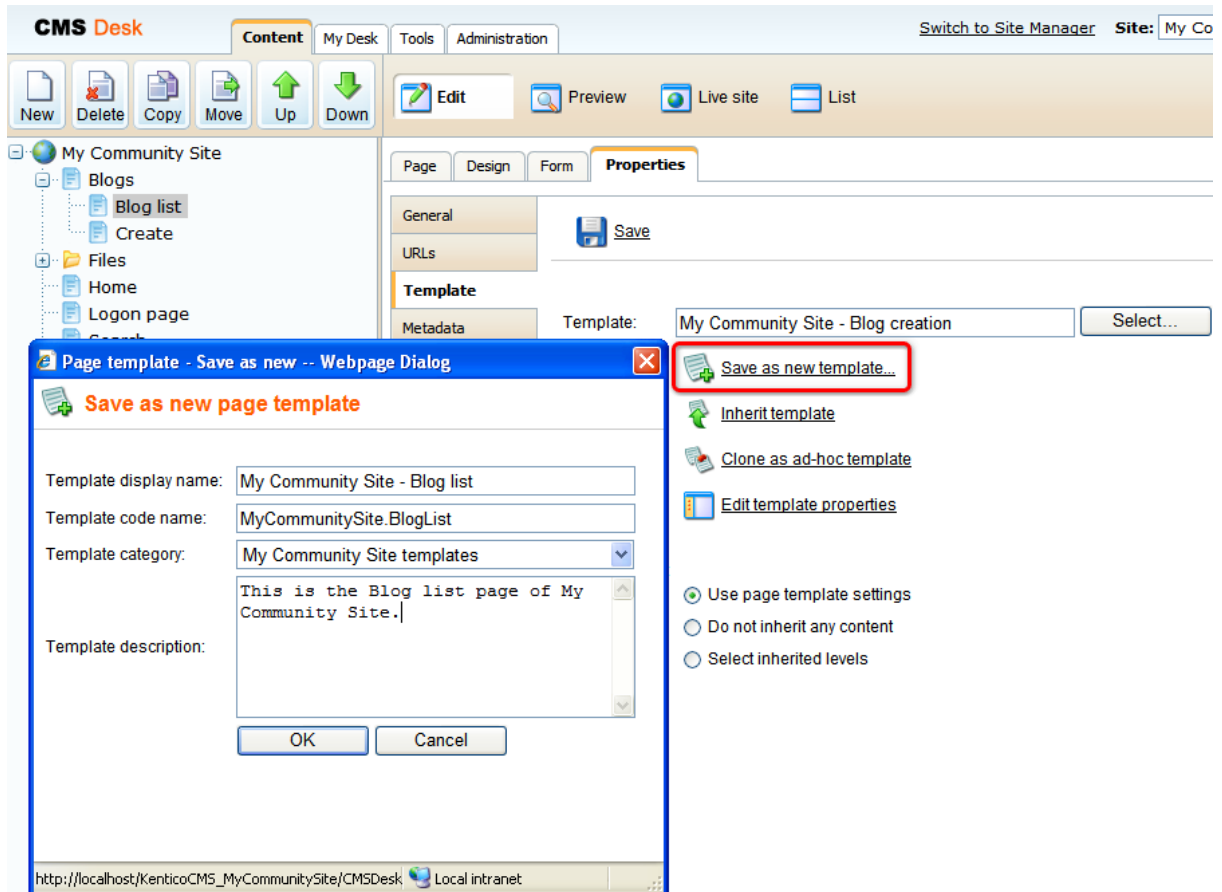
2. We will use the page template from the previous chapter so that we can save time by eliminating adding some identically configured web parts. Choose the **My Community Site templates -> My Community Site - Blog creation** page template. For **Page name**, enter *Blog list* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab. We will save the page as a new page template so that the modifications made to this page will not be reflected on the Blog creation page. Click the Save as new template link and enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Blog list
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.BlogList
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



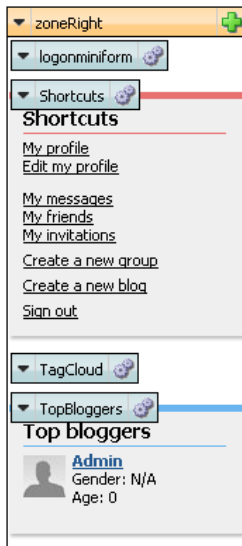
4. Switch to the **Design** tab. Let's start with **zoneRight** web part zone. Remove the **repeaterYourBlogPosts** and **LatestBlogs** web parts. These web parts wouldn't make sense in t

Click the **Add web part** (+) icon and choose the **Membership -> Logon mini form** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them as they are:

- **Display to roles:** \_notauthenticated\_
- **Logon failure text:** Error logging in.
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red box
- **Web part container title:** Sign in

Click **OK**.

Drag and drop the web part to the top of the web part zone, above the **Shortcuts** box. The web part zone is ready now and should look as in the screenshot below.



5. Modifying the **zoneCenter** web part zone will also be a task of a few clicks. Firstly, remove the **DescriptionText** and **NewBlog** web parts so that the only web part remaining is the **Editable text** for the heading.

Now we will add the main part of the page - the repeater for displaying blogs. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon and choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values:

- **Web part control ID:** rptListOfBlogs
- **Show for document types:** CMS.Menuitem
- **Path:** /Blogs/%
- **Document types:** CMS.Blog
- **Transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogPostDetail
- **Selected item transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogPostDetail
- **Paging:** enabled
- **Page size:** 5
- **Cache dependencies:** nodes[{"%CurrentSite.SiteName|(tolower)%"}]cms.blog|all

Click **OK**.



6. Finally, switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Blogs list* into the text field of the heading **Editable text** web part. Click **Save**.



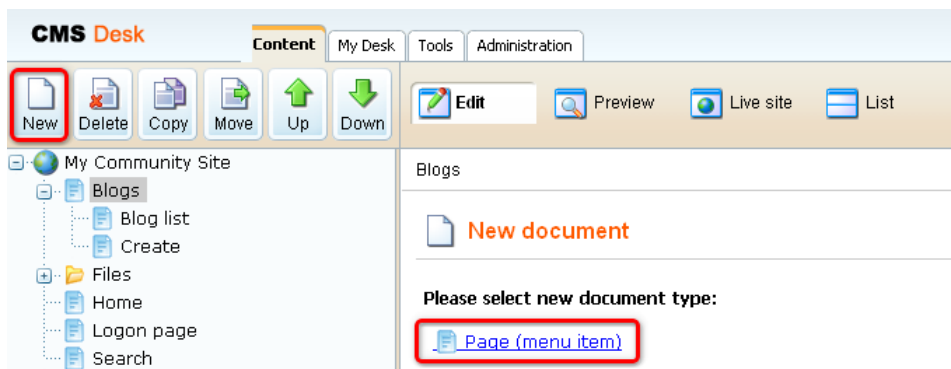
In the screenshot below, you can see the desired appearance of the page in **Design** tab. The page is not displaying anything yet, because there are no blogs on the site. If you create one, it will be displayed here.



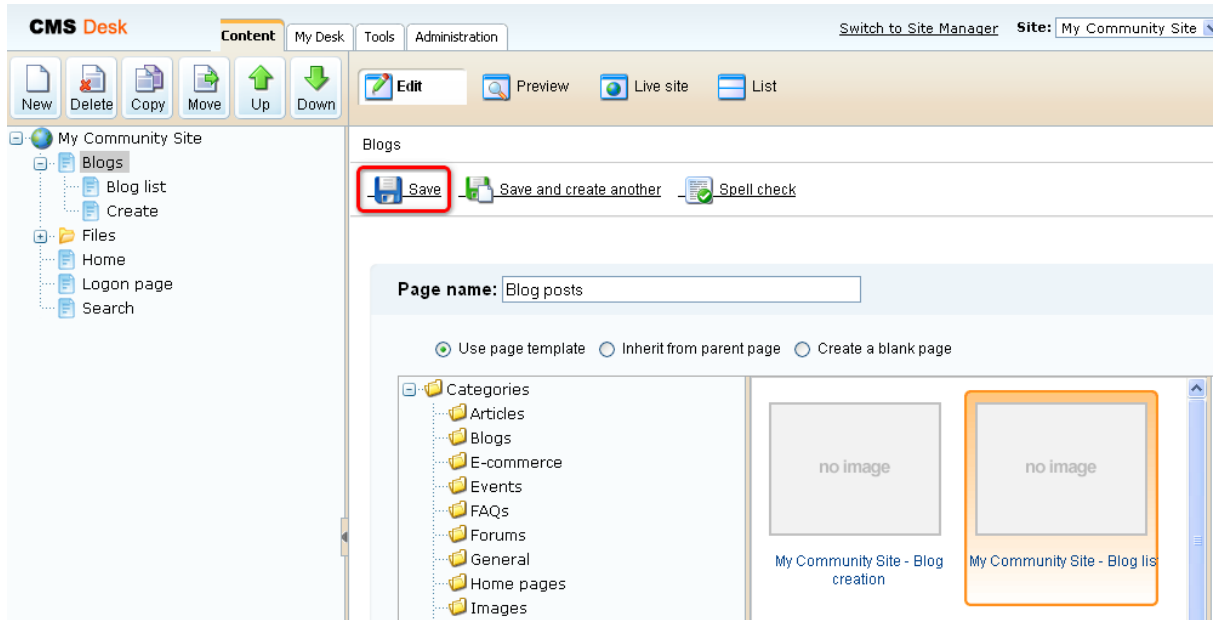
### 3.8.4 Creating the Blog posts page

The last page in the Blogs section is the **Blog posts** page. When a user clicks a tag in the **Tag cloud** web part, she is redirected to this page. On the page, all blog posts will be displayed by the **Repeater** web part based on a querystring parameter.

1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the **Blogs** page from the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. We will use the page template of the **Blog list** page created in the [previous chapter](#). The page template is almost identical, only the settings of the main repeater will be modified. Choose the **My Community Site template -> My Community Site - Blog list** page template. For **Page name**, enter *Blog posts* and click **Save**.



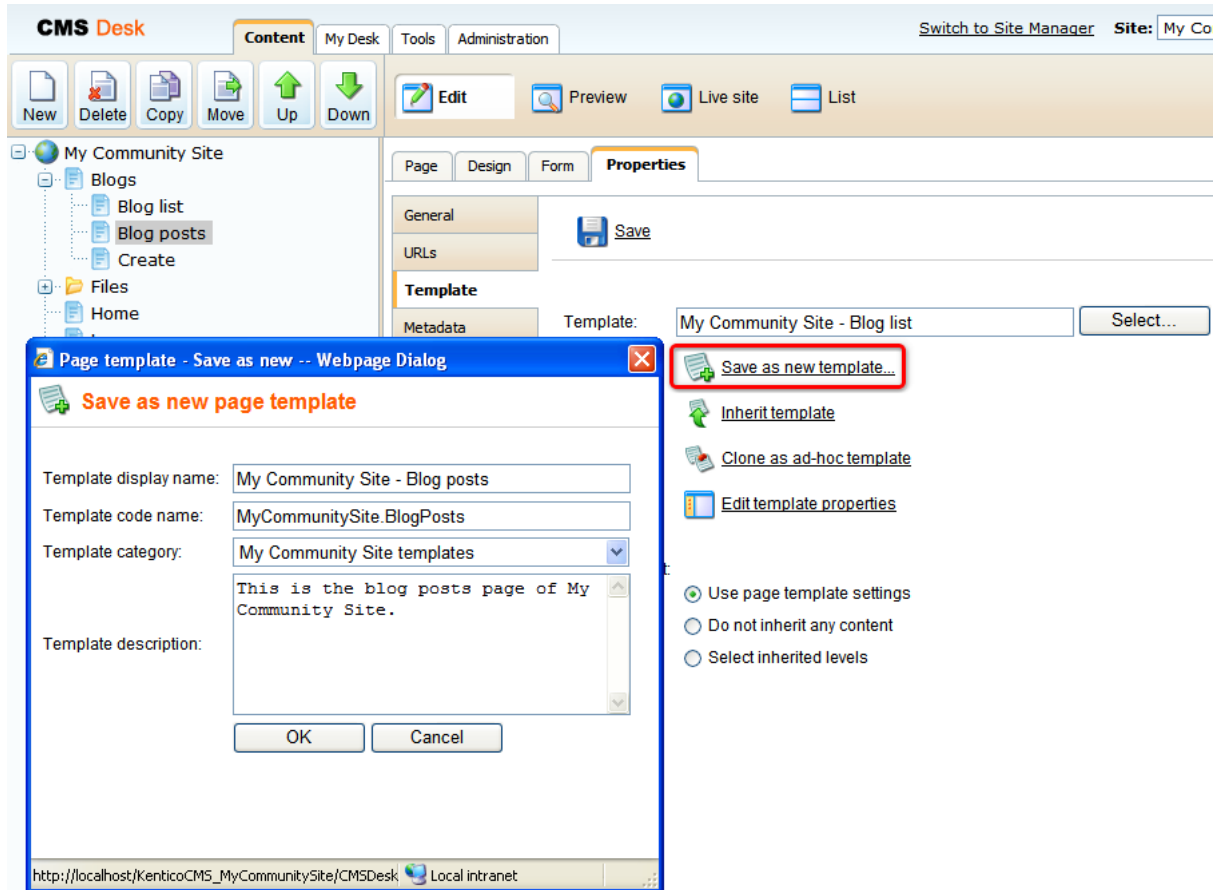
3. View the new page in **Page** tab. Enter *Blog posts* into the heading **Editable text** web part's text box and click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details into the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Blog posts
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.BlogPosts
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. There is the **rptListOfBlogs** web part already on the page in the **zoneCenter** web part zone. It is configured for the purposes of the **Blog list** page, so we will have to modify its properties. Click the **Configure** (⚙️) icon of the web part and set the following properties:

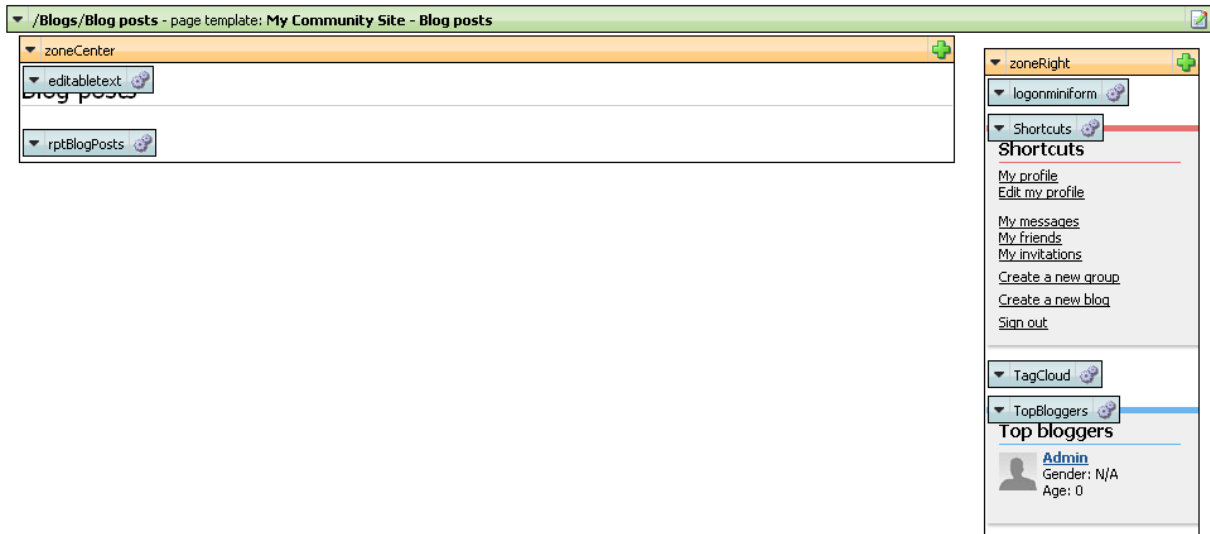
- **Web part control ID:** rptBlogPosts
- **Show for document types:** CMS.Blog;CMS.BlogPost;CMS.MenuItem
- **Document types:** cms.blogpost
- **ORDER BY expression:** BlogPostDate DESC
- **WHERE condition:**

```
((?tagid|(toint)?) = 0 AND '{?tagname?}'='') OR (DocumentID IN (SELECT DocumentID FROM CMS_DocumentTag WHERE TagID = {?tagid|(toint)???)) OR (DocumentID IN (SELECT DocumentID FROM CMS_DocumentTag WHERE TagID IN (SELECT TagID FROM CMS_Tag WHERE TagName = '{?tagname?}' AND TagGroupID = {?groupid|(toint)???)))
```

- **Transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogsAllBlogsPosts
- **Selected item transformation:** clear the value as it wouldn't make sense in this context
- **Cache dependencies:** nodes|{%CurrentSite.SiteName|(tolower)%}|cms.blogpost|all

Click **OK**.

The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot:

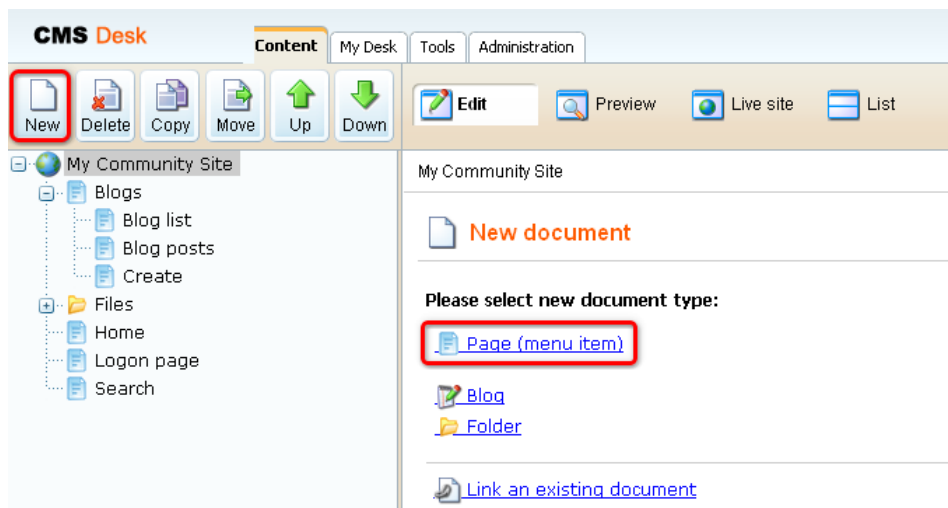


### 3.9 Creating the News page

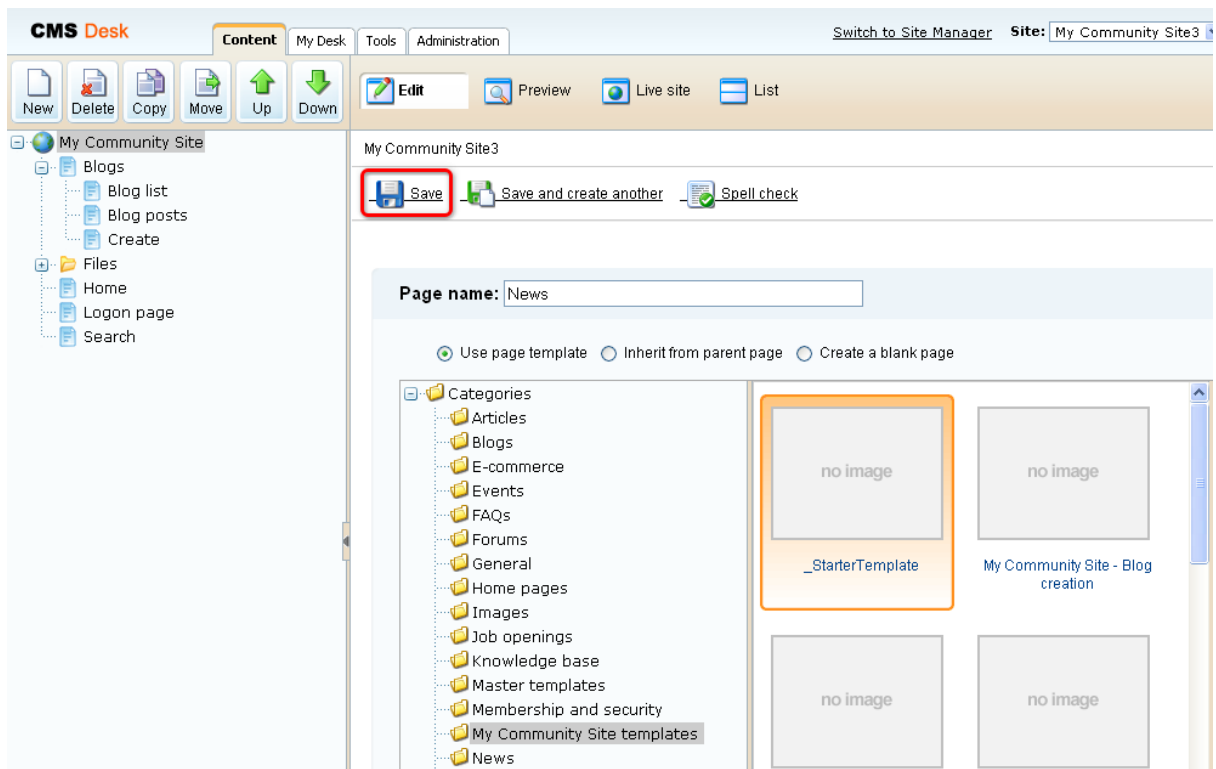
The News page will contain a repeater displaying news. News items can be created by users with access to CMS Desk, typically content editors or site administrators. They are useful for announcing important information to all site users and visitors.

Creating the News page will be very simple. We will re-use the starter page template created in [this chapter](#) and add some web parts, mainly the **Repeater** for displaying news items.

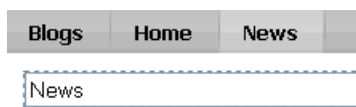
1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Choose the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_SarterTemplate** page template. For **Page name**, enter **News** and click **Save**.



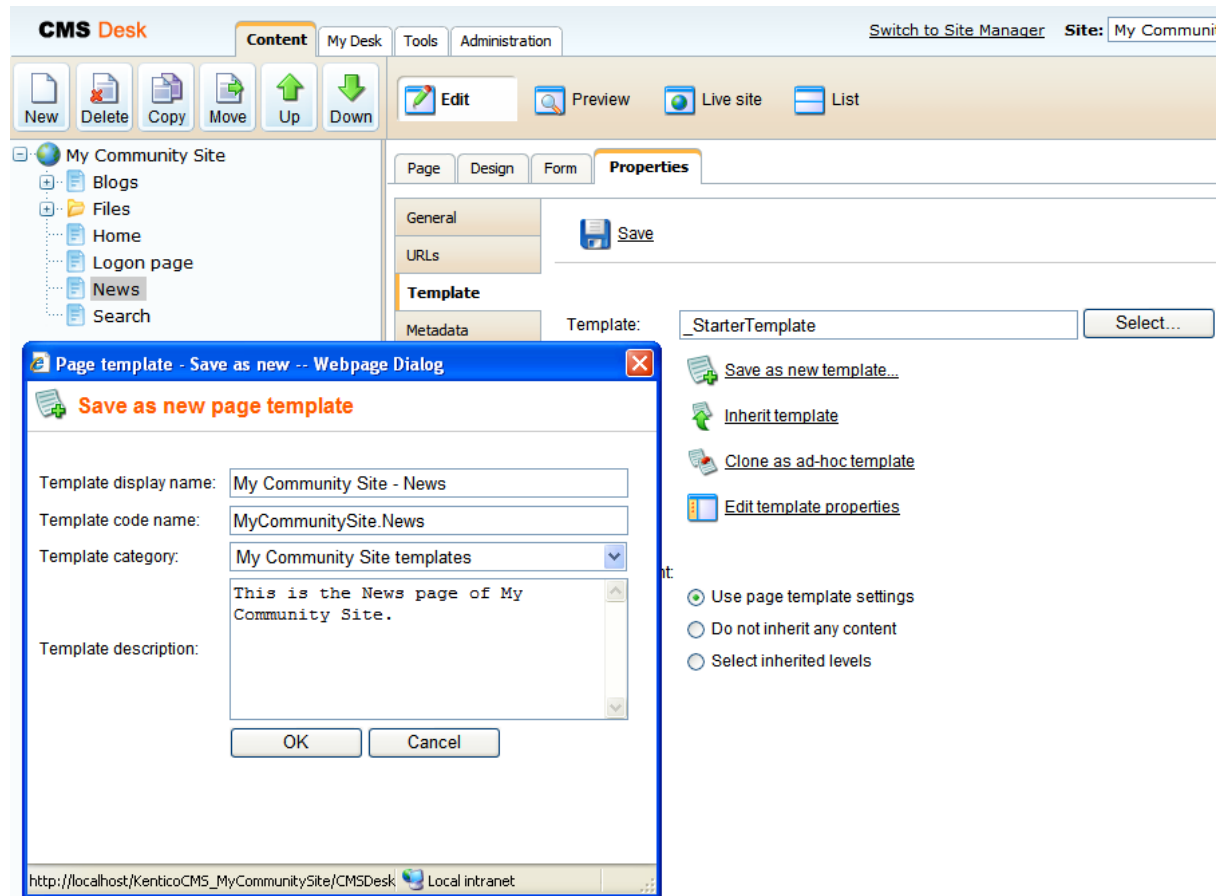
3. View the page in **Page** tab and enter **News** into the heading **Editable text** web part's text box. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details into the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - News
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.News
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. Firstly, we will add a tag cloud that will display tags from the News tag group. After clicking a tag, users will be redirected to this page again, where the repeater in the **zoneCenter** web part zone will display all news items tagged with the clicked tag. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Tagging & Categories -> Tag cloud** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at their default values:

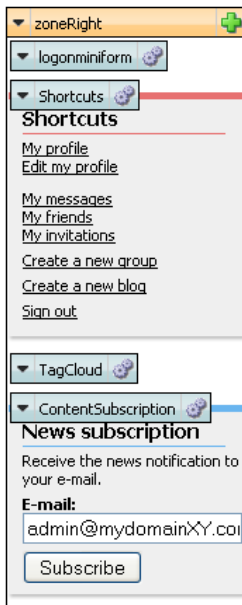
- **Show for document types:** leave the field empty
- **Tag group name:** News
- **Document list URL:** /News
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Orange Box
- **Web part container title:** Tag cloud

Click **OK**.

6. Now we will add the **Content subscription** web part to enable users subscribe to receiving notifications about new news items. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Notifications -> Content subscription** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at their default values:

- **Display to roles:** `_authenticated_`
- **Path:** `/News/%`
- **Document types:** `CMS.News`
- **Create event enabled:** `enabled`
- **Create event display name:** `Community news notification`
- **Create event template name:** `News notification`
- **Web part container:** `Community Site - Blue Box`
- **Web part container title:** `News notification`

Click **OK**. The **zoneRight** web part zone is finished and in **Design** tab, it should look as in the screenshot below.



7. Now to the **zoneCenter** web part zone. The main web part will be a repeater displaying the news items. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon, choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part and click **OK**. In the web part properties window, set the following properties:

- **Web part control ID:** `NewsRepeater`
- **Show for document types:** don't enter any value
- **Path:** `/News/%`
- **Document types:** `CMS.News`
- **ORDER BY expression:** `NewsReleaseDate DESC`
- **WHERE condition:**

```
((?tagid|(toint)?) = 0) OR (DocumentID IN ( SELECT DocumentID FROM
CMS_DocumentTag WHERE TagID = {?tagid|(toint)?) ))
```

- **Transformation:** `Community.Transformations.NewsPreview`



- **Selected item transformation:** Community.Transformations.NewsDetail
- **Enable paging:** disabled
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Show new button:** enabled
- **New button text:** Add news<br />
- **Show Edit and Delete buttons:** enabled
- **Content before:** <div class="newsRepeater">
- **Content after:** </div>

Click **OK**.

8. Now let's add the **Breadcrumbs** web part. This web part will be displayed only when a news item is displayed, not in the list of news items. When the News item is displayed, the breadcrumbs will make the heading of the page in format *News > Title of the news item*. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Navigation -> Breadcrumbs** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at their default values:

- **Show for document types:** CMS.News
- **Breadcrumb separator:** <span class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;  </span>
- **Encode name:** disabled
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Breadcrumbs box
- **Content before:** <div class="blogsTopBreadcrumbs">
- **Content after:** </div>

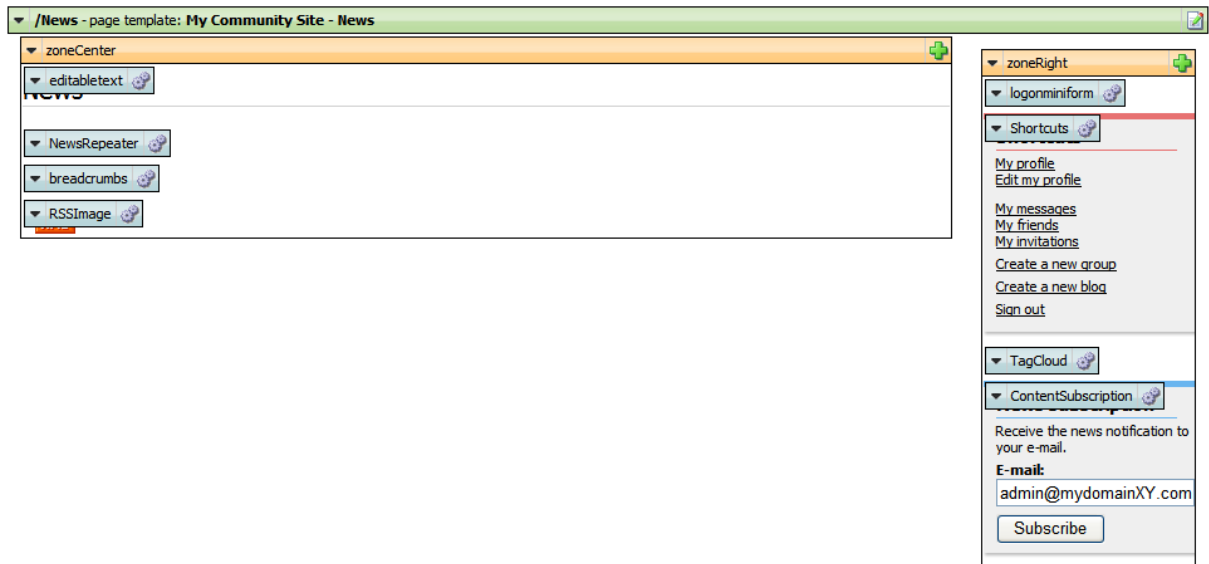
Click **OK** and drag-and-drop the web part **between** the **NewsTitle** and the **NewsRepeater** web part.

9. Finally, we will add the possibility to sign up for RSS notifications about new news items. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at their default values:

- **Web part control ID:** RSSImage
- **Text:**

```
<br /><a href="~/CMSPages/NewsRss.aspx" style="border:0; padding-left: 10px; padding-right: 10px;"></a>
```

Click **OK**. The **News** page is now ready. You can try out its functionality by adding some news items under the News page via CMS Desk. The page should display the news items correctly. In **Design** tab, the page should look as in the screenshot below.

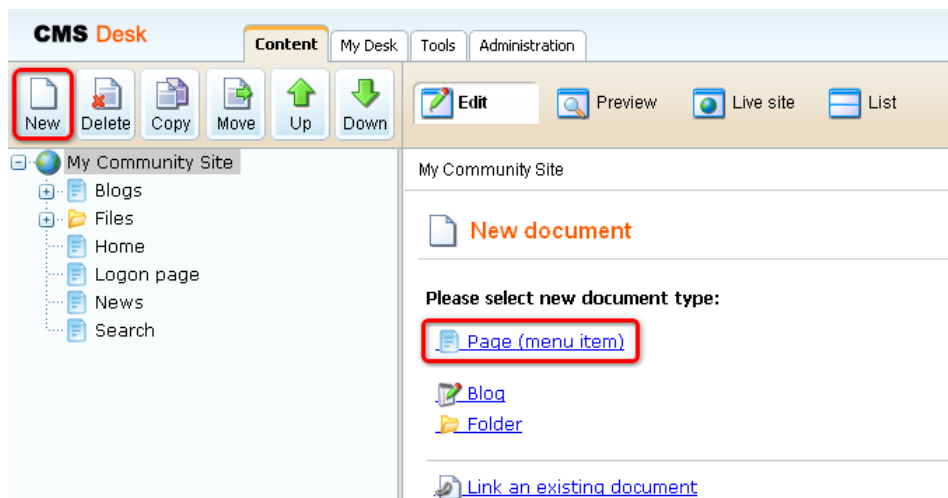


### 3.10 Creating the Media page

The Media page will display content of the site's global media library created in [this chapter](#). As you will see, the page is very easy to create as all the required functionality will be achieved using the **Media gallery** web part.

Further information can be found in the [Module Media libraries](#) chapter of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



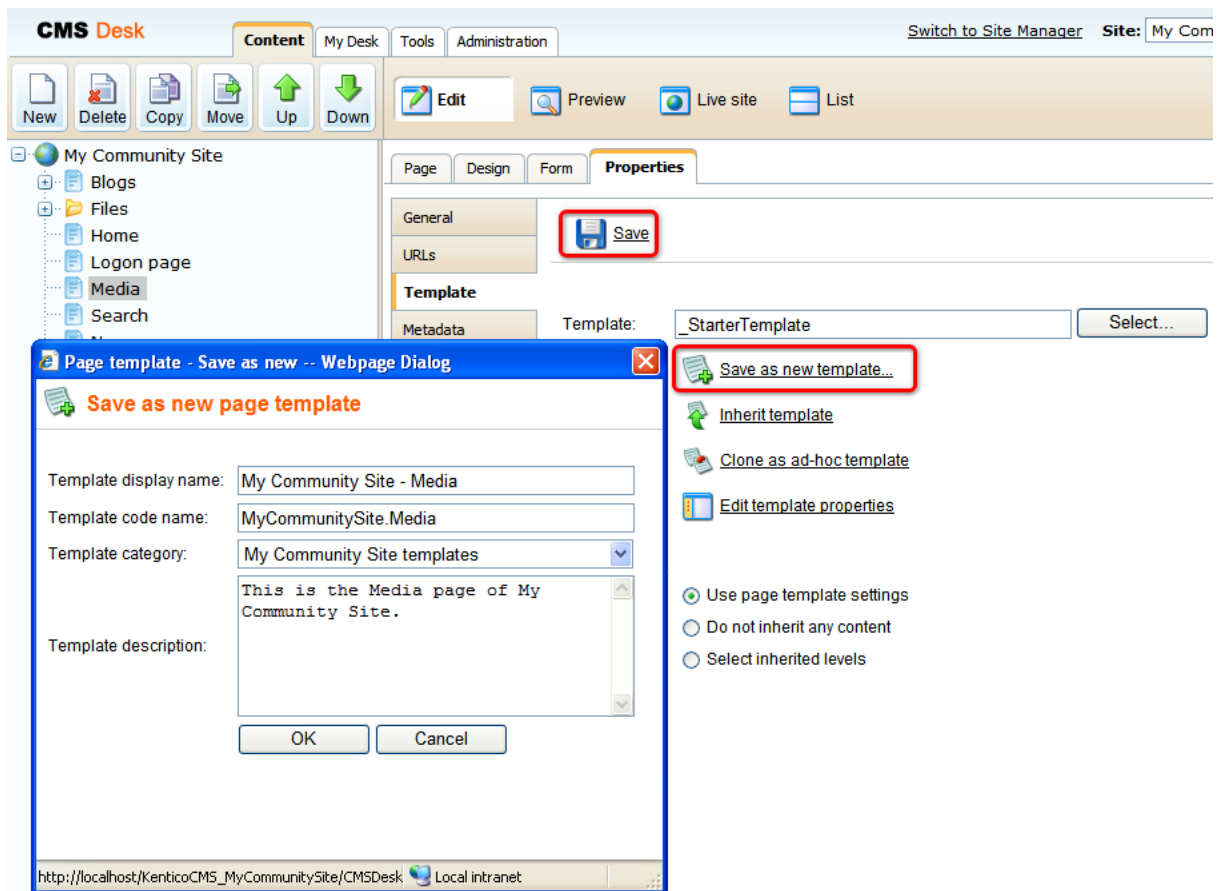
2. Enter *Media* into the **Page name** field. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** page template and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for 'My Community Site4'. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. A left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, including 'Blogs', 'Files', 'Home', 'Logon page', 'Search', and 'News'. The main workspace shows the 'Page name' field set to 'Media'. Below the field are three radio buttons: 'Use page template' (selected), 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page'. A list of categories is shown on the left, with 'My Community Site templates' selected. On the right, a grid of four template thumbnails is displayed, each labeled 'no image'. The first thumbnail, labeled '\_StarterTemplate', is highlighted with an orange border. The second thumbnail is labeled 'My Community Site - Blog creation'. Above the template grid are three buttons: 'Save' (highlighted with a red box), 'Save and create another', and 'Spell check'.

3. Now we will save the page as a new page template so that the changes made to the page would not be reflected to the **\_StarterTemplate**. Select the **Media** page from the content tree, switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details into the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Media
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Media
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** enter some text describing the page template

Click **OK**.

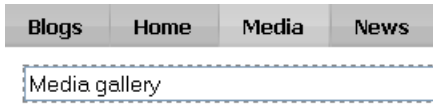


4. The only web part that we need to add is the **Media gallery** web part. Obviously, it will be placed in the **zoneCenter** web part zone. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneLeft** web part zone and choose the **Media library -> Media gallery** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them as they are:

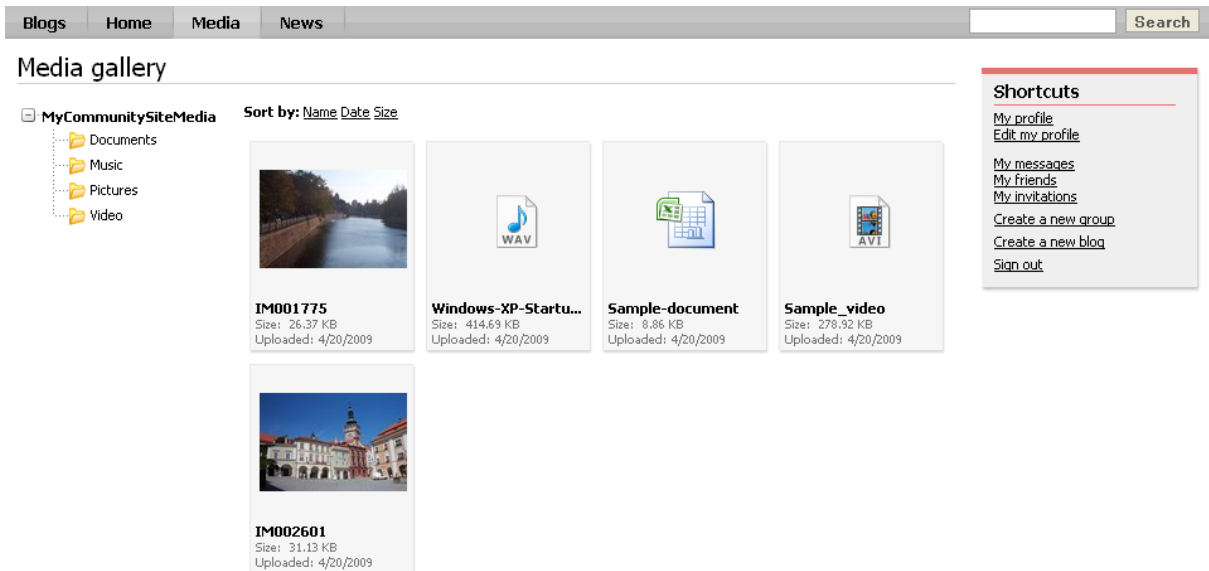
- **Media library:** My Community Site Media
- **Show subfolders content:** enabled
- **Use secure links:** disabled
- **Page size:** 8
- **Group size:** 8
- **No record found text:** There are no files in the library.

Click **OK**.

5. The last step is to change the header text. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Media gallery* into the **Editable text** web part's text field. Click **Save**.



6. And that's the **Media** page finished. If you switch to the live site now, you should see the page displaying content of the previously created sample media library.



## 3.11 Creating the Forums section

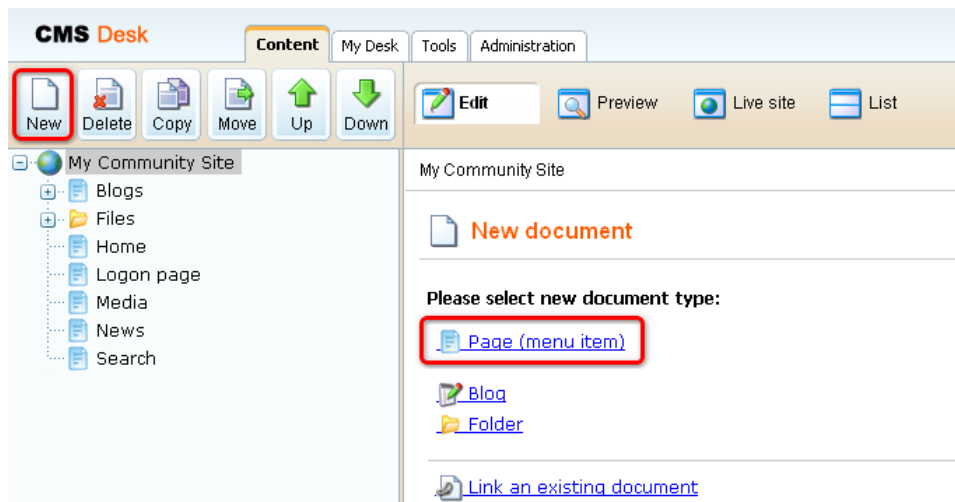
### 3.11.1 Creating the Forums page

The forums page will host the site's discussion forums. All the forum content will be displayed by this single page using the **Forum group** web part. In order for the page to display some content, there has to be some forum group defined via the administration interface.

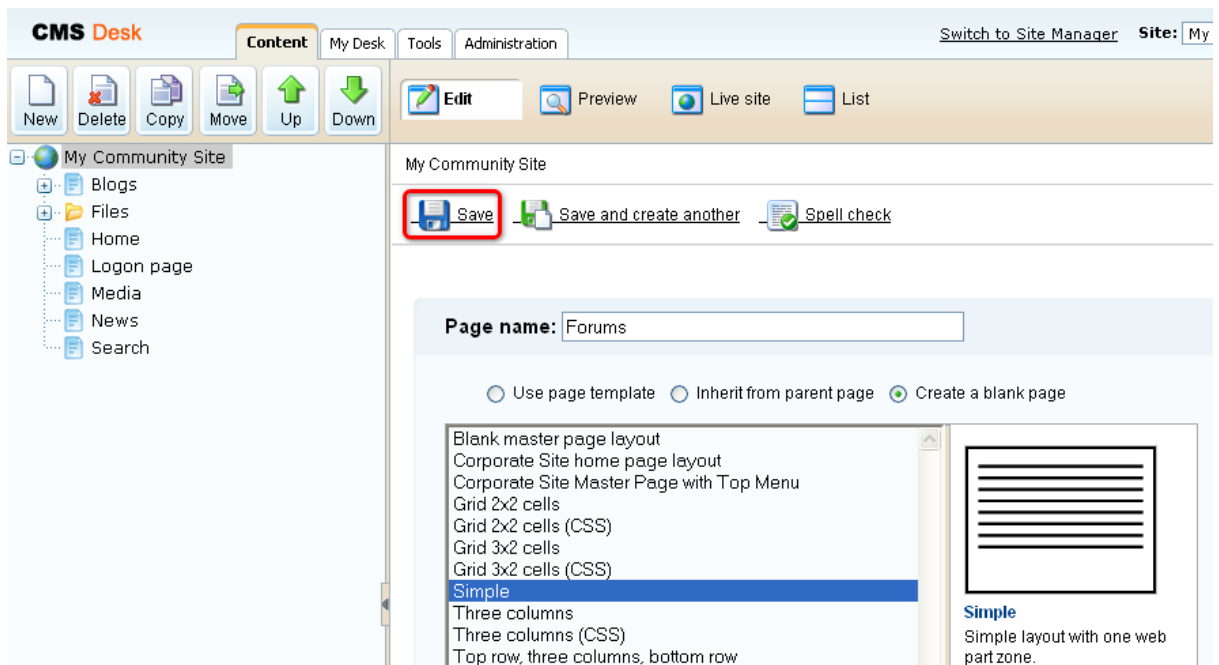
Before you start creating the page, it is therefore recommended to create one forum group. In [this chapter](#), you can see how a sample forum group can be created.

If you needed some more information about the Kentico CMS Forums module, you can find it in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Forums](#).

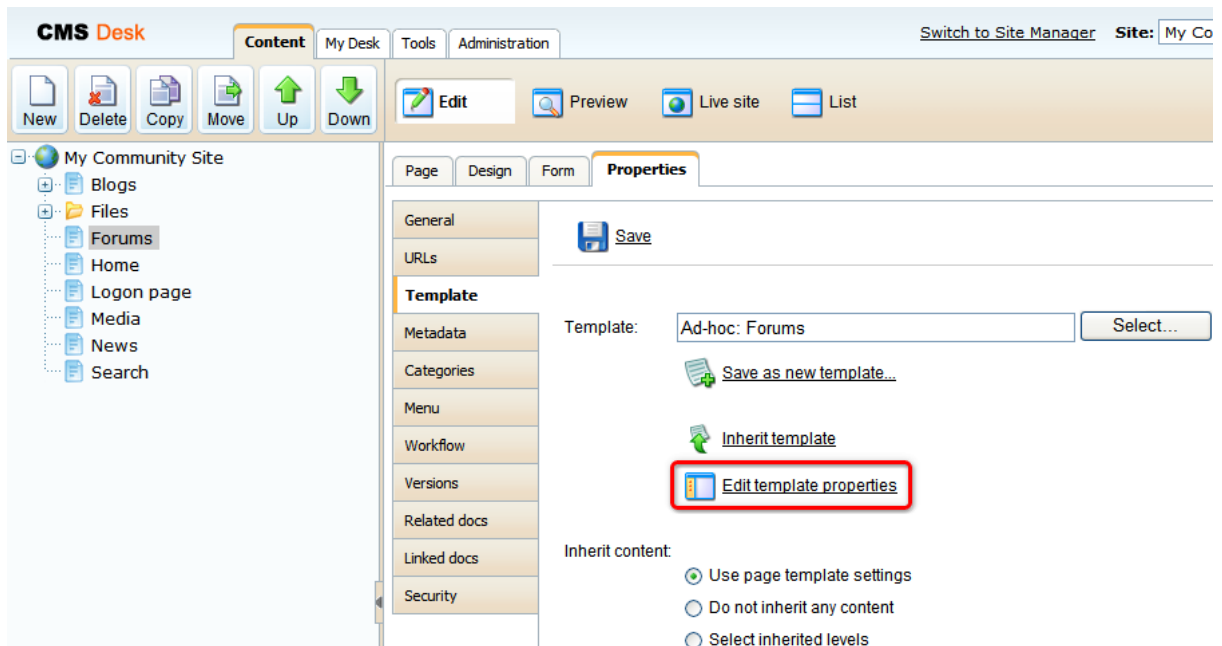
1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. In the following dialog, choose to **Create a blank page** using the **Simple** layout. Enter *Forums* into the **Page name** field and click **Save**.



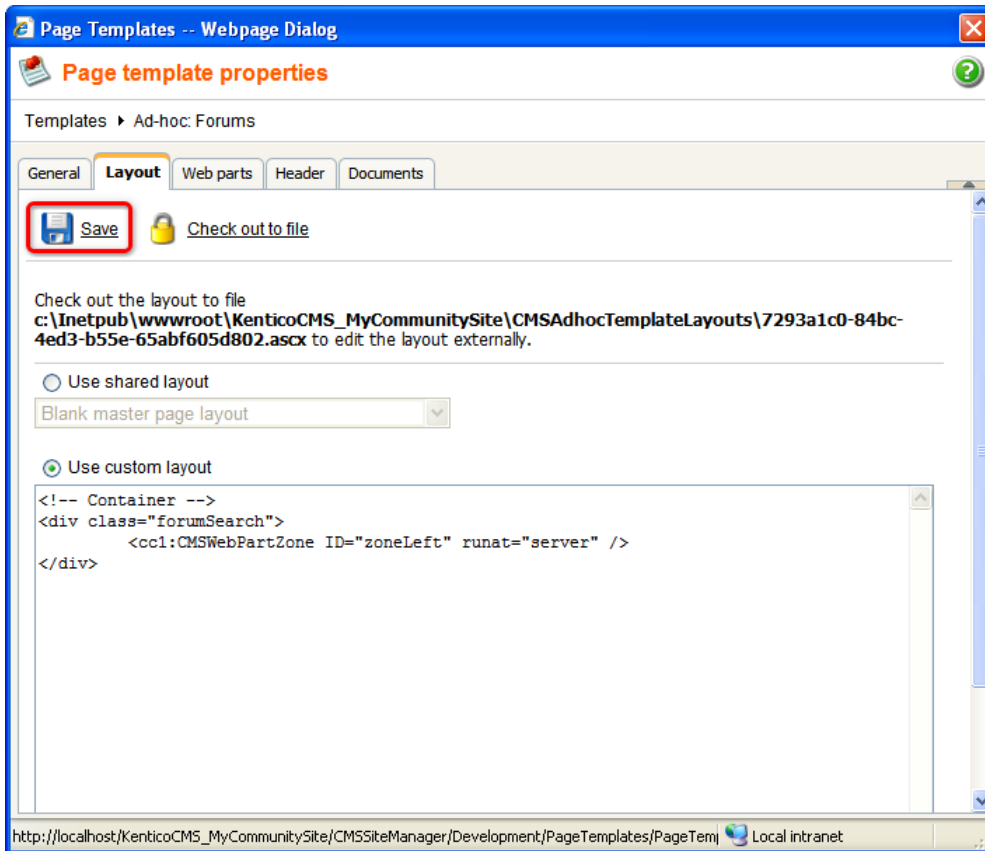
3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Edit template properties** link.



4. In the pop-up window, switch to the Layout tab and replace the layout code with the following code:

```
<!-- Container -->
<div class="forumSearch">
    <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneLeft" runat="server" />
</div>
```

Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. You can see only one web part zone on the page, so let's start adding web parts to it. First, we need a heading. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneLeft** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Editable text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them as they are:

- **Web part control ID:** editabletextHeader
- **Editable region title:** Header
- **Editable region type:** Text box
- **Content before:** <h1 class="header">
- **Content after:** </h1>

Click **OK**.



6. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter **Forums** into the **Editable text** web part's text box. Click **Save**.



7. Switch back to the **Design** tab. Because some forums might be accessible only to authenticated users, we will add the Logon miniform web part below the heading. It will be displayed only to unauthenticated anonymous site visitors. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneLeft** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> Logon miniform** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them as they are:

- **Display to roles:** `_notauthenticated_`
- **Logon failure text:** Error logging in.
- **Username text:** username
- **Content before:** `<div class="ForumLogonBox">`
- **Content after:** `</div>`

Click **OK**.

8. Below the logon mini form, the **Forum search box** web part will reside. It will enable users to search in the forum contents. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneLeft** web part zone and choose the **Forums -> Forum search box** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them as they are:

- **Advanced search path:** `/Forums/Forum-search`
- **Context search:** enabled
- **Content before:**

```
<div class="ForumSearchBox">
<table cellpadding="0" cellspacing="0">
<tr><td style="vertical-align:top;padding-top:3px;"><b>Search forums:&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</b></td>
<td style="text-align: right">
```

- **Content after:**

```
</td></tr></table></div><div class="clear"></div>
```

Click **OK**.

9. Below the Forum search box, we will place the **Forum group** web part. In order for it to display any content, you should have created some sample forum group as mentioned in the beginning of this chapter. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneLeft** web part zone and choose the **Forums -> Forum group** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values:

- **Group name:** choose your previously created forum group
- **Enable favorites:** enabled
- **Thread view mode:** Flat - oldest to newest

- **Allow private messaging:** enabled
- **Allow friendship request:** enabled
- **Access denied page URL:** ~/Special-pages/Access-denied.aspx
- **Use friendly URLs:** enabled
- **Friendly Base URL:** ~/Forums
- **Content after:** <div style="height: 15px;"></div>

Click **OK**.

10. Below the **Forum group**, we will place the **Forum search results**. The web part will be displaying results of forum search performed by the **Forum search box** web part above. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneLeft** web part zone and choose the **Forums -> Forum search results** web part. You can leave all properties of the web part at the default values.

11. The last web part on the page is the **On-line users** web part. We will set it up so that it displays the number of users who are currently browsing the forums section. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneLeft** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> On-line users** web part. Set the following properties of the web part:

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersOnline
- **Path:** /Forums
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Content before:** <br />

Click **OK**.

12. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.

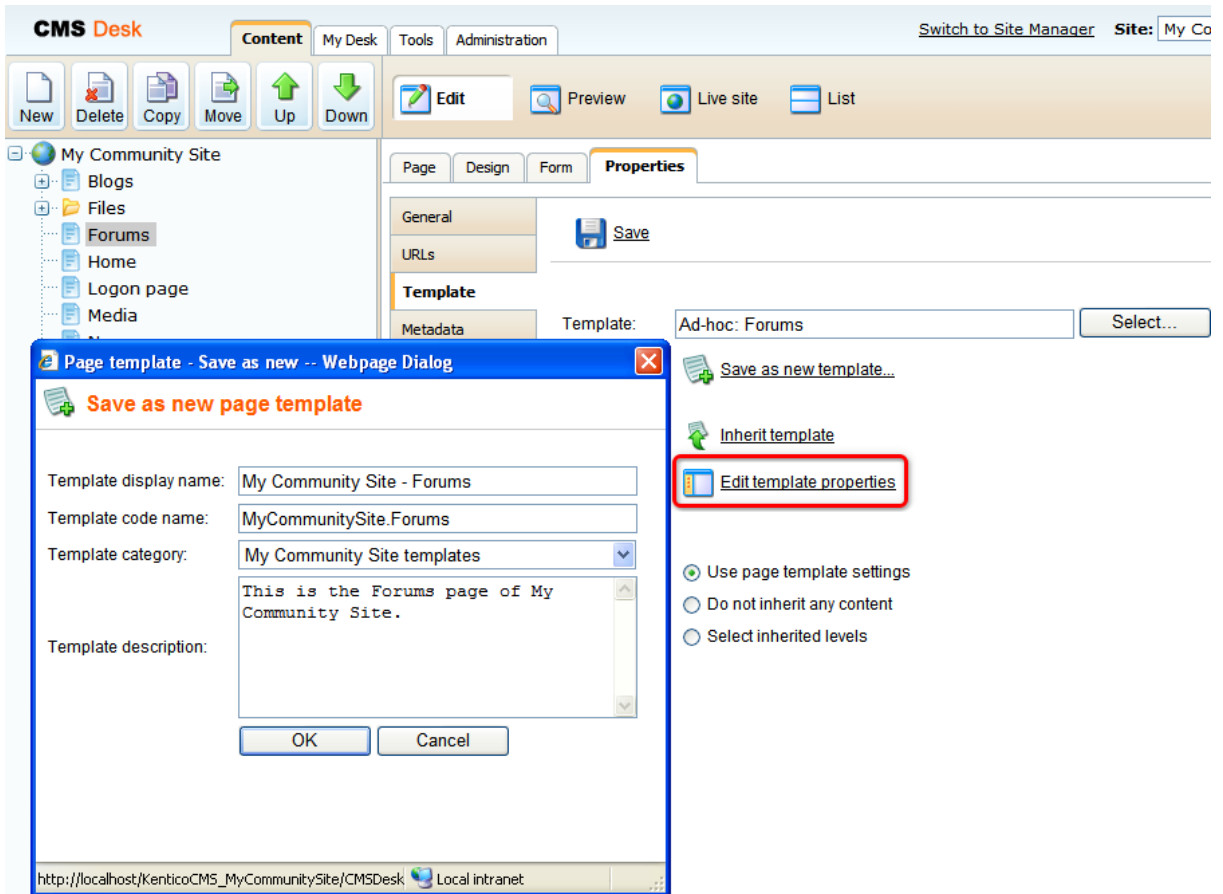
	Threads	Posts	Last post
<b>Sample Forum Group</b> this is the sample forum group			
<a href="#">Sample Forum 2</a> this is the second sample forum <a href="#">Lock</a>	0	0	(1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM)
<a href="#">Sample Forum 1</a> this is the first sample forum <a href="#">Lock</a>	0	0	(1/1/0001 12:00:00 AM)

13. Finally, we will save the page as a new page template so that it can be reused in the future (we will use it when creating the **Forum search** page). Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. In the pop-up dialog, enter the following details:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Forums

- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Forums
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

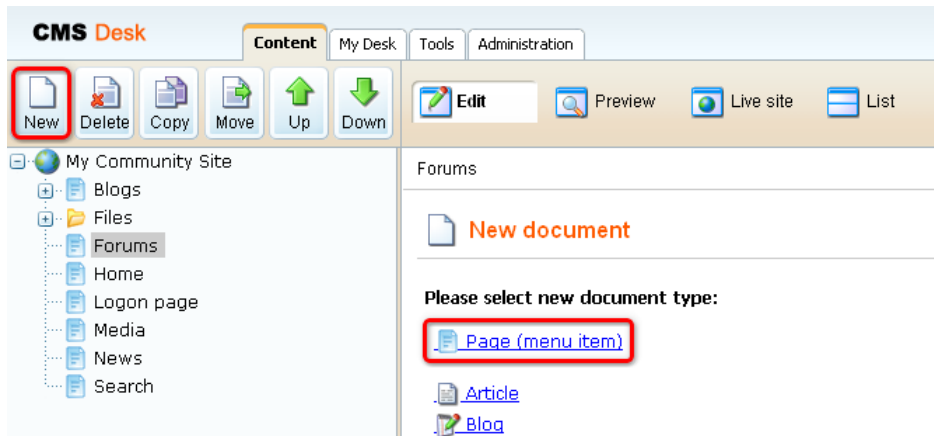
Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



### 3.11.2 Creating the Forum search page

The **Forum search** page is accessible from the **Forums** page, after clicking the **Advanced search** link of the **Forum search box** web part. The page contains the **Forum search - advanced dialog** web part which enables searching the forums with extended search criteria.

1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the **Forums** page from the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. We will use the page template created in the [previous chapter](#) as the starting point. Choose the **My Community Site templates -> My Community Site - Forums** page template. Enter *Forum search* into the **Page name** field and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for 'My Community Site'. The 'Content' tab is active, and the 'Forums' page is being edited. The 'Page name' field contains 'Forum search'. The 'Use page template' radio button is selected. A list of categories is shown on the left, with 'My Community Site templates' selected. A grid of page templates is displayed on the right, with the 'My Community Site - Forums' template highlighted by an orange border. The 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box.

**CMS Desk** Content My Desk Tools Administration [Switch to Site Manager](#) Site: My Community Site

New Delete Copy Move Up Down Edit Preview Live site List

My Community Site  
Blogs  
Files  
Forums  
Home  
Logon page  
Media  
News  
Search

Forums  
Save Save and create another Spell check

Page name: Forum search

Use page template  Inherit from parent page  Create a blank page

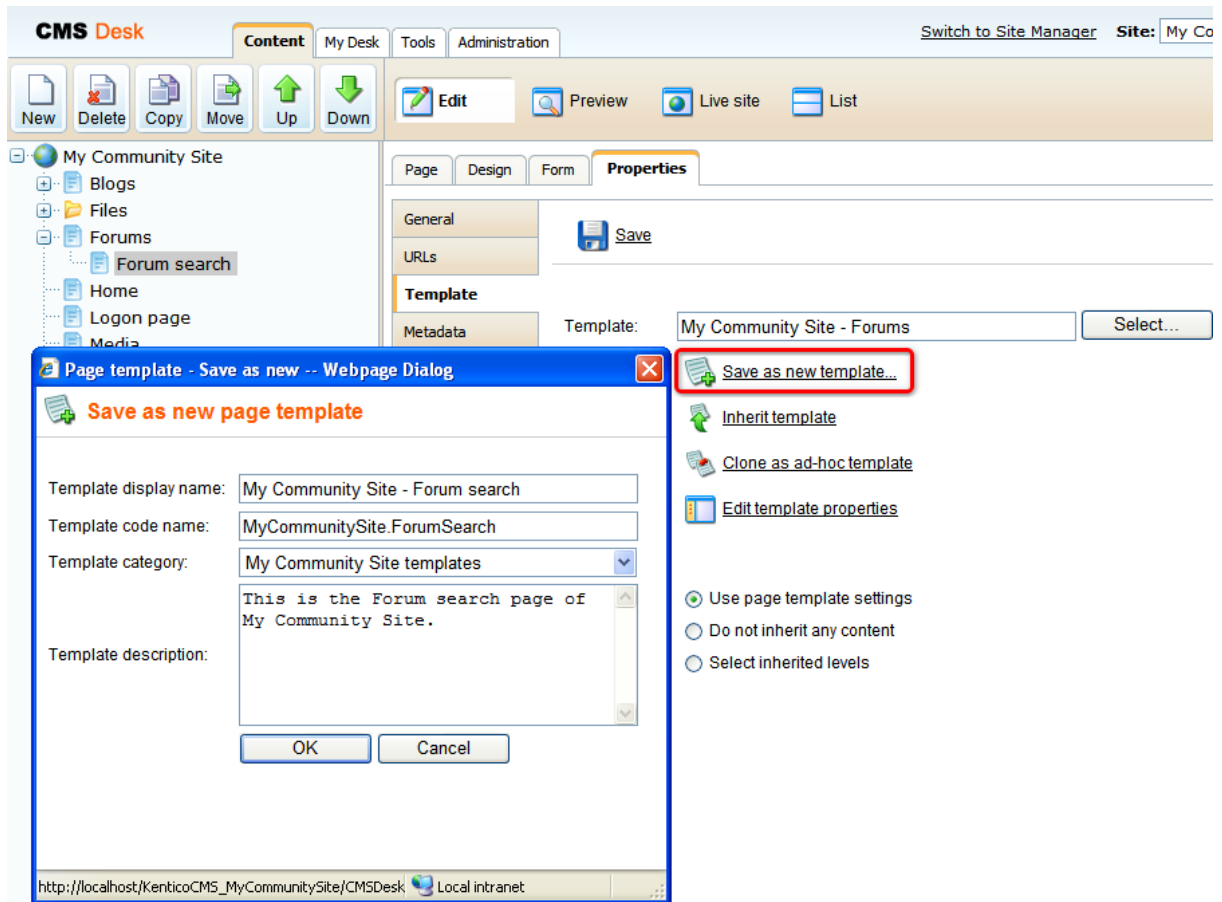
Categories  
Articles  
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Forums  
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Knowledge base  
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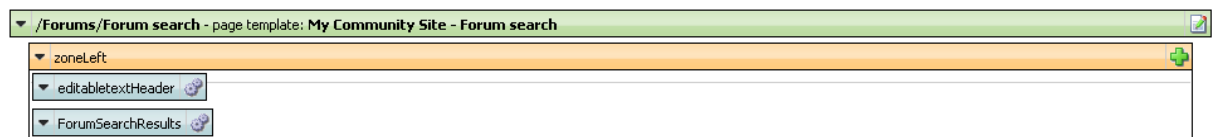
3. Switch to the **Properties** -> **Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. In the pop-up dialog, enter the following details:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Forum search
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.ForumSearch
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Design** tab. Firstly, delete all web parts so that only the **editabletextHeader** and **ForumSearchResults** web parts remain.



5. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneLeft** web part zone and choose the **Forums -> Forum search - advanced dialog** web part. You can leave all properties of the web part at the default values. Drag and drop the web part between the other two web parts on the page.
6. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Forums advanced search* into the Editable text web part's text box. Click **Save**.
7. The page is finished. If you view it in **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "/Forums/Forum search - page template: My Community Site - Forum search". The main content area is titled "zoneLeft" and contains the "ExtendedForumSearchDialog" web part. The web part has a search interface with the following elements:

- Written by:** A text input field.
- Search in forums:** A large text area for entering search terms.
- Search within:** A dropdown menu set to "Subject and text".
- Sort results by:** A dropdown menu set to "Post time".
- Ascending/Descending:** Radio buttons for sorting, with "Ascending" selected.
- Search:** A button to execute the search.
- ForumSearchResults:** A section at the bottom of the web part, currently empty.

## 3.12 Creating the Groups section

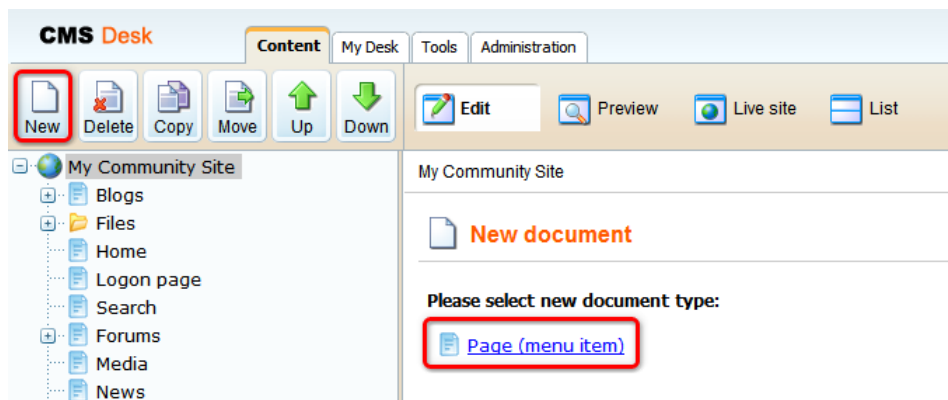
### 3.12.1 Creating the Groups page

The Groups page is the title page of the Groups section. Users will see two **Groups viewer** web parts. The first one of them will be displaying the groups where the user is a members. The second one will be displaying all groups sorted from the newest to the oldest, paged by 9 groups.

If you right-click a group in one of the Groups viewers, you will be offered some actions by a context menu. This functionality is provided in the transformation and [here](#), you can find a description of how exactly it is achieved.

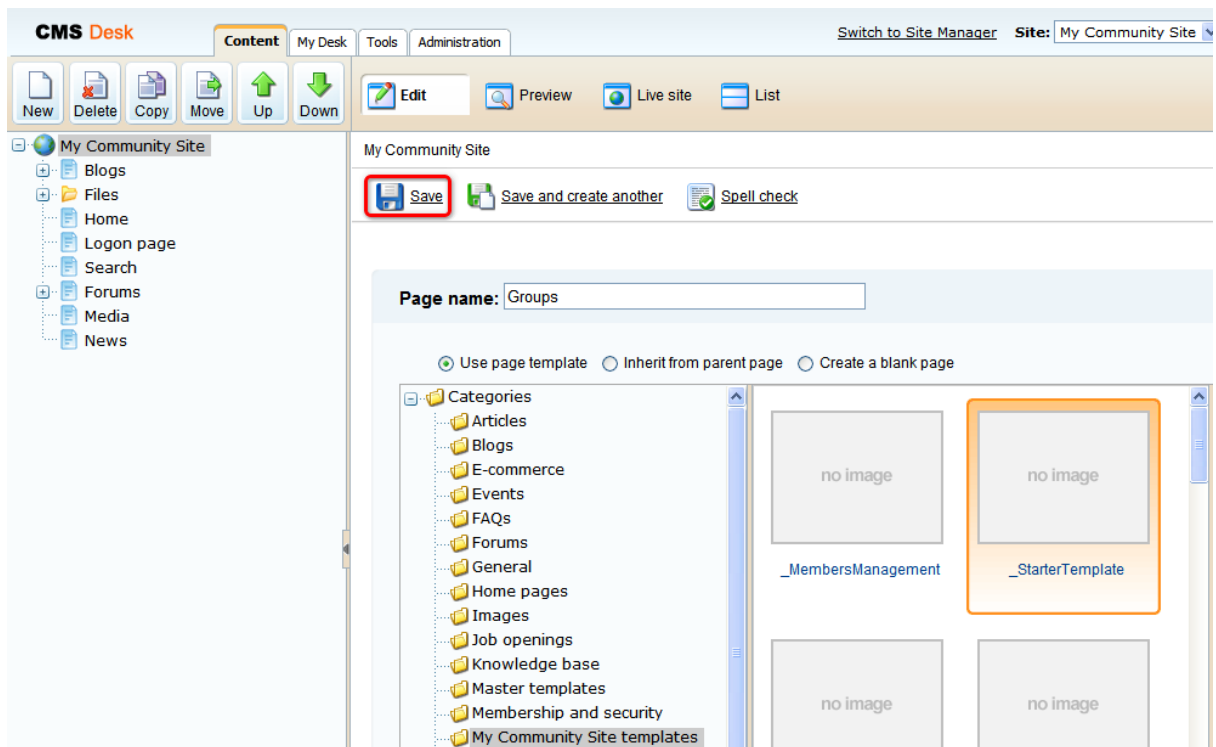
In case you needed detailed information about Kentico CMS Groups module, please refer to the [Module Groups](#) chapter of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

1. Select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.





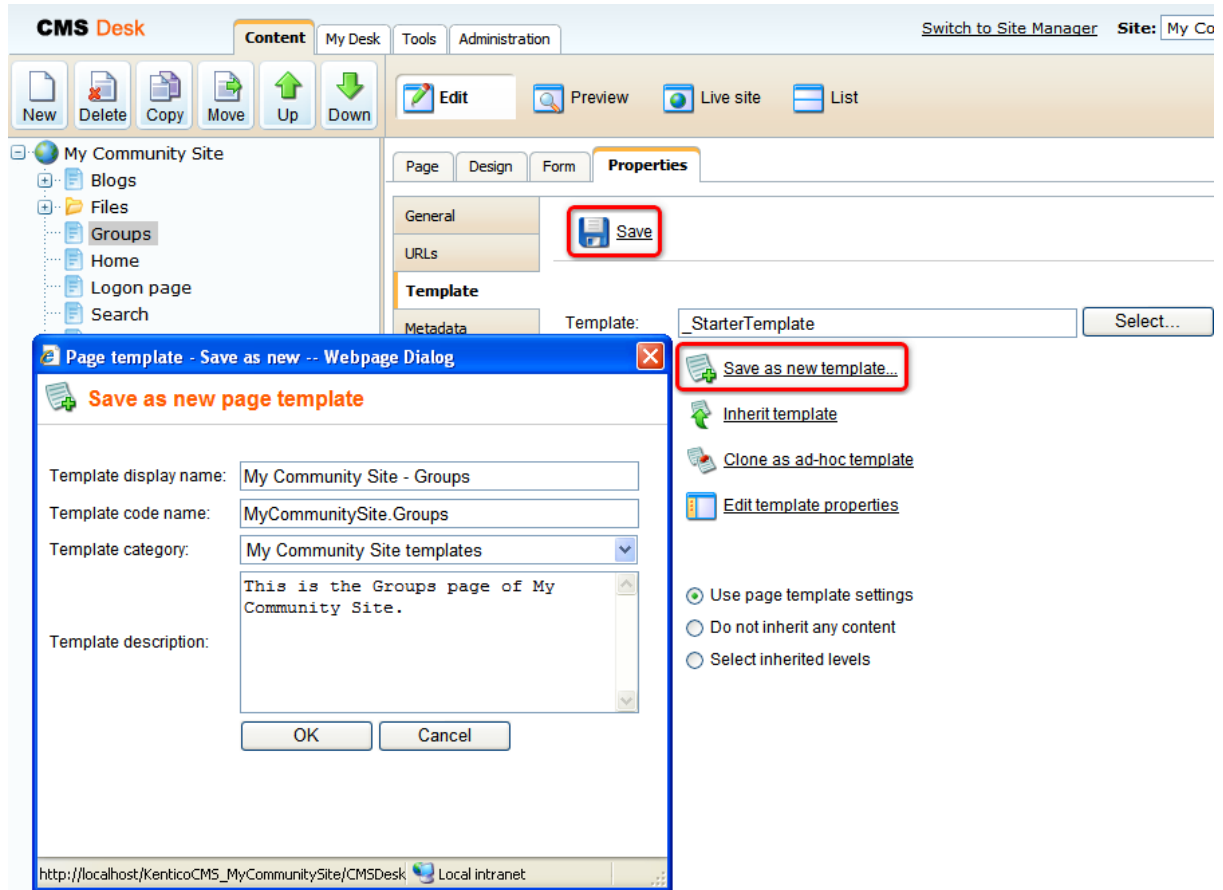
2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Groups* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties** -> **Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Groups
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Groups
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, we will add another **Editable text** web part to **zoneCenter**. This web part will be displaying a text informing users that they can get context menus with available group-related actions by right clicking a group. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text** -> **Editable text** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, just leave all of them at the default values.

5. Switch to the **Page** tab. Enter *Groups* into the first Editable text web part's text field. Into the second one, enter: *Right click the group to get available actions.* Click **Save**.



6. Switch back to the **Design** tab. We will add the first **Groups viewer** for displaying the current user's groups. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Groups viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** YourGroups
- **Display to roles:** \_authenticated\_
- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.GroupsList
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **ORDER BY condition:** GroupDisplayName
- **WHERE condition:** GroupID IN (Select MemberGroupID FROM Community\_GroupMember WHERE MemberUserID = {%currentuser.userid%} AND MemberStatus = 0)
- **Selected columns:** GroupCreatedWhen,GroupID,GroupName,GroupDisplayName, GroupDescription,GroupAvatarID, AvatarGuid
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** You are not currently in any group.
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Your groups
- **Content after:** <div class="clear">&nbsp;  </div>

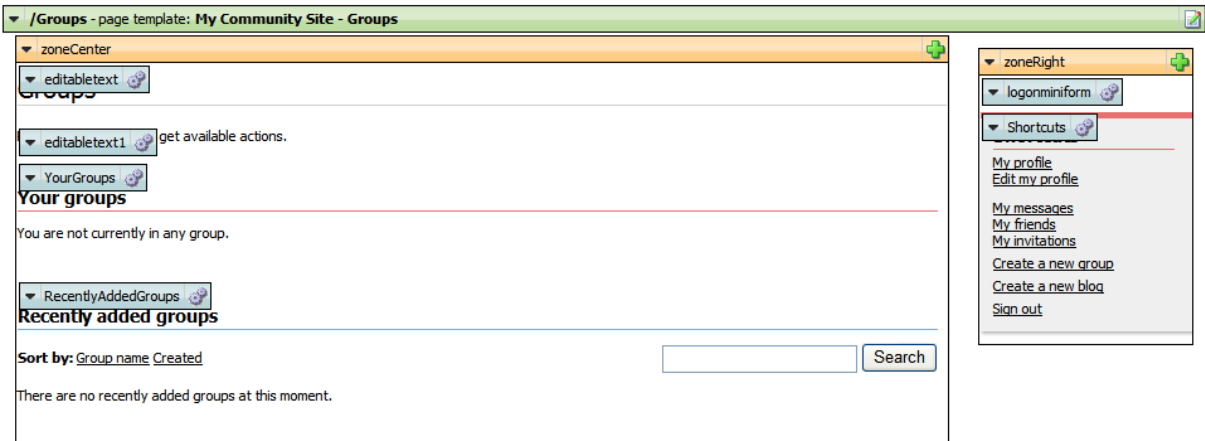
Click **OK**.

7. The second **Groups viewer** will be displaying all groups ordered from the newest to the oldest, paged by 9 groups. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Groups viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** RecentlyAddedGroups
- **Display to roles:** \_authenticated\_
- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.GroupsList
- **ORDER BY condition:** GroupCreatedWhen DESC
- **Selected columns:** GroupCreatedWhen,GroupID,GroupName,GroupDisplayName, GroupDescription,GroupAvatarID,AvatarGuid
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** There are no recently added groups at this moment.
- **Page size:** 9

- **Paging mode:** PostBack
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Recently added groups
- **Content after:** <div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>

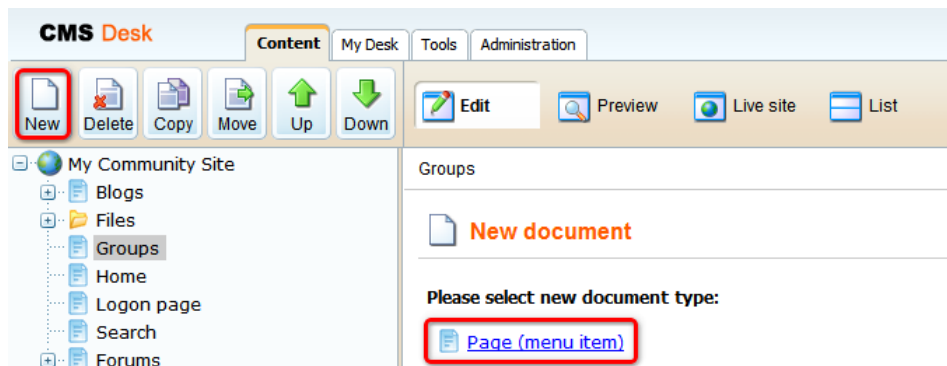
8. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



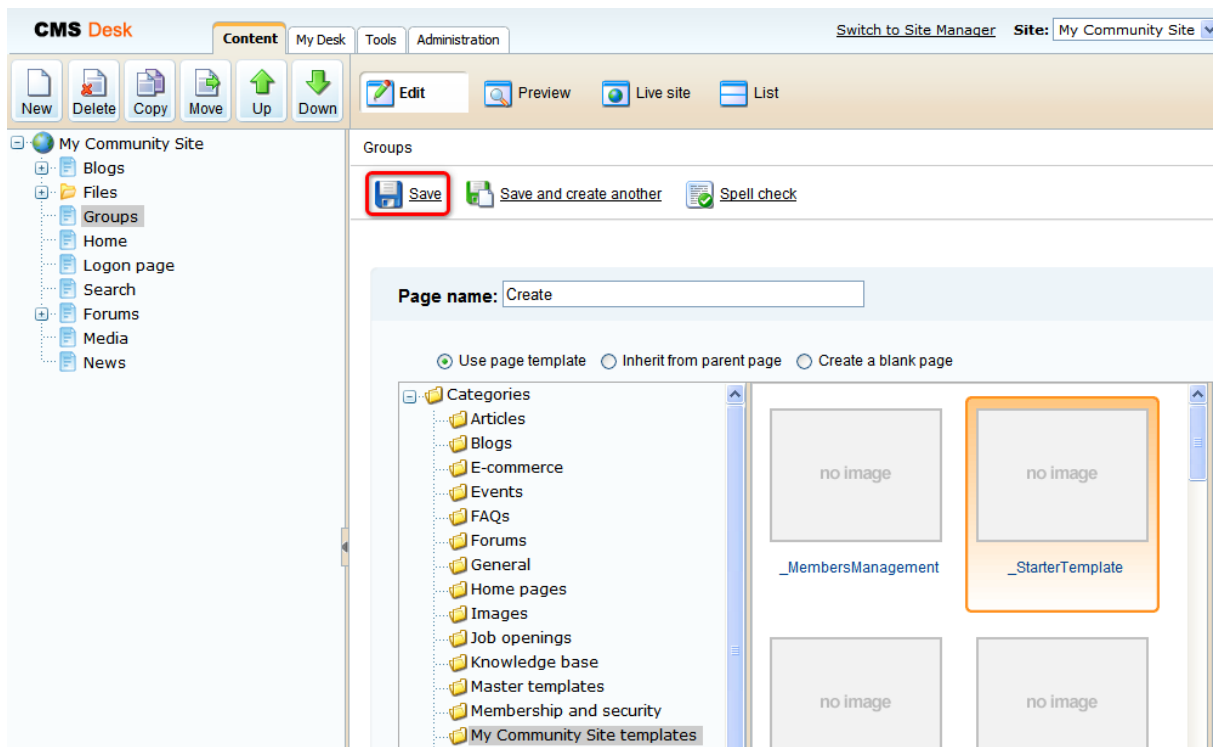
### 3.12.2 Creating the Create page

On this page, users will be provided with the possibility to create new groups. This is achieved using the **Group registration** web part. There will also be the **Groups viewer** web part in **zoneRight**, which will be displaying the latest 5 groups. The page is accessible from the **Shortcuts** menu, by clicking the **Create a new group** link.

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



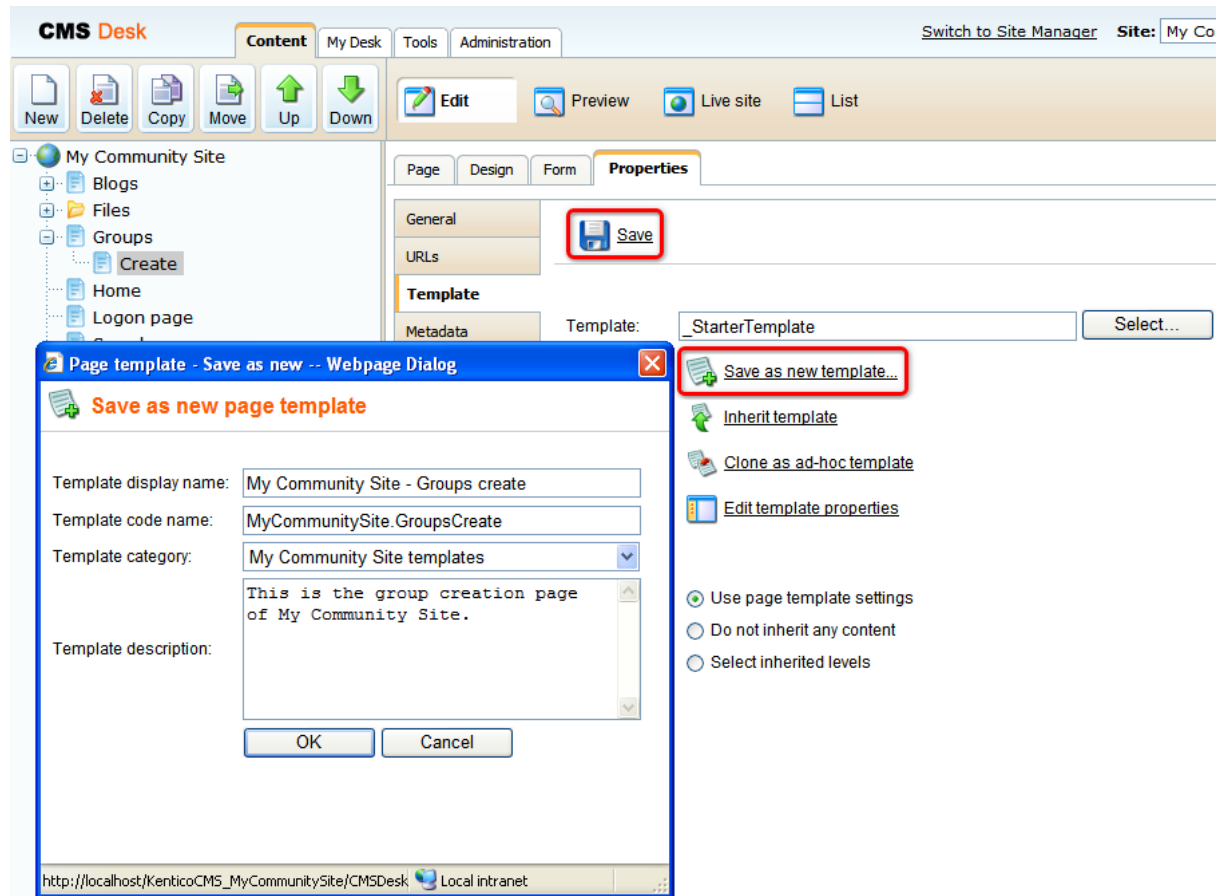
2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Groups* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Groups create
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.GroupsCreate
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Design** tab. Firstly, delete the **Logon mini form** in **zoneRight**. We will not need it on this page as the page is accessible only to authenticated users (the Shortcuts menu doesn't display the link to unauthenticated users).

5. Now that the Logon mini form is deleted, we will add the **Groups viewer** below the **Shortcuts** menu. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Groups viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, the rest of them can be left at the default values:

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.GroupsPreviewList
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **ORDER BY condition:** GroupCreatedWhen DESC
- **Select Top N groups:** 5
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** There are currently no groups.

- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box
- **Web part container title:** Recent groups

Click **OK**.

6. Let's move on to **zoneCenter**. First, we will add another **Editable text** web part for displaying additional info text. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Editable text** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, just leave all of them at the default values.

7. Below the second Editable text web part, we will add the main web part of this page - the **Group registration** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group registration** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Template source alias path:** /Groups/Template
- **Template target alias path:** /Group-pages
- **Text after successful registration:** Group has been successfully registered. <a href="{0}">Click here to view group profile</a>

Click **OK**.

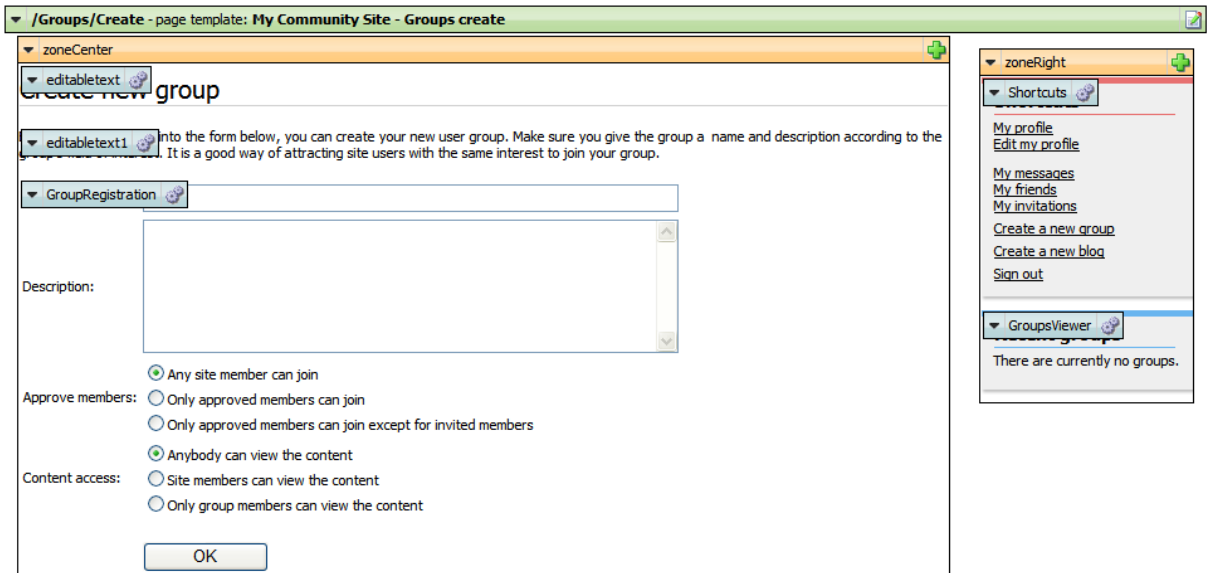
8. Switch to the **Page** tab. Enter *Create new group* into the first Editable text web part's text field. Into the second Editable text web part's HTML area, enter the following text:

*By entering the details into the form below, you can create your new user group. Make sure you give the group a name and description according to the group's field of interest. It is a good way of attracting site users with the same interest to join your group.*

Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows a web page with a navigation menu at the top containing links for Blogs, Groups, Home, Forums, Media, News, and Members. Below the menu is a form titled 'Create new group'. The form has a text input field at the top and a larger HTML area below it. The HTML area contains the text: 'By entering the details into the form below, you can create your new user group. Make sure you give the group a name and description according to the group's field of interest. It is a good way of attracting site users with the same interest to join your group.'

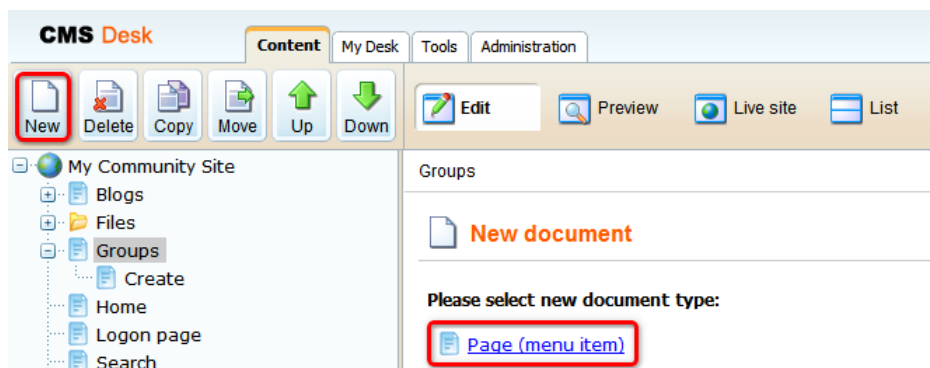
9. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



### 3.12.3 Creating the Management page

On the Management page, group administrators will be able to manage the profile and settings of their groups. This functionality is provided by the **Group profile** web part. The page is accessible by clicking the **Manage the group** link in the **Shortcuts** menu. This link is displayed only to group administrators when viewing the group's profile.

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.





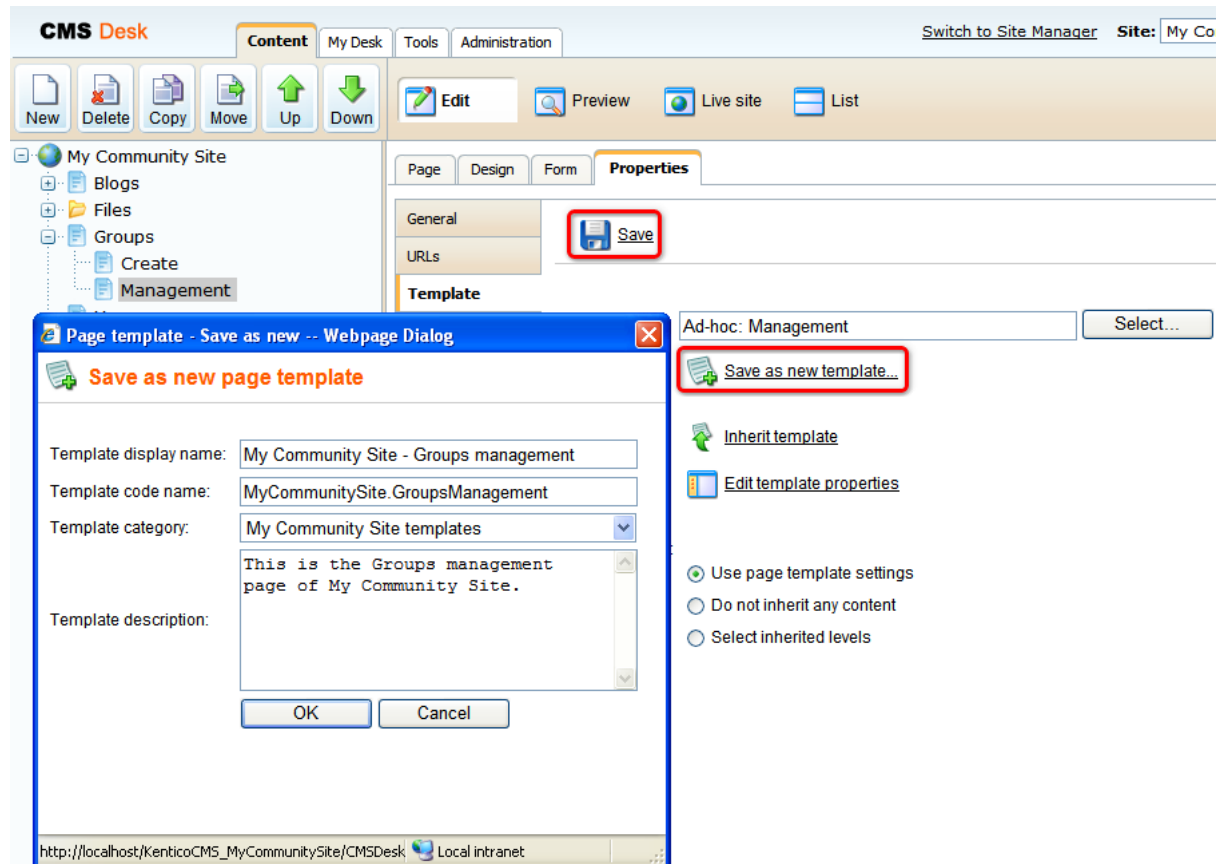
2. Choose to **Create a blank page** using the **Simple** layout. Into the **Page name** field, enter *Management* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The 'Content' tab is active. Below the tabs is a navigation bar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. On the left side, there is a tree view for 'My Community Site' with sub-items: 'Blogs', 'Files', 'Groups', 'Create', 'Home', 'Logon page', 'Search', 'Forums', 'Media', and 'News'. The 'Groups' item is selected. In the main content area, there are three buttons: 'Save' (highlighted with a red box), 'Save and create another', and 'Spell check'. Below these buttons, there is a 'Page name' field containing the text 'Management'. Underneath the field, there are three radio buttons: 'Use page template', 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page' (which is selected). Below the radio buttons is a list of page layouts: 'Blank master page layout', 'Corporate Site home page layout', 'Corporate Site Master Page with Top Menu', 'Grid 2x2 cells', 'Grid 2x2 cells (CSS)', 'Grid 3x2 cells', 'Grid 3x2 cells (CSS)', 'Simple' (highlighted in blue), and 'Three columns'.

3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Groups management
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.GroupsManagement
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

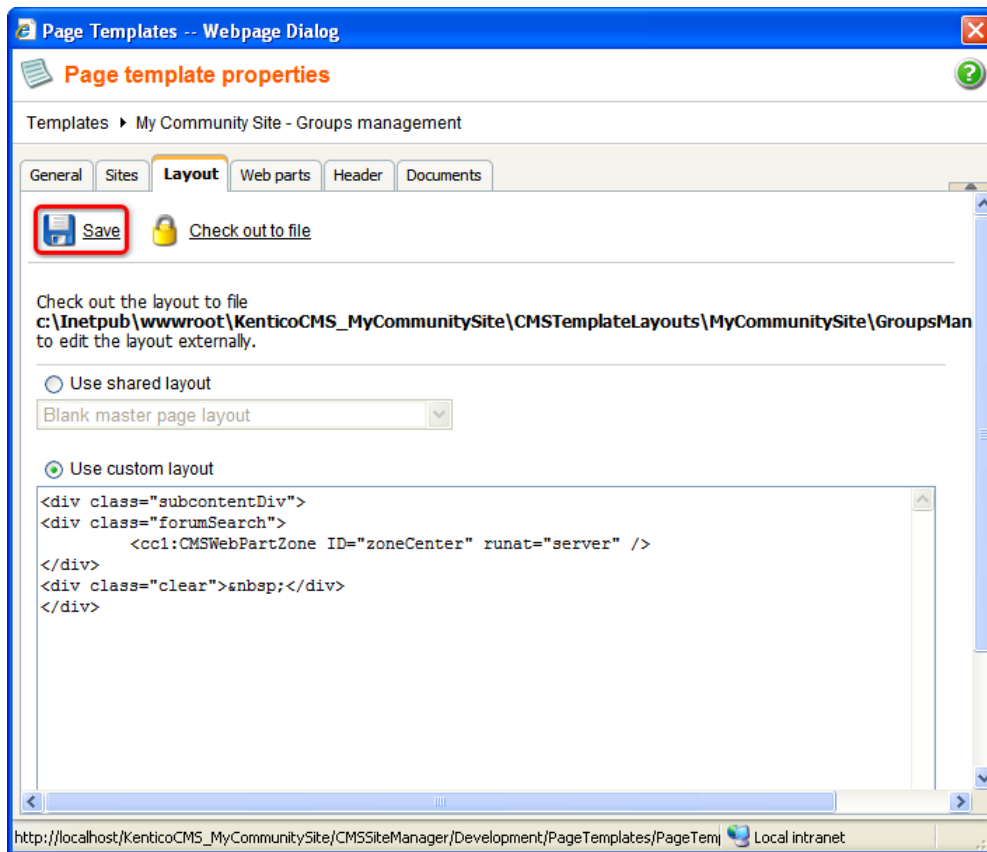
Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



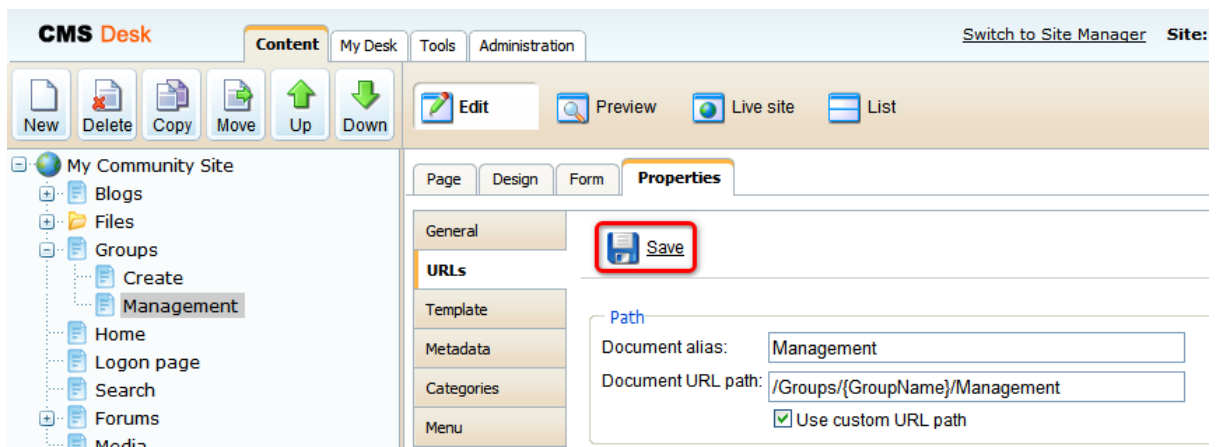
4. On the same tab, click the **Edit template properties** link. In the pop-up window, switch to the **Layout** tab and replace the original layout with the following code:

```
<div class="subcontentDiv">
<div class="forumSearch">
    <c1:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneCenter" runat="server" />
</div>
<div class="clear">&nbsp;</div>
</div>
```

Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab and enter `/Groups/{GroupName}/Management` into the **Document URL path** field.



6. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, we will add the **Group security access** web part. This web part checks if the user has the appropriate permissions for this group and redirects her to the **Access** page, which we will create later in [this chapter](#), in case that the permissions are insufficient. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group security access** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, just leave all of them at the default values. Click **OK**.

7. Below the Group security access, we will add the **Static text** web part, which will show the path to the currently managed group in a form of breadcrumbs. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** Breadcrumbs
- **Text:**

```
<div class="GroupBreadcrumbs">
<a href="~/Groups.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">Groups</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <a href="~/Groups/{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupDisplayName | (encode)true%}</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <span
class="CMSBreadCrumbsCurrentItem"> {%CMSContext.CurrentDocument.DocumentName |
(encode)true%} </span>
</div>
```

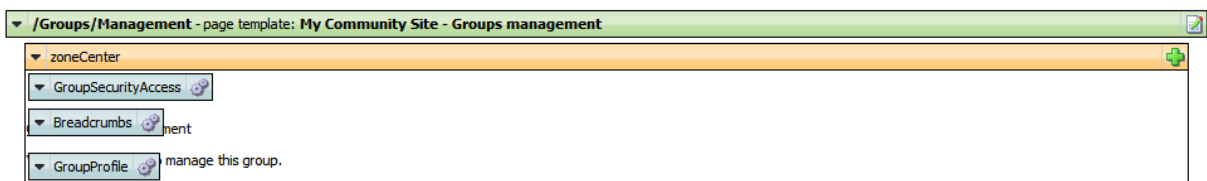
Click **OK**.

8. Finally, we will add the **Group profile** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group profile** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Group name:** (current group)

Click **OK**.

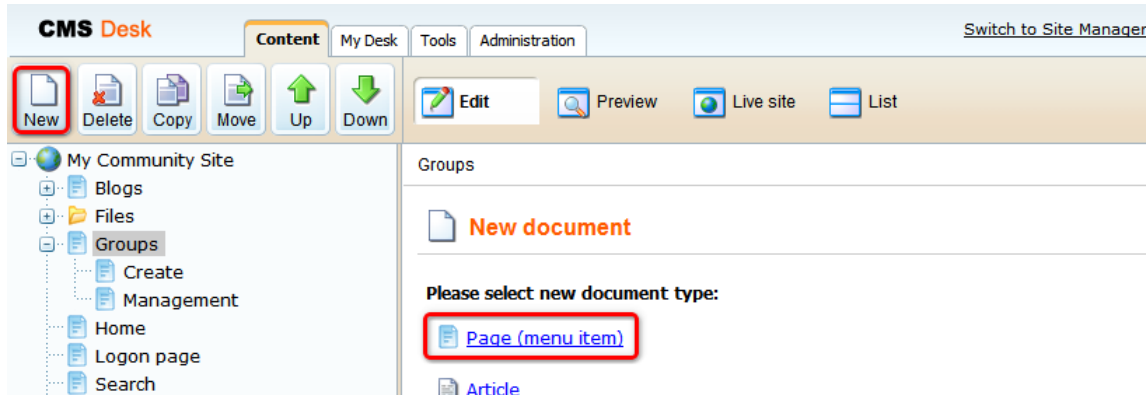
9. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



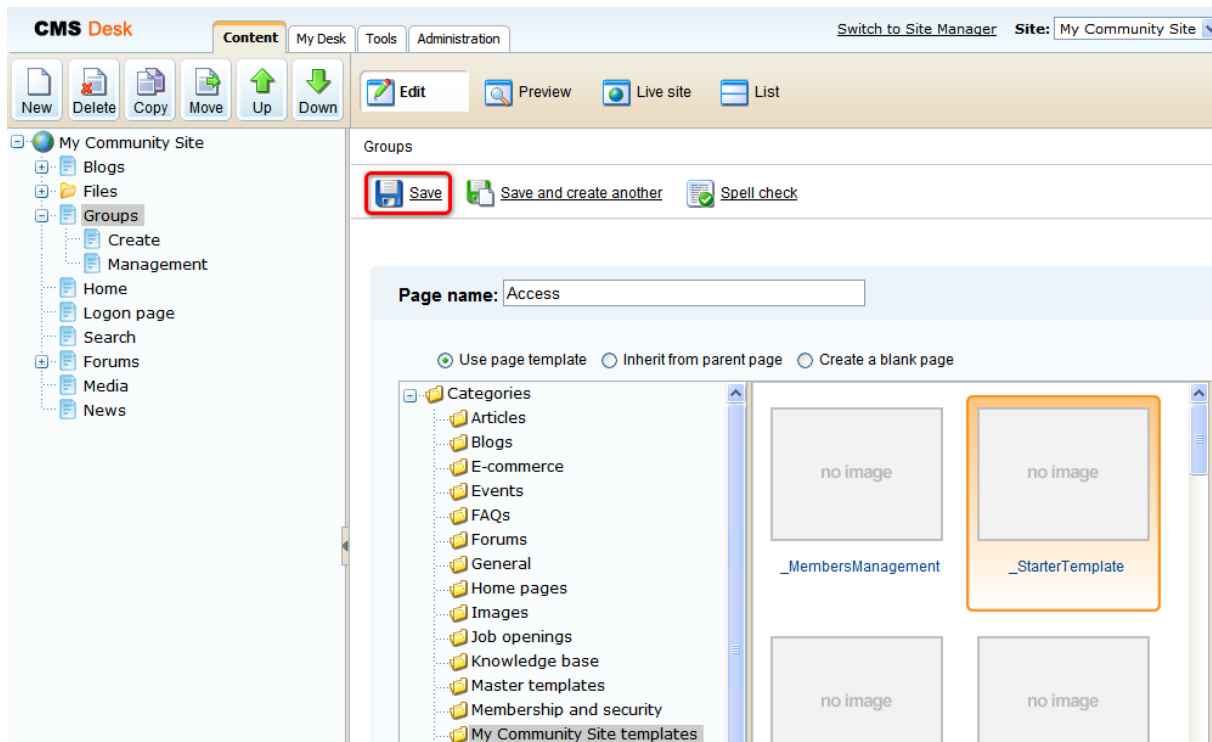
### 3.12.4 Creating the Access page

Many of the pages in the Groups section contain the **Group security access** web part. This web part checks if the user is permitted to see the content of the page. When a user tries to access such a page with insufficient permissions, she is redirected to the Access page. Here, a message is displayed telling that access is not permitted. This message is displayed by the **Group security message** web part.

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



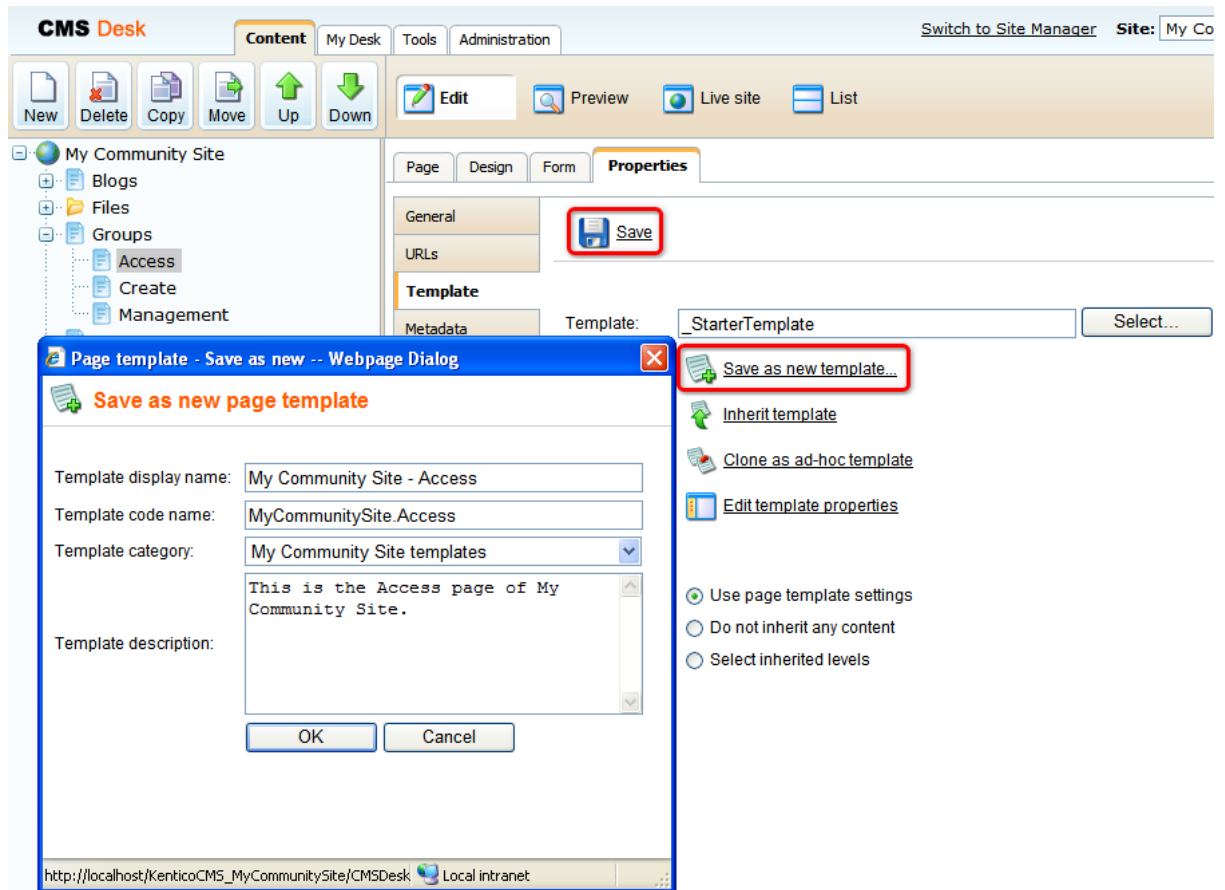
2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter **Access** and click **Save**.



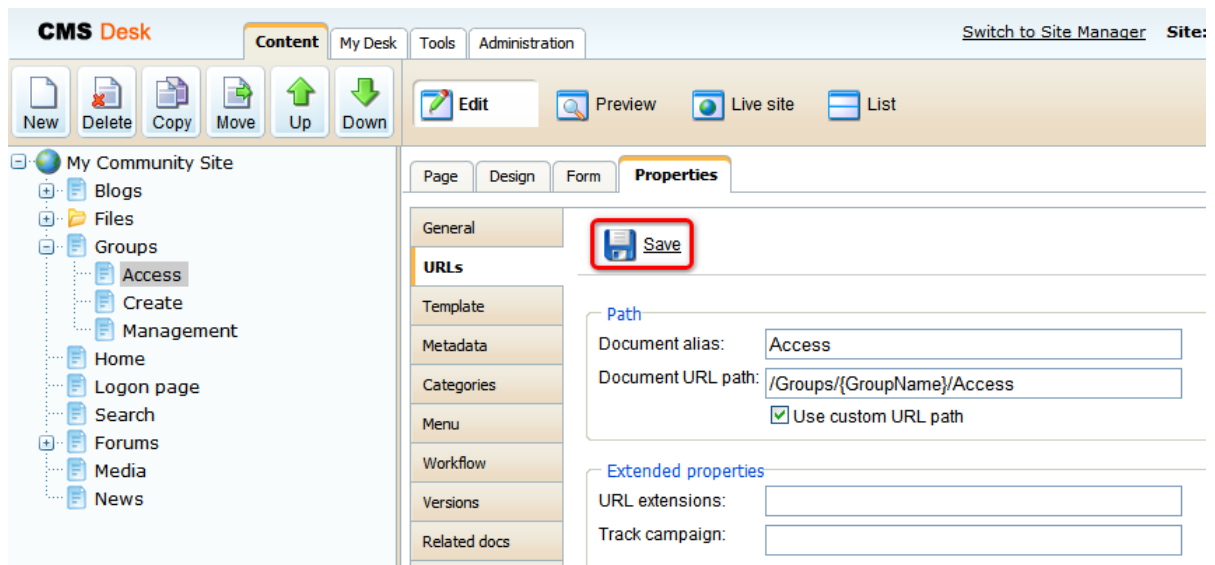
3. Switch to the **Properties** -> **Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Access
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Access
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Enter `/Groups/{GroupName}/Access` into the **Document URL path** field and click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, remove the **Editable text** web part from **zoneCenter**. We will add the **Static text** web part instead of it. The Static text web part will be set up so that it displays the path to the page in a form of breadcrumbs. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

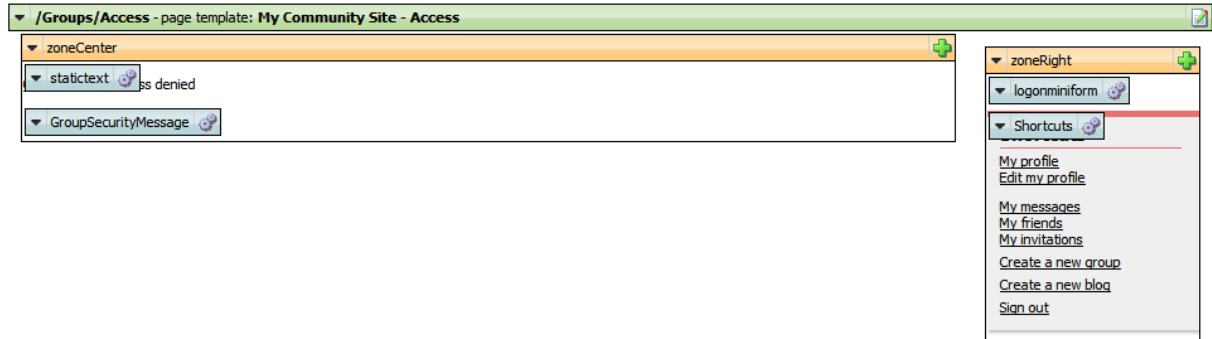
- **Web part control ID:** Breadcrumbs
- **Text:**

```
<div class="GroupBreadcrumbs">
<a href="~/Groups.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">Groups</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <a href="~/Groups/{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupDisplayName | (encode)true%}</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <span
class="CMSBreadCrumbsCurrentItem"> Access denied </span>
</div>
```

Click **OK**.

6. The main part of this page is the **Group security message** web part. The web part will display the warning message about insufficient permissions. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Static text** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, leave all of them at the default values.

7. The page is finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.

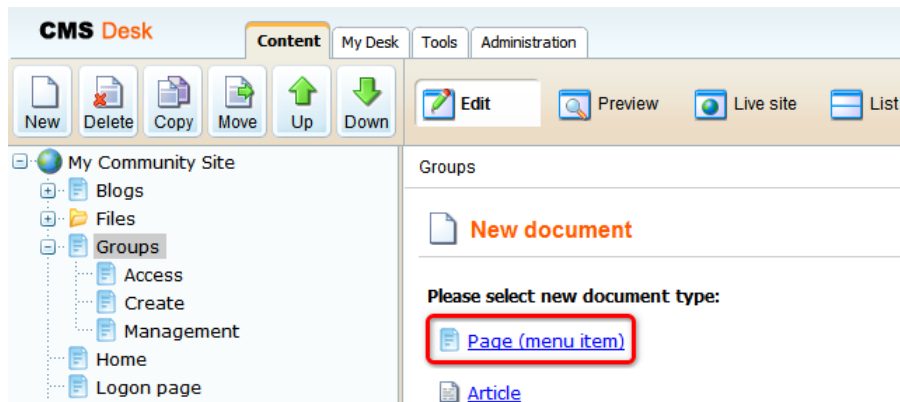


### 3.12.5 Creating groups starter template

In this example, we will create another starter template. In the Groups section, there will be pages displaying content of particular groups - group's profile, pages (articles), media libraries, group members and group forums. All of the pages will contain the same three web parts, so we will create a starter template with these web parts to facilitate development of these pages.

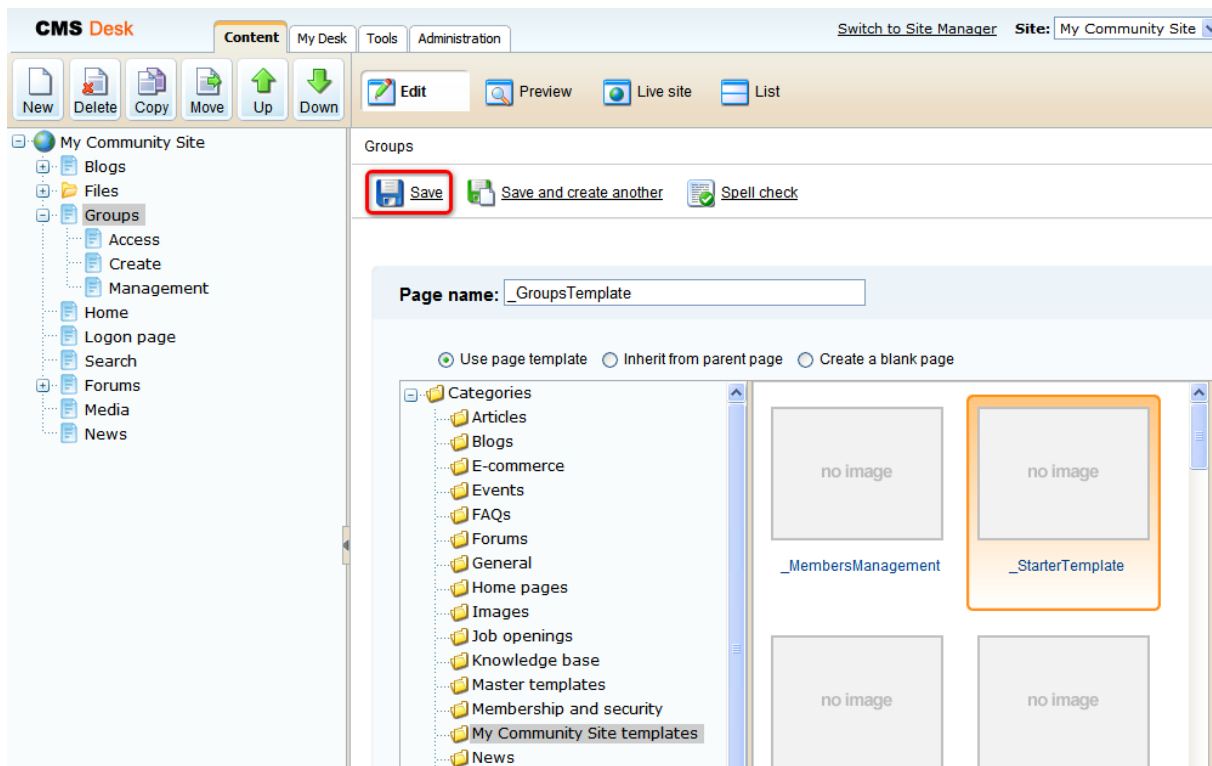
The page template will be based on the **\_StarterTemplate** page template created in [this chapter](#).

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.





2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter **\_GroupsTemplate** and click **Save**.




3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** \_GroupsTemplate
- **Template code name:** \_GroupsTemplate
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS interface. At the top, the 'CMS Desk' header includes navigation tabs for 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. A toolbar contains icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. The left sidebar shows a tree view for 'My Community Site' with sub-items like 'Blogs', 'Files', 'Groups', and 'Access'. The main area is in the 'Properties' tab, with sub-tabs for 'General', 'URLs', 'Template', and 'Metadata'. The 'Template' sub-tab is active, showing a 'Template:' dropdown set to '\_StarterTemplate' and a 'Select...' button. A red box highlights the 'Save' button in the 'General' sub-tab. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open in the foreground. It has a title bar and a close button. The dialog title is 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog'. The main title is 'Save as new page template'. It contains four input fields: 'Template display name:' with the value '\_GroupsTemplate', 'Template code name:' with the value '\_GroupsTemplate', 'Template category:' with a dropdown menu set to 'My Community Site templates', and 'Template description:' with a text area containing 'This is the template for some pages of the Groups section.'. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. On the right side of the dialog, there is a list of actions: 'Save as new template...' (highlighted with a red box), 'Inherit template', 'Clone as ad-hoc template', 'Edit template properties', 'Use page template settings' (selected with a radio button), 'Do not inherit any content', and 'Select inherited levels'. The status bar at the bottom shows the URL 'http://localhost/KenticoCMS\_MyCommunitySite/CMSDesk' and 'Local intranet'.


4. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, we will add the **Group links** menu into **zoneRight** web part zone. The menu will contain links interconnecting particular pages of the currently displayed group like its forums, media, etc. The menu will be created using the **Static text** web part. Click the **Add web part** (  ) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** Links
- **Text:**

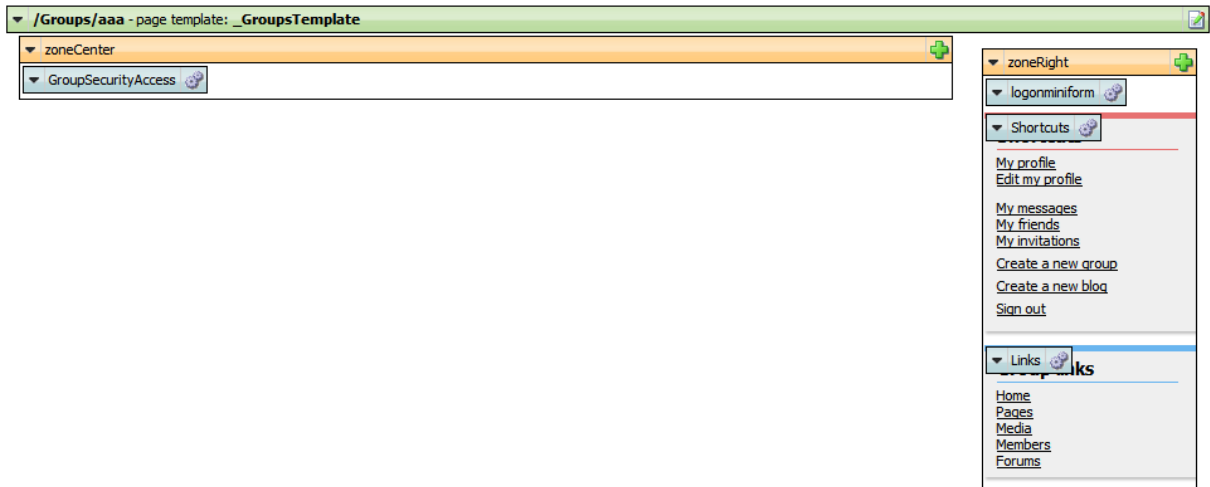
```
<a href="~/Groups/{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}.aspx">Home</a><br />
<a href="~/Group-pages/{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}/Pages.aspx">Pages</a><br />
<a href="~/Groups/{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}/Media-list.aspx">Media</a><br />
<a href="~/Groups/{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}/Members.aspx">Members</a><br />
<a href="~/Groups/{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}/Forums.aspx">Forums</a><br />
```

- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box
- **Web part container title:** Group links

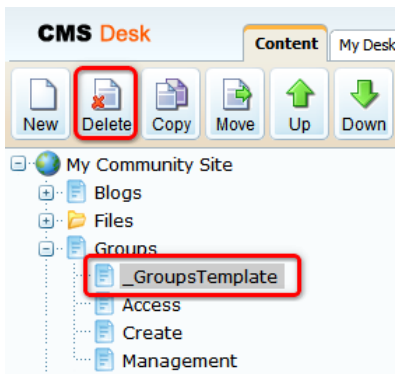
Click **OK**.

5. In **zoneCenter**, you first need to **remove** the **Editable text** web part that is already in the template. Now that **zoneCenter** is clear, we can add **Group security access** web part to the top of the web part zone. Click the **Add web part** (  ) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group security access** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part. Just use the default values and click **OK**.

6. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



7. Finally, delete the **\_GroupsTemplate** page from the content tree. The page template will remain saved and available.

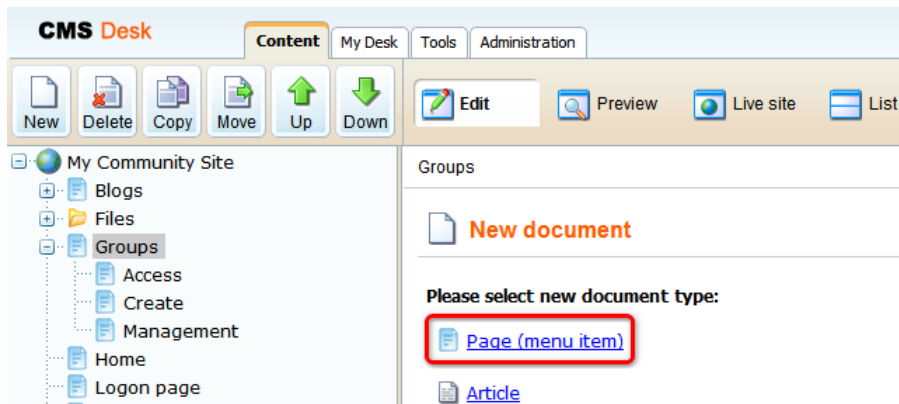


### 3.12.6 Creating the Profile page

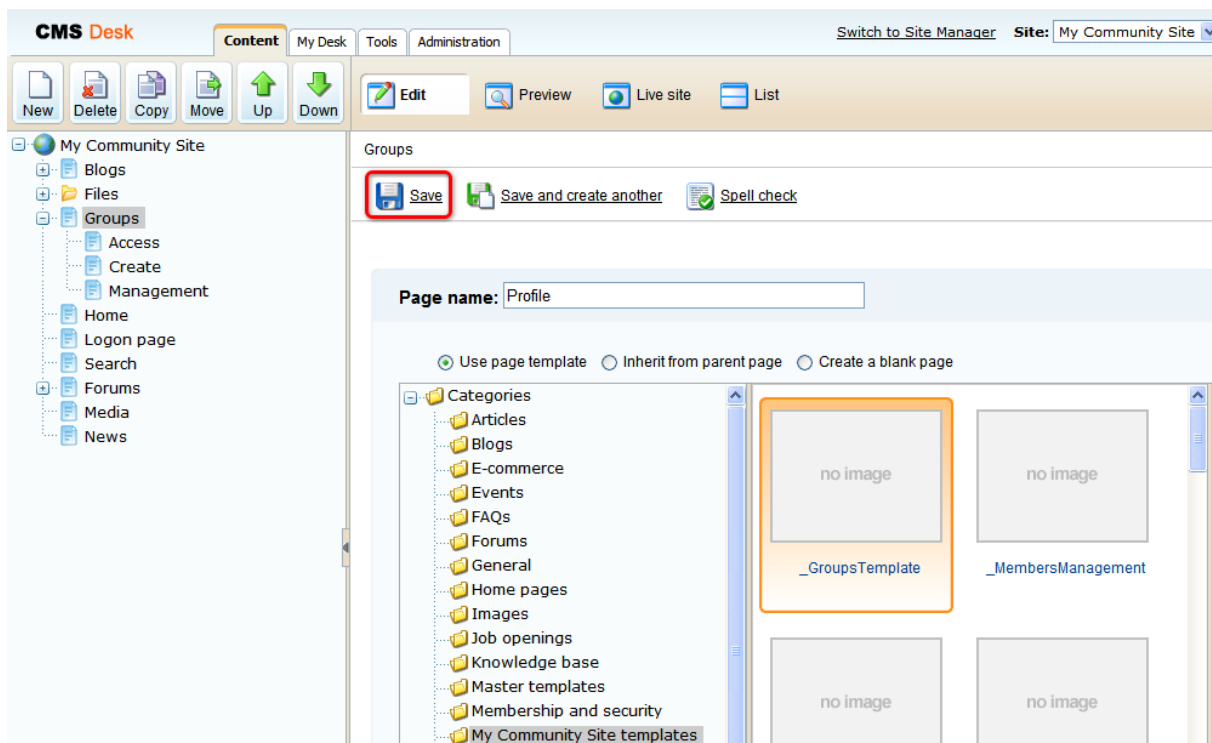
The Profile page displays a profile of a group based on the *{GroupName}* wildcard part of the URL, which gets translated into a query string parameter and is then taken as the current group. More information about wildcard URLs can be found in [this chapter](#) of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

The profile is displayed using the **Group public profile** based on the *Community.Group*. *DisplayProfile* alternative form. You can learn how to modify the alternative form [here](#).

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_GroupsTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Profile* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties** -> **Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Groups profile
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.GroupsProfile
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

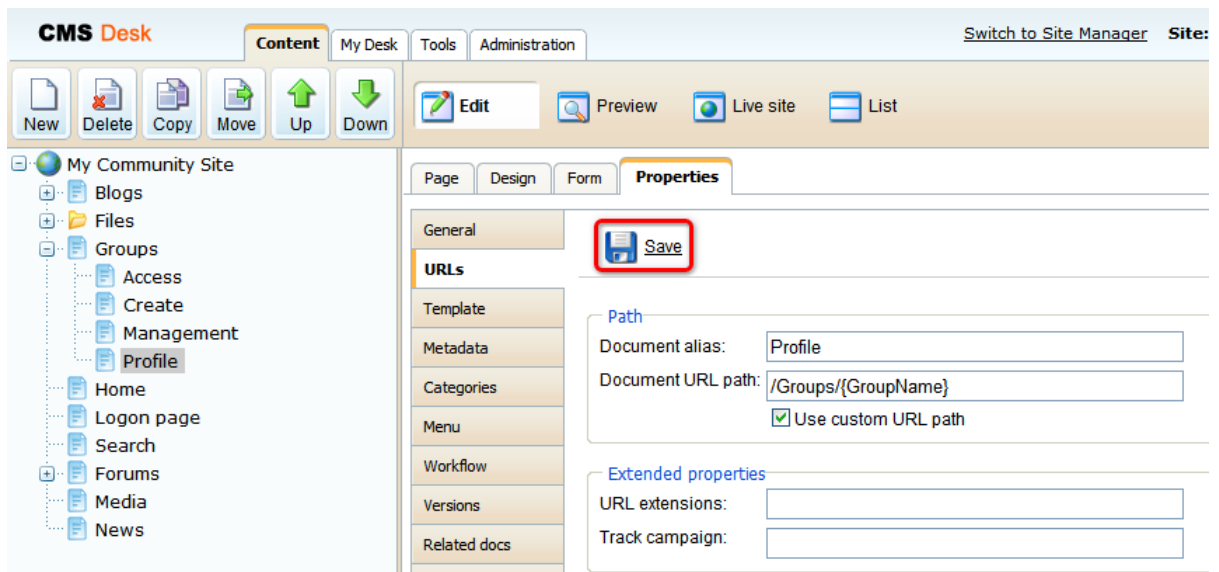
The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS Desk interface. The main window is titled "CMS Desk" and has tabs for "Content", "My Desk", "Tools", and "Administration". The "Content" tab is active, and the "Properties" sub-tab is selected. The "Properties" tab has sections for "General", "URLs", "Template", and "Metadata". The "Template" section is active, and the "Save" button is highlighted. The "Template" section shows the "Template" field set to "GroupsTemplate" and a "Select..." button.

A "Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog" is open, showing the "Save as new page template" form. The form has the following fields:

- Template display name: My Community Site - Groups profile
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.GroupsProfile
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Groups profile page of My Community Site.

The "Save as new template..." link is highlighted in the dialog. The dialog also has "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Enter `/Groups/{GroupName}` into the **Document URL path** field and click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. We will start with **zoneRight** web part zone. Below the **Group links** info box, we will add two more info boxes. The first one of them will be displaying the current group's administrators. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group members viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** GroupMembersAdministrators
- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersPreviewList
- **Alternating item transformation name:** erase the default value
- **Separator transformation name:** erase the default value
- **Header transformation name:** erase the default value
- **Footer transformation name:** erase the default value
- **No record found text:** There are currently no administrators.
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **WHERE condition:** MemberUserID IN (SELECT UserID FROM CMS\_UserRole WHERE RoleID IN (SELECT RoleID FROM CMS\_Role WHERE RoleGroupID = '{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupID%}' AND RoleIsGroupAdministrator = 1))
- **Selected columns:** UserID, UserNickName, UserGender, UserDateOfBirth, UserAvatarID, UserCreated, UserName, AvatarGuid
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red Box
- **Web part container title:** Group administrators


Click **OK**.

6. Below the group administrators, we will add the same **Group members viewer** web part, but this one will be displaying the latest 5 approved members of the group. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group members viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersPreviewList
- **Alternating item transformation name:** erase the default value


- **Separator transformation name:** erase the default value
- **Header transformation name:** erase the default value
- **Footer transformation name:** erase the default value
- **No record found text:** There are currently no members.
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **ORDER BY condition:** MemberApprovedWhen DESC
- **Select Top N members:** 5
- **Selected columns:** UserID,UserNickName,UserGender,UserDateOfBirth,UserAvatarID, UserCreated,UserName, AvatarGUID
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red Box
- **Web part container title:** Group administrators


Click **OK**.

7. The **zoneRight** web part zone is finished, so let's move to **zoneCenter**. To the top of the web part zone, we will add a breadcrumbs heading using the **Breadcrumbs** web part. Click the **Add web part** (  ) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Navigation -> Breadcrumbs** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Breadcrumb separator:** `<span class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;  </span>`
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Content before:** `<div class="GroupBreadcrumbs">`
- **Content after:** `</div>`


Click **OK**.

8. Below the breadcrumbs, we want the group's public profile to be displayed. This can be achieved using the **Group public profile** web part, which displays the group's public profile based on the specified alternative form. By default, the *Community.Group.DisplayProfile* alternative form is used. Click the **Add web part** (  ) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group public profile** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part. Just use the default values and click **OK**.

9. Below the Group public profile, we will add a message board where group administrators will be able to leave announcements. Click the **Add web part** (  ) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group message board** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Message transformation:** Community.Transformations.MessageBoardComments
- **No messages text:** There are no announcements at this time
- **Display name:** Group `{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupDisplayName|(encode>true%}` board
- **Access:** Only group admin
- **Enable subscriptions:** enabled
- **Board base URL:** `~/Groups/{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}.aspx`
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Group announcements

Click **OK**.

10. Now we will add a **Group forum posts viewer**. This web part will be set so that it will display the 5 latest posts in the group's forums. Click the **Add web part** (  ) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group forum posts viewer** web part. Set the following properties of



the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.ForumGroupPostsList
- **Top N:** 5
- **Order by:** PostTime DESC
- **Selected columns:** PostIDPath,PostForumID,PostText,PostTime,PostSubject
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** There are currently no posts.
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Latest in forums

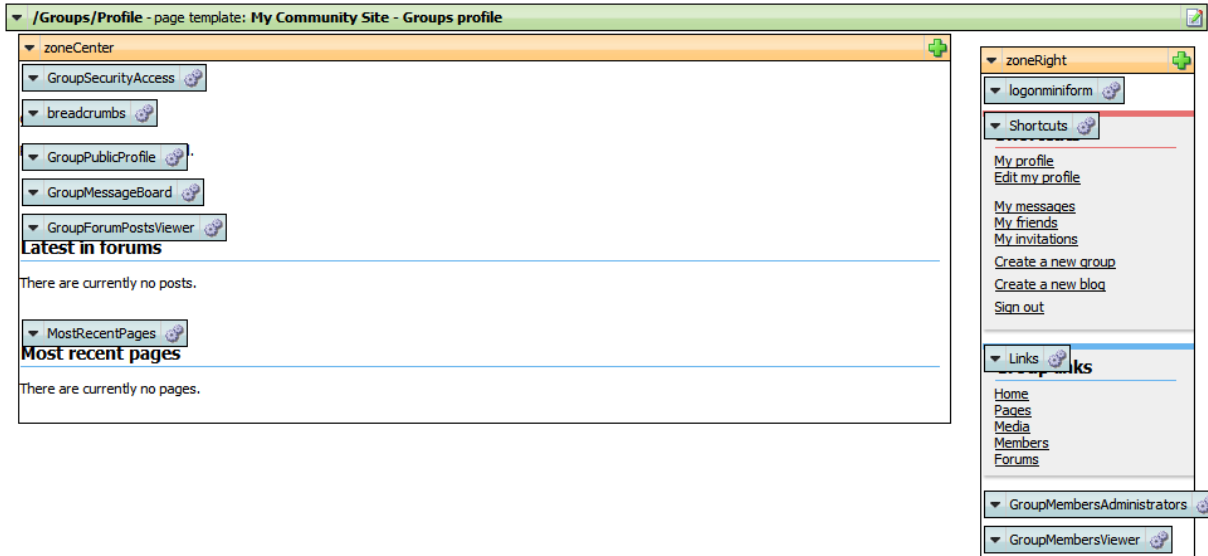
Click **OK**.

11. The last web part on the page will be a **Repeater** displaying articles in the Group pages section. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** MostRecentPages
- **Path:** /Group-pages/{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}/Pages/%
- **Document types:** CMS.SimpleArticle
- **ORDER BY expression:** DocumentCreatedWhen DESC
- **Transformation:** CMS.SimpleArticle.SimplePreview
- **Selected item transformation:** CMS.SimpleArticle.Default
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** There are currently no pages.
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Most recent pages
- **Content before:** <div class="GeneralList">
- **Content after:** </div>

Click **OK**.

12. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.

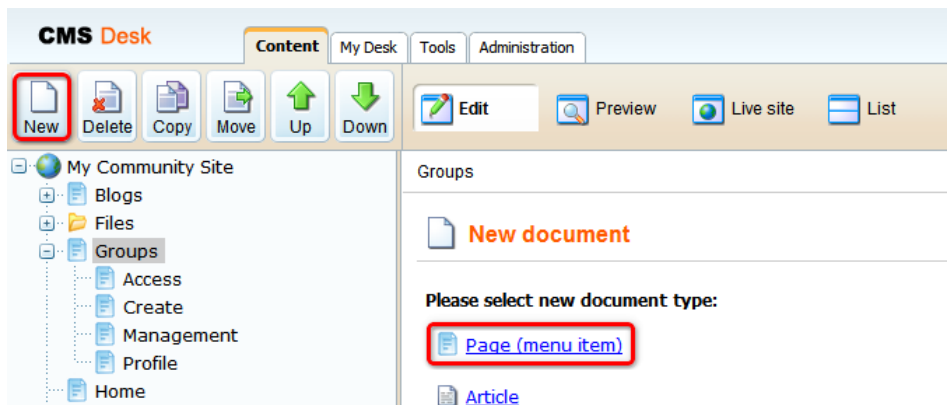


### 3.12.7 Creating the Members page

On the Members page, users of the current group will be displayed. This will be achieved using the **Group members viewer** web part.

If you right-click a user, you will be offered some actions by a context menu. This functionality is provided in the transformation and [here](#), you can find a description of how exactly it is achieved.

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_GroupsTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Members* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for 'My Community Site'. The left sidebar shows a tree view with 'Groups' selected. The main workspace shows the 'Groups' section with a 'Page name' field containing 'Members'. Below this, there are radio buttons for 'Use page template', 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page'. A list of categories is shown, with '\_GroupsTemplate' highlighted. A grid of four template thumbnails is visible, with the top-left one labeled '\_GroupsTemplate' and the top-right one labeled '\_MembersManagement'. The 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box.

**CMS Desk** Content My Desk Tools Administration [Switch to Site Manager](#) Site: My Community Site

New Delete Copy Move Up Down Edit Preview Live site List

My Community Site  
Blogs  
Files  
Groups  
Access  
Create  
Management  
Profile  
Home  
Logon page  
Search  
Forums  
Media  
News

Groups  
Save Save and create another Spell check

Page name: Members

Use page template  Inherit from parent page  Create a blank page

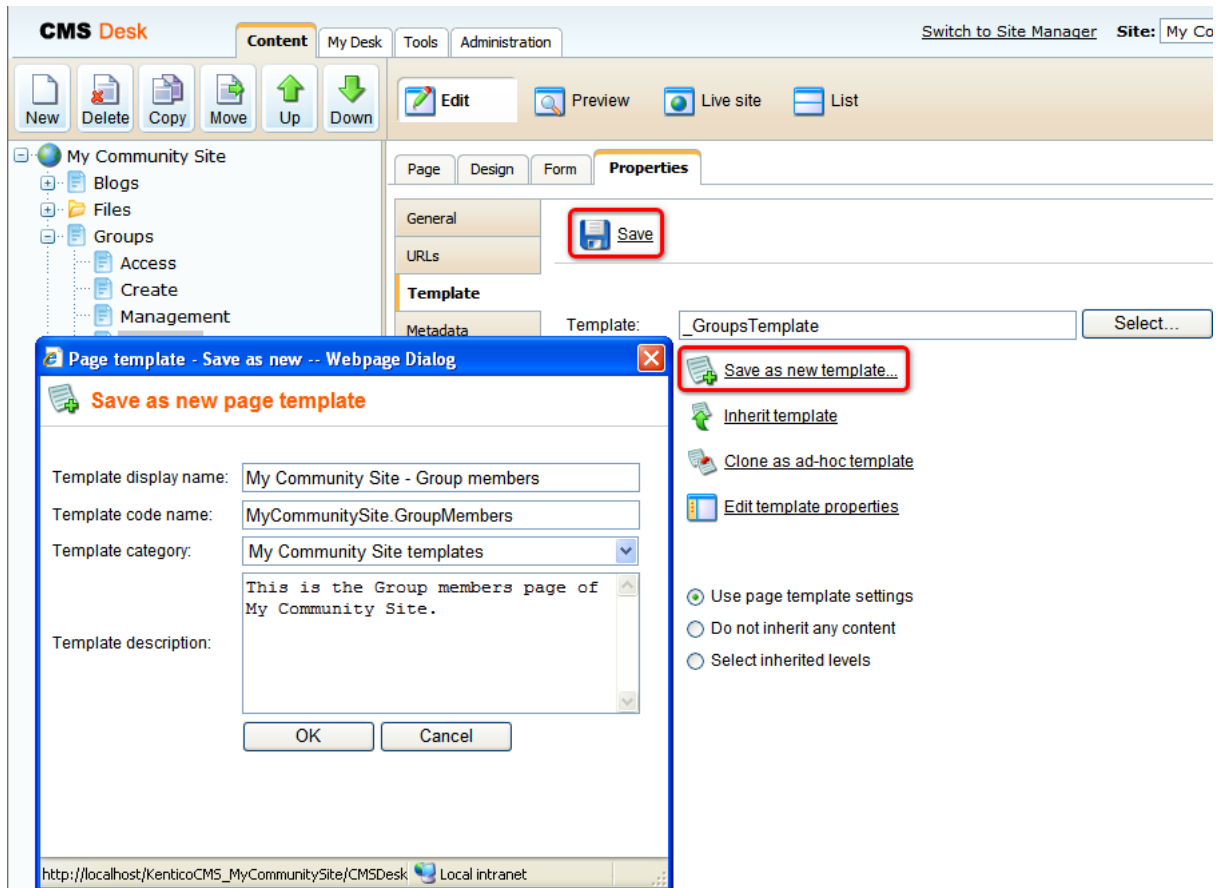
Categories  
Articles  
Blogs  
E-commerce  
Events  
FAQs  
Forums  
General  
Home pages  
Images  
Job openings  
Knowledge base  
Master templates  
Membership and security  
My Community Site templates  
News

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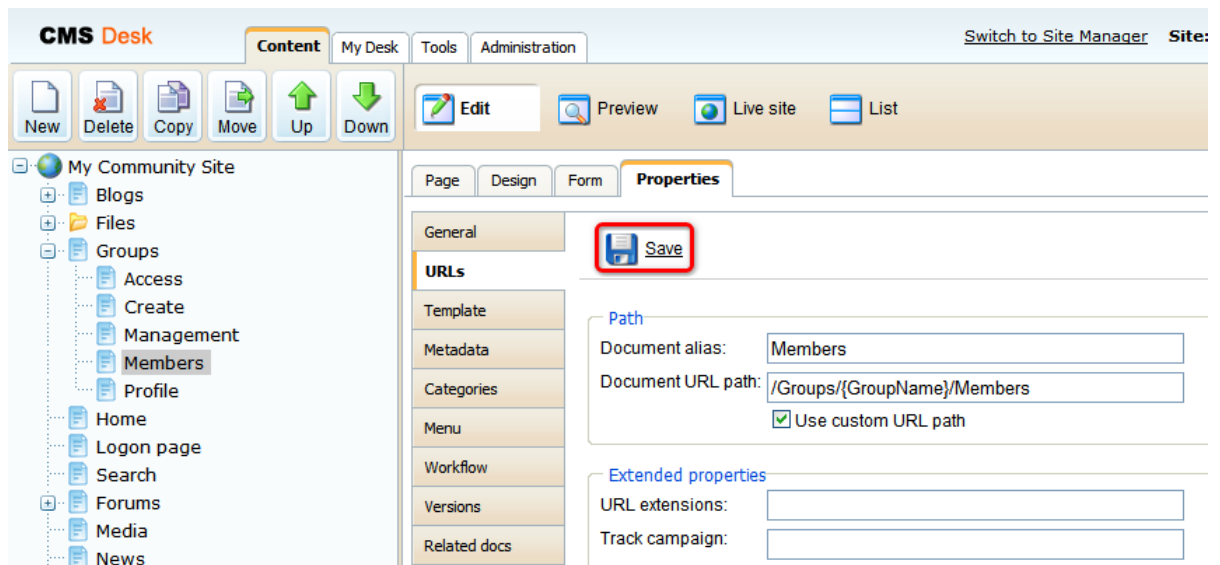
3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Group members
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.GroupsMembers
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Enter `/Groups/{GroupName}/Members` into the **Document URL path** field and click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. We can leave **zoneRight** as it is and go straight to **zoneCenter**. First, we will add a breadcrumbs heading using the **Static text** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text** -> **Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** Breadcrumbs
- **Text:**

```
<div class="GroupBreadcrumbs" >
<a href="~/Groups.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">Groups</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <a href="~/Groups/{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupDisplayName | (encode)true%}</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <span
class="CMSBreadCrumbsCurrentItem" > {%CMSContext.CurrentDocument.DocumentName |
(encode)true%} </span>
</div>
```

Click **OK**.

6. Below the heading, it will be useful to add some info text. We will use the **Editable text** web part for this purpose. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text** -> **Editable text** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, just leave all of them at the default values.

Click **OK**.

7. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter the following text into the **Editable text** web part's text area.

Bellow you can find list of group members. Right click the user to get available actions.

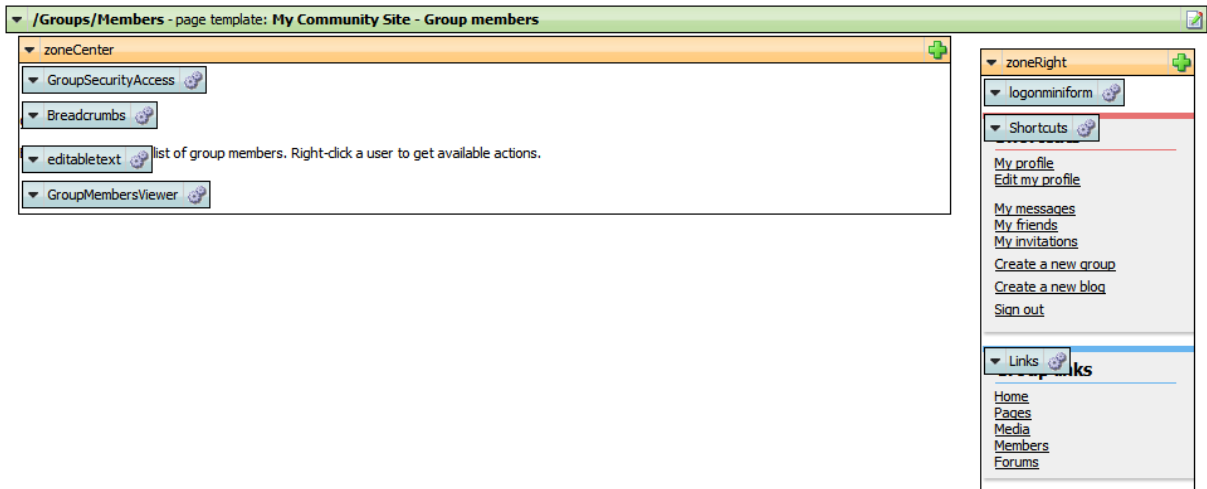
Click **Save**.

8. Switch back to **Design** tab. Now we will add the **Group members viewer** web part, which displays members of the current group. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group members viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them.

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersList
- **Alternating item transformation name:** erase the default value
- **Separator transformation name:** erase the default value
- **Header transformation name:** erase the default value
- **Footer transformation name:** erase the default value
- **Selected columns:** UserID,UserNickName,UserGender,UserDateOfBirth,UserAvatarID, UserActivityPoints,UserName, AvatarGuid
- **Page size:** 9
- **Paging mode:**PostBack
- **Group size:** 9
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** All members

Click **OK**.

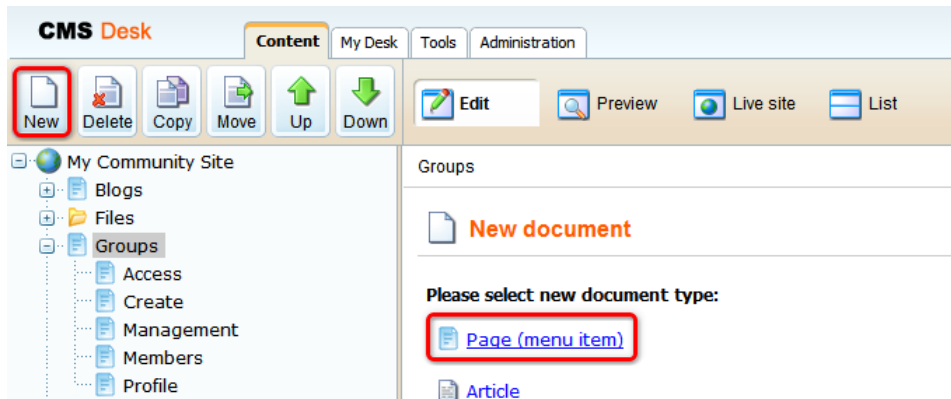
9. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



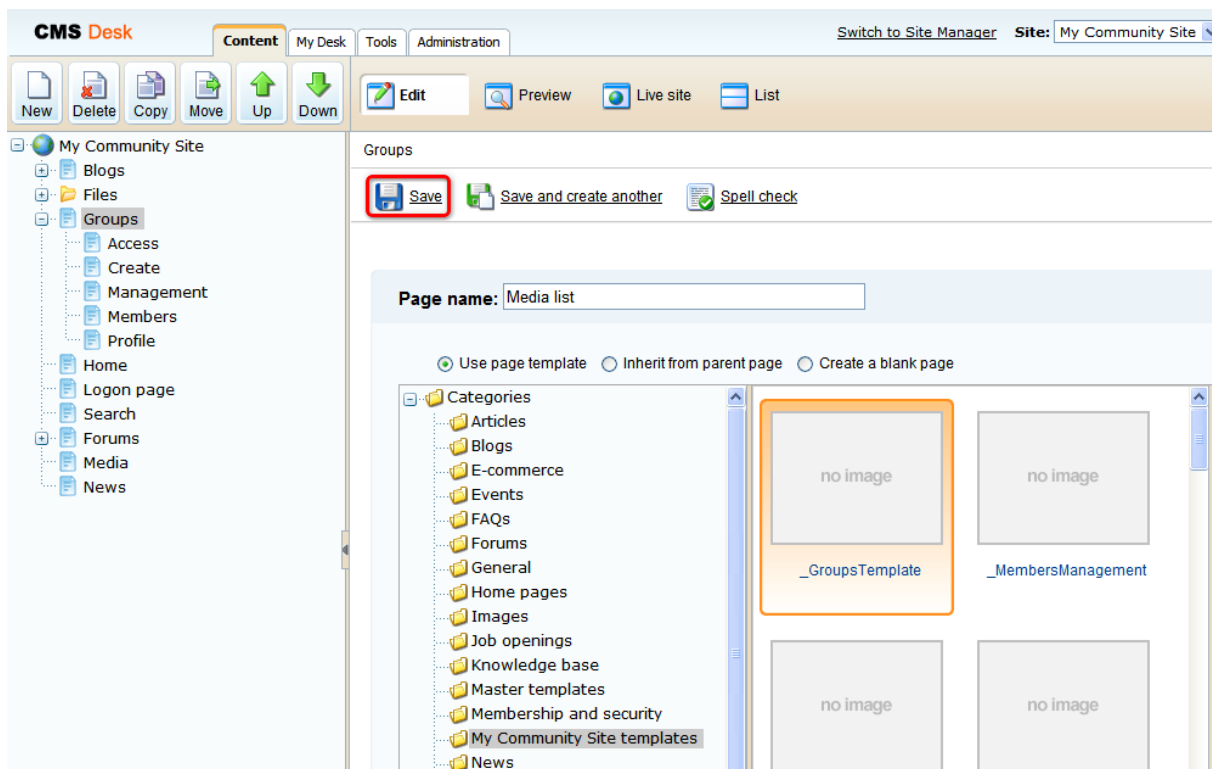
### 3.12.8 Creating the Media list page

Groups can have any number of media libraries. Because of this fact, we will create the Media list page. On this page, a list of all media libraries of the current group will be displayed by the **Group media libraries viewer** web part. After clicking a media library, users will be redirected to the **Media** page, created in [this chapter](#), where the content of the library will be displayed.

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



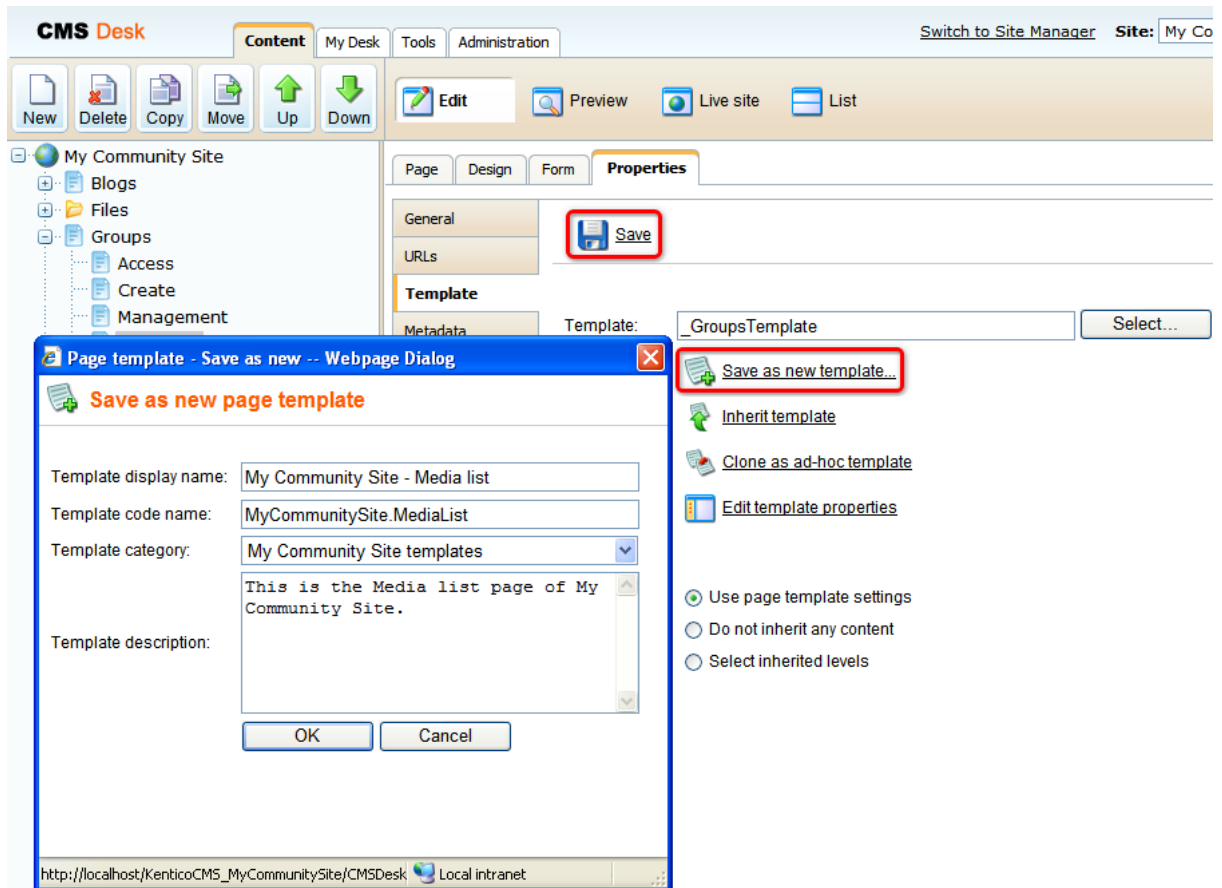
2. Select the **My Community Site templates -> \_GroupsTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Media list* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Media list
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.MediaList
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.





4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Enter `/Groups/{GroupName}/Media-list` into the **Document URL path** field and click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface. The 'Content' tab is selected, and the 'Properties' tab is active. The 'URLs' section is expanded, and the 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box. The 'Document URL path' field contains the value `/Groups/{GroupName}/Media-list`. The 'Use custom URL path' checkbox is checked. The 'Extended properties' section is also visible, with fields for 'URL extensions' and 'Track campaign'.

5. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, we will add a breadcrumbs heading using the **Static text** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** Breadcrumbs
- **Text:**

```
<div class="GroupBreadcrumbs" >
<a href="~/Groups.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">Groups</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <a href="~/Groups/{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupDisplayName | (encode)true%}</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <span
class="CMSBreadCrumbsCurrentItem"> Media </span>
</div>
```

6. Now we will add some info text using the Editable text web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Editable text** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, just leave all of them at the default values.

Click **OK**.

7. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter the following text into the **Editable text** web part's text area.

Bellow you can find list of group media libraries.

Click **Save**.

8. Switch back to **Design** tab. We will add the **Group media libraries viewer** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group media libraries viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the

rest of them.

- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** There are currently no media libraries.
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled

Click **OK**.

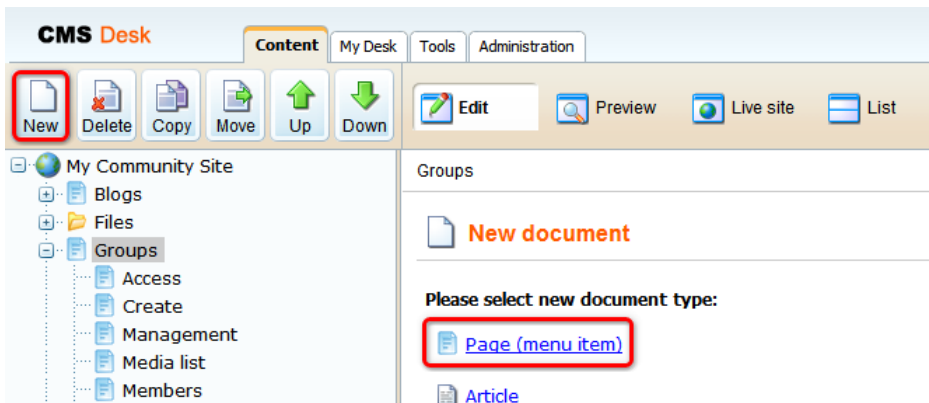
9. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



### 3.12.9 Creating the Media page

When a user clicks a media library in a list on the Media list page, created in the [previous chapter](#), she is redirected to this page where the **Media gallery** web part displays the content of the selected library. The name of the library is passed in the `{GroupName}/{LibraryName}` wildcard part of the URL of this page. Then it gets translated into a query string parameter and displayed by the Media gallery web part as the current group.

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



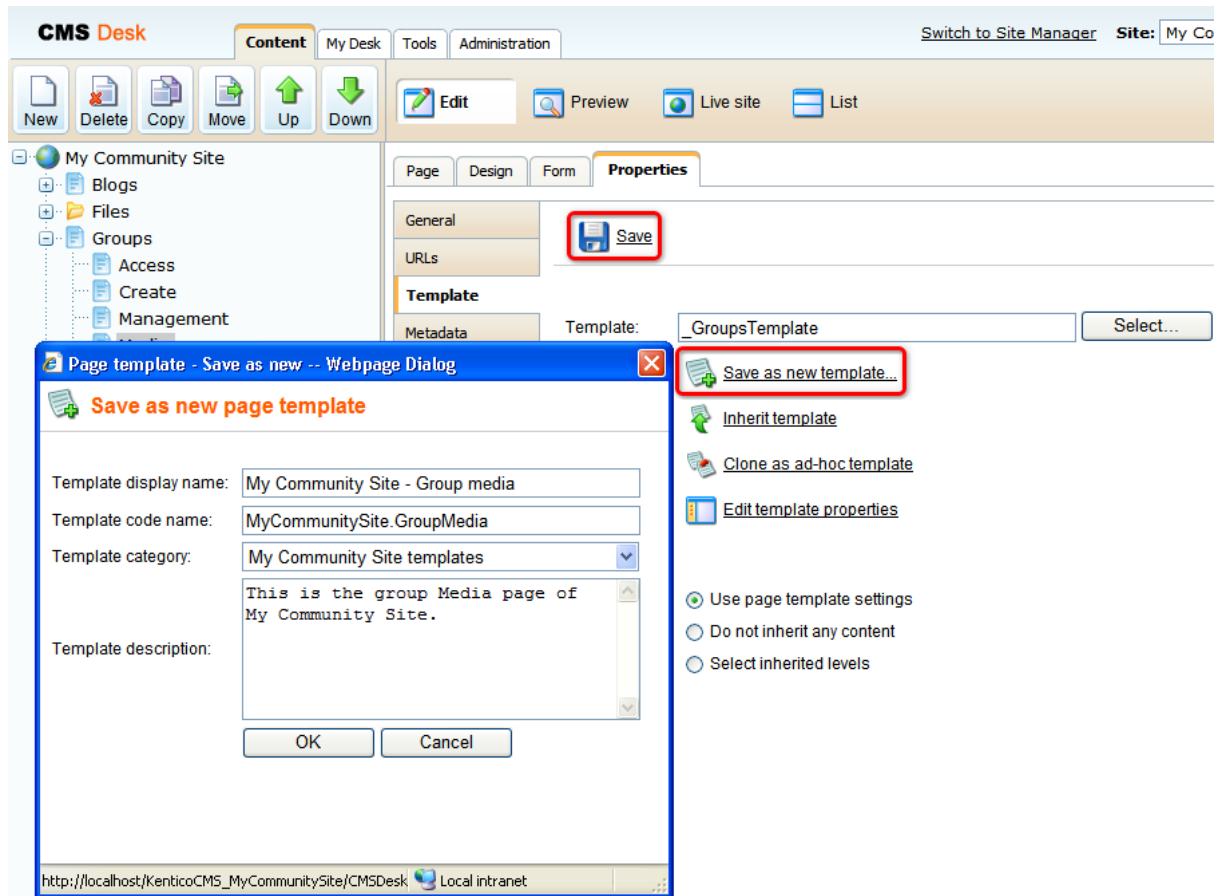
2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_GroupsTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Media list* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for 'My Community Site'. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below this, there are icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', and 'Down', along with 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List' buttons. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Groups' selected. The main content area shows the 'Groups' section with a 'Save' button highlighted by a red box. Below this, there are options for 'Save and create another' and 'Spell check'. The 'Page name' field is set to 'Media'. Below the page name, there are radio buttons for 'Use page template', 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page'. A list of categories is shown on the left, with '\_GroupsTemplate' selected and highlighted by an orange box. The right side of the interface shows a grid of template thumbnails, with the selected template showing 'no image' and the name '\_GroupsTemplate'.

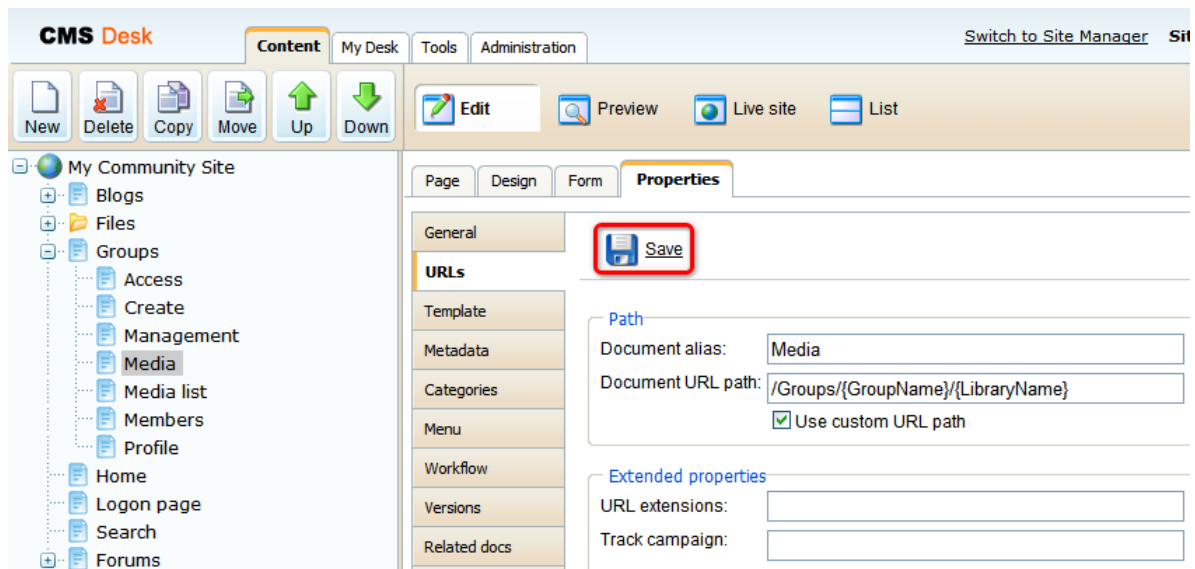
3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Group media
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.GroupMedia
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Enter `/Groups/{GroupName}/{LibraryName}` into the **Document URL path** field and click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, we will add a breadcrumbs heading using the **Static text** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text** -> **Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** Breadcrumbs
- **Text:**

```
<div class="GroupBreadcrumbs">
<a href="~/Groups.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">Groups</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <a href="~/Groups/{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupDisplayName| (encode)true%}</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <span
class="CMSBreadCrumbsCurrentItem"> {%CMSContext.CurrentDocument.DocumentName|
(encode)true%} </span>
</div>
```

Click **OK**.

6. Below the breadcrumbs, we will add another **Static text** web part. This one will provide a link back to the list of the group's media libraries. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text** -> **Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** BackLink
- **Text:**

```
<a style="margin: 20px 0px 0px 98px;" class="MediaBack" href="~/Groups/{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}/Media-List.aspx">Back to libraries</a>
```

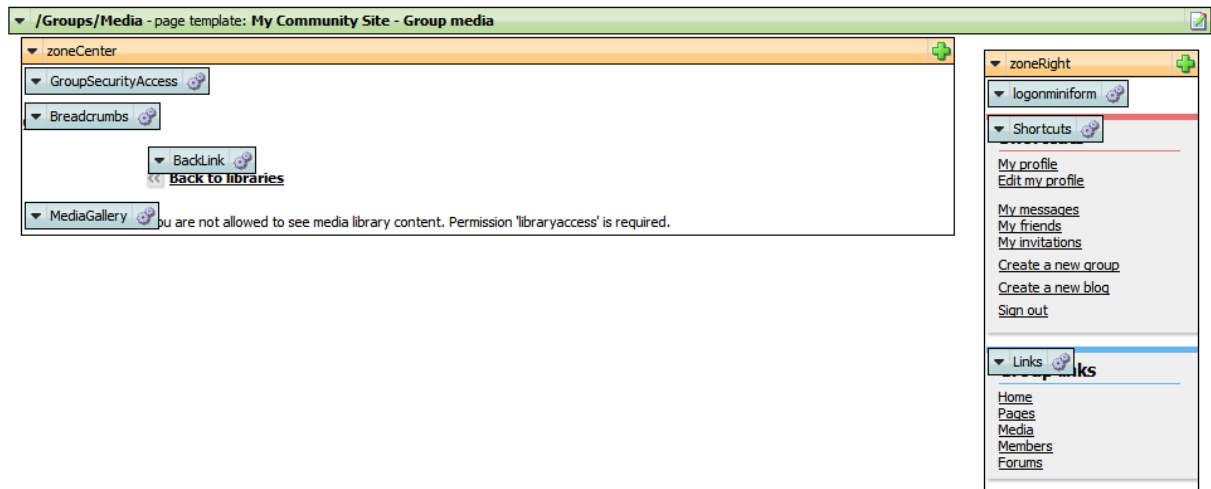
7. The last web part in zoneCenter will be the Media gallery web part. This web part displays content of

the particular libraries based on the library name passed in query string. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Media library** -> **Media gallery** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Show subfolders content:** enabled
- **Hide folder tree:** enabled
- **Content before:** <div style="padding: 10px 0px 0px 100px">
- **Content after:** <div class="clear"></div></div>

Click **OK**.

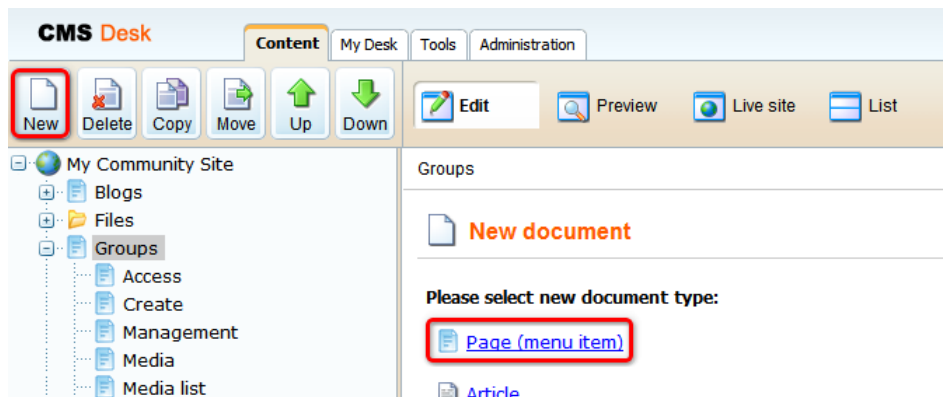
8. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



### 3.12.10 Creating the Forums page

The forums page will provide the group forums functionality using the **Group forum list** web part. It will display the content of the group forums based on the `{GroupName}` wildcard part of the URL.

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



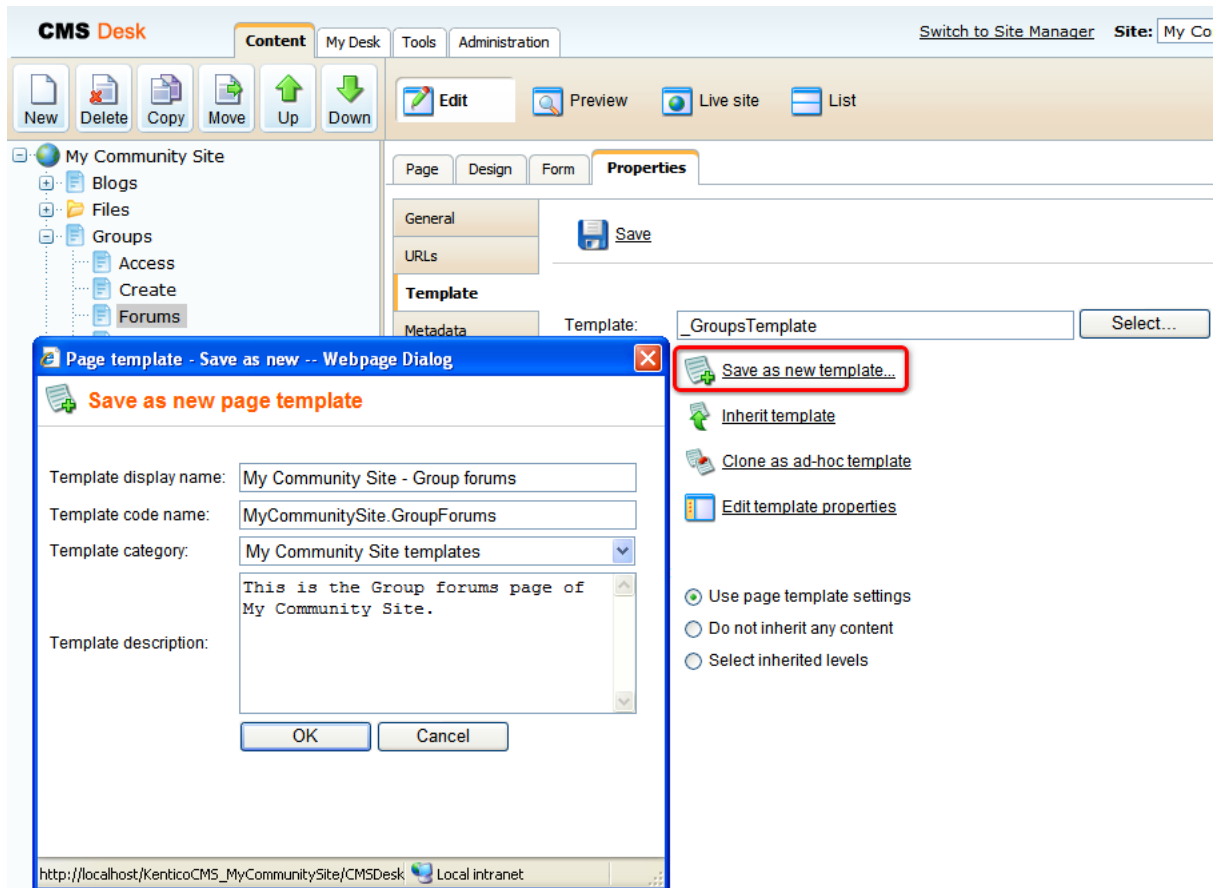
2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_GroupsTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Forums* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for 'My Community Site'. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Groups' selected. The main content area is titled 'Groups' and features a 'Save' button (highlighted with a red box), 'Save and create another', and 'Spell check' options. Below these is a 'Page name' field containing 'Forums'. Three radio buttons are present: 'Use page template' (selected), 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page'. A list of categories is shown on the left, with '\_GroupsTemplate' highlighted in an orange box. The right side of the interface shows a grid of template thumbnails, each labeled 'no image'. The selected template, '\_GroupsTemplate', is highlighted in an orange box.

3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

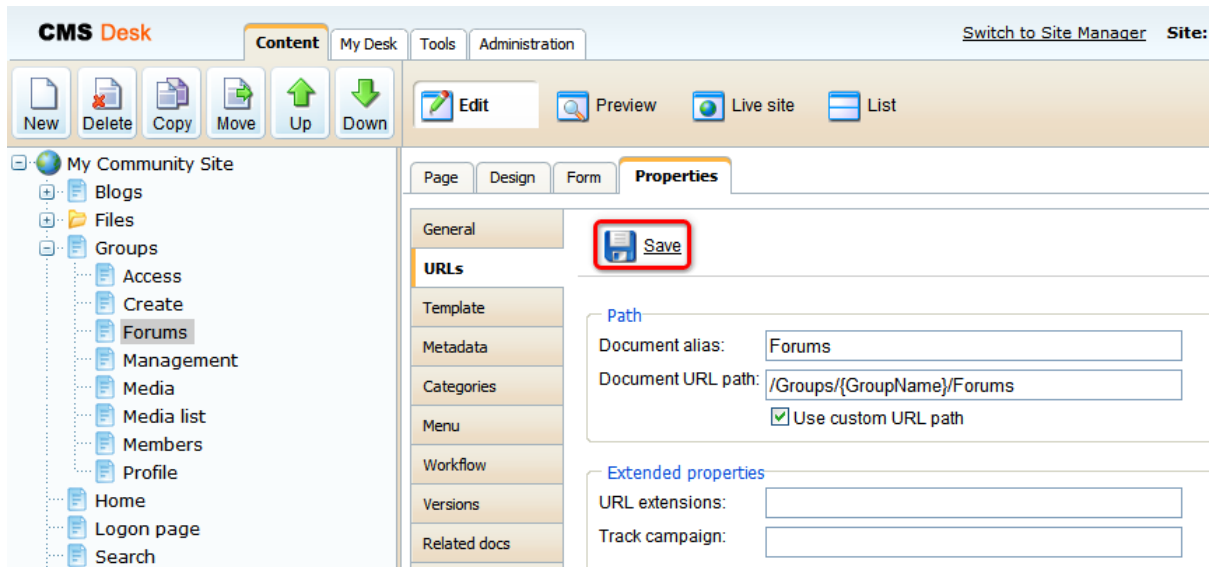
- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Group forums
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.GroupForums
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.





4. Switch to the **Properties -> URLs** tab. Enter `/Groups/{GroupName}/Forums` into the **Document URL path** field and click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. We will leave **zoneRight** web part zone as it is and start modifying **zoneCenter** right off. First, we will add a breadcrumbs heading using the **Static text** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** Breadcrumbs
- **Text:**

```
<div class="GroupBreadcrumbs">
<a href="~/Groups.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">Groups</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <a href="~/Groups/{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupDisplayName | (encode)true%}</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <span
class="CMSBreadCrumbsCurrentItem"> {%CMSContext.CurrentDocument.DocumentName |
(encode)true%} </span>
</div>
```

Click **OK**.

6. Below the breadcrumbs, we will add the **Forum search box** web part that will enable users to search the forum content. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Forums -> Forum search box** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Content before:**

```
<div class="ForumSearchBox"><table cellspacing="0"
cellpadding="0"><tr><td><b>Search forums:&nbsp;  </b></td><td>
```

- **Content after:**

```
</td></tr></table></div><div class="clear"></div>
```

Click **OK**.

7. The forum functionality itself is provided by the **Group forum list** web part. This is the only web part that is needed for the whole forums structure, all forum content will be displayed from this page by this web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group forum list** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Groups separator:** <br />
- **Base URL:** ~/{{%CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}}/Forums.aspx
- **Unsubscription URL:** ~/Special-Pages/Forum-Unsubscribe.aspx

Click **OK**.

8. In step 6, we added the **Forum search box** web part to the page. Now we need to add another web part to the page where the search results will be displayed. This can be achieved by the **Group forum search results** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group forum search results** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, just leave all of them at the default values.

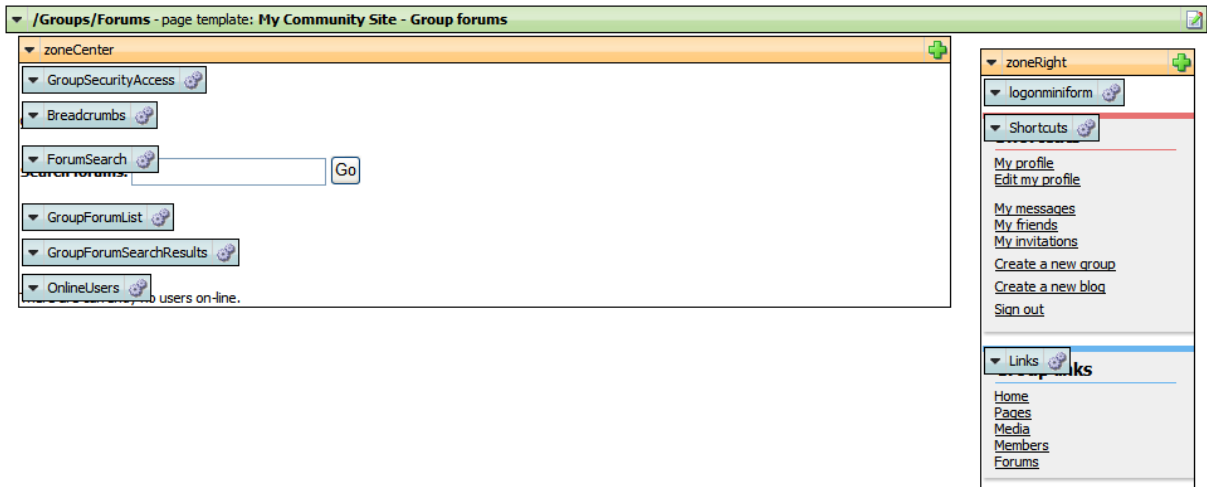
Click **OK**.

9. The last web part in this web part zone will be the **On-line users** web part. It will be set up so that it displays the number of users currently accessing the group's forum section. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> On-line users** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersOnline
- **Path:** /Groups/{GroupName}/Forums
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Content before:** <br />

Click **OK**.

10. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



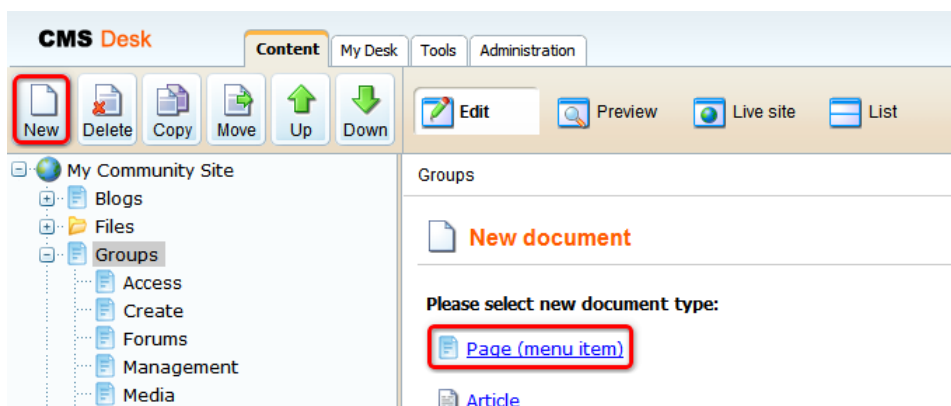
### 3.12.11 Preparing the Group pages section

#### 3.12.11.1 Creating the Template page

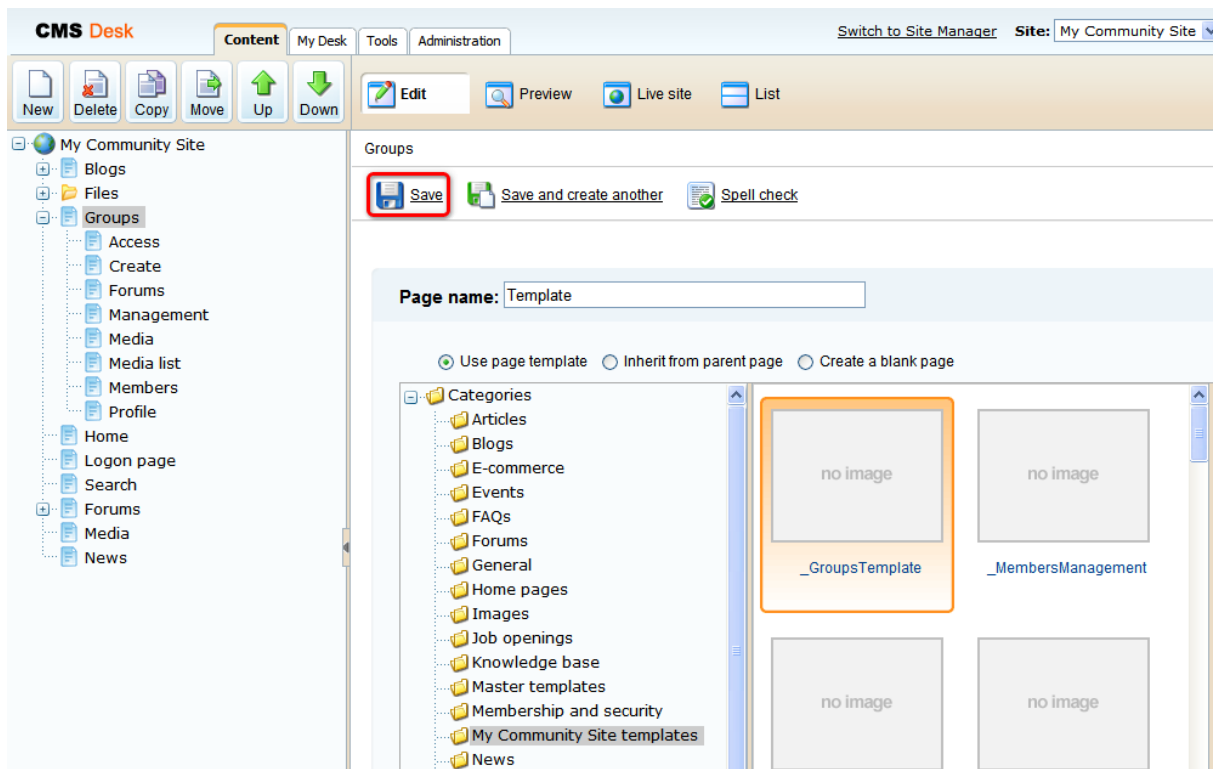
This page is a special one. It will be used as a template for the group pages section, which is created for each group under a specified page of the content tree, which we will create in [this chapter](#). The group pages section enables members of a group to create and edit articles related to the group and displayed within the group's section.

On this page, there will be a **Repeater** displaying a list of articles of the particular group. This page will also be used as a master page for the **Pages** page, which will be displaying the particular articles placed under it. The Pages page will be created in the [following chapter](#).

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_GroupsTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Template* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Group pages template
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.GroupPagesTemplate
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

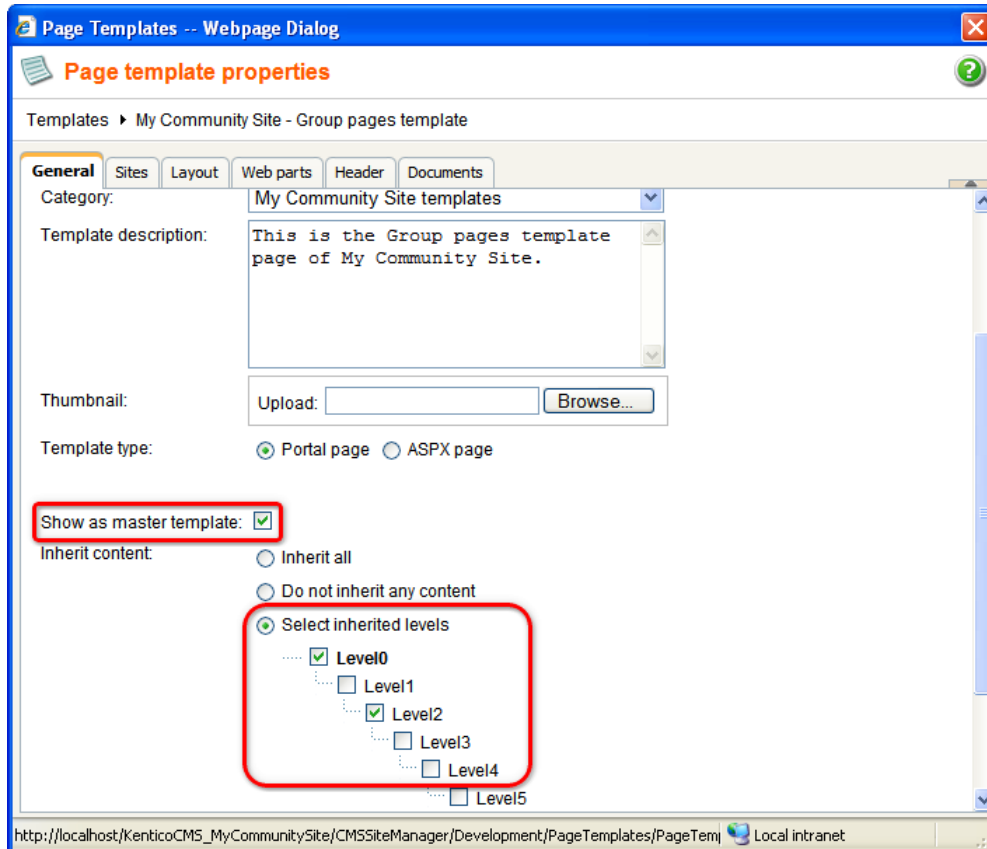
Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface with the 'Properties' tab selected. The 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open, showing the following details:

- Template display name: My Community Site - Group pages template
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.GroupPagesTemplate
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Group pages template page of My Community Site.

The 'Save as new template...' button is highlighted with a red box. The dialog also includes options for 'Inherit template', 'Clone as ad-hoc template', 'Edit template properties', and radio buttons for 'Use page template settings', 'Do not inherit any content', and 'Select inherited levels'.

4. Still on the **Properties** tab, click the **Edit template properties** link. In the pop-up window, scroll down and check the **Show as master template** option. Also change the inheritance so that the page template inherits from **Level 0** and **Level 2**. Click **Save** in the pop-up window to save the changes and close it.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, we will add a breadcrumbs heading using the **Breadcrumbs** web part. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Navigation - > Breadcrumbs** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Starting path:** `/{0}/{1}/`
- **Breadcrumb separator:** `<span class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span>`
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Content before:**

```
<div style="padding-left:10px" class="GroupBreadcrumbs">
<a href="~/Groups.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">Groups</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span> <a href="~/Groups/{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupName%}.aspx" class="CMSBreadCrumbsLink">{%
CommunityContext.CurrentGroup.GroupDisplayName|(encode)true%}</a> <span
class="TitleBreadCrumbSeparator">&nbsp;</span>
```

- **Content after:** `</div>`

Click **OK**.

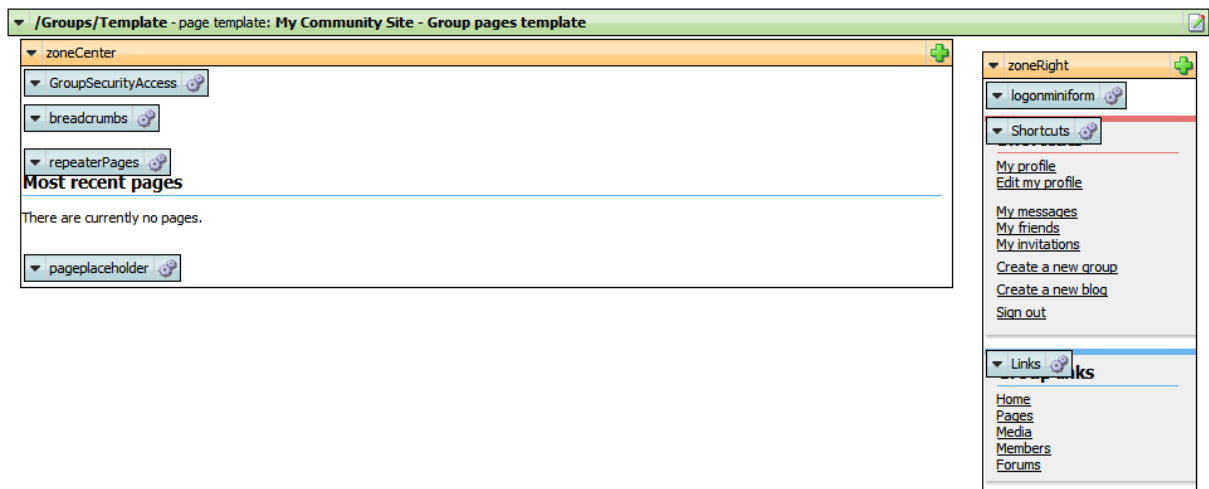
6. Now we will add a repeater displaying a list of pages of the current group. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** repeaterPages
- **Hide on subpages:** enabled
- **Path:** ./Pages/%
- **Document types:** CMS.SimpleArticle
- **Transformation:** CMS.SimpleArticle.SimplePreview
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** There are currently no pages.
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Most recent pages
- **Content before:** <div class="GeneralList">
- **Content after:** </div>

Click **OK**.

7. Finally, we will add the **Page placeholder** in which the page with the particular article will be displayed. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **General -> Page placeholder** web part. Leave all the properties of the web part at the default values and click **OK**.

8. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



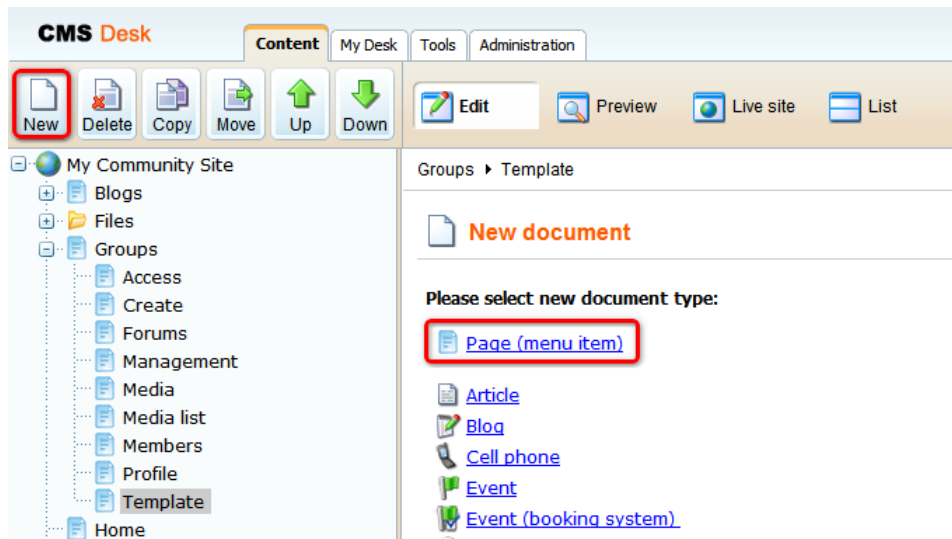
### 3.12.11.2 Creating the Pages page

This page also serves as the template for the group pages section. It will be copied along with the [Template](#) page to the specified path on each group's creation to form the group's group pages section.

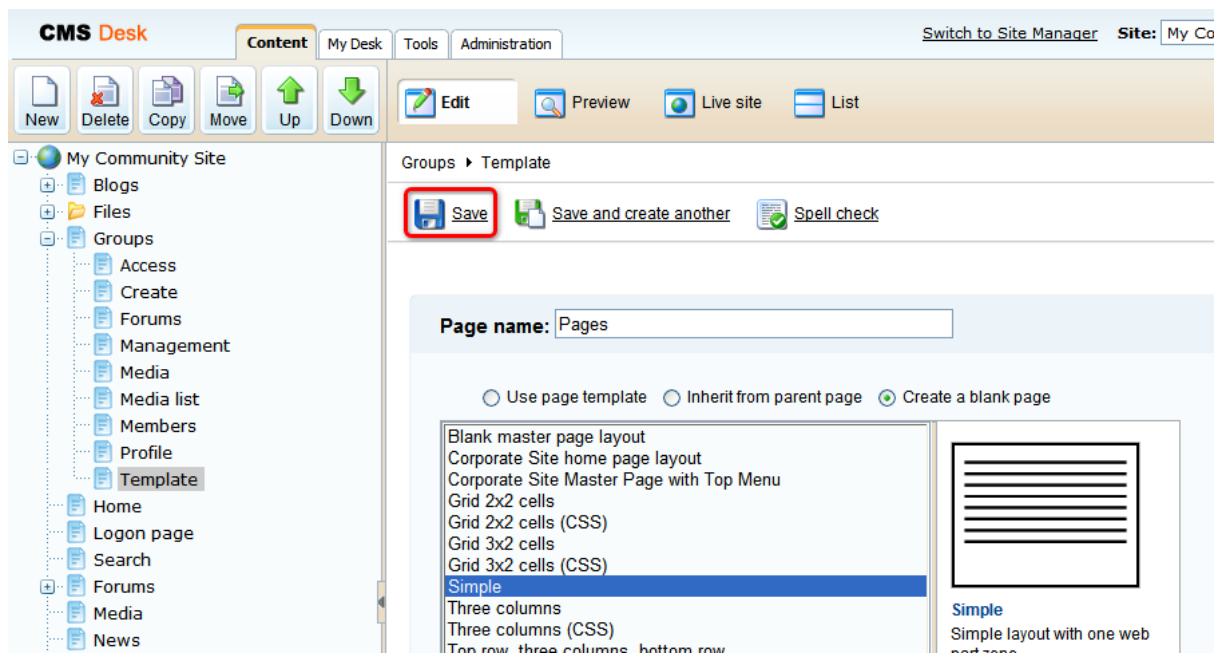
On the page, there will be a **Repeater** for displaying the articles. We will also need the User contributions module web parts providing on-site adding and editing of articles. For more details about the User contributions concept, please refer to the [Module User contributions](#) chapter of **Kentico CMS Developer's Guide**.

1. Select the **Groups** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)**

document type.

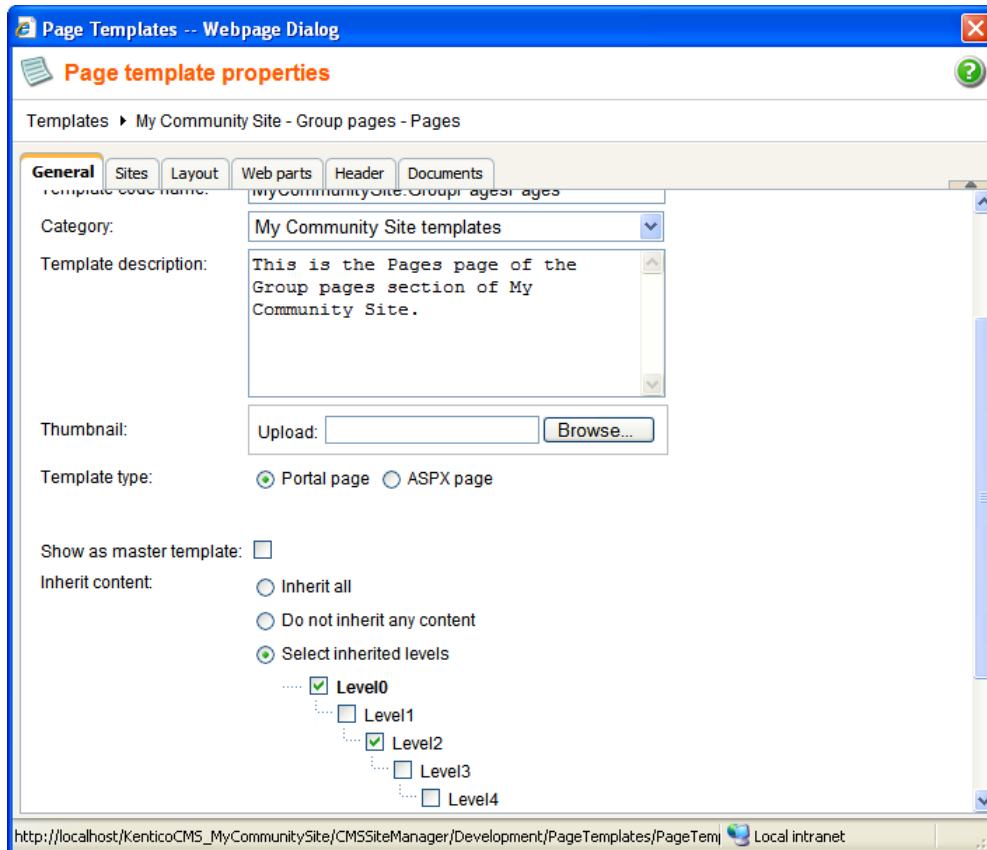


2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_GroupsTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Pages* and click **Save**.





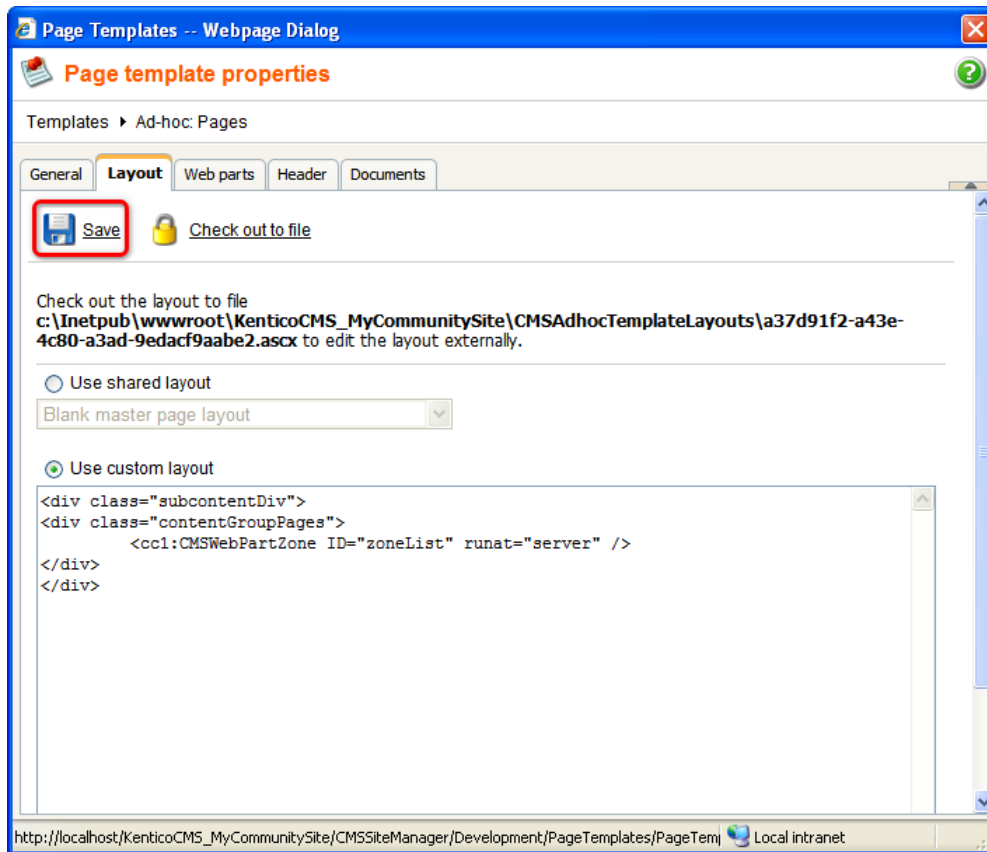
3. Switch to the **Properties** tab and click the **Edit template properties** link. In the pop-up window, scroll down and select the inheritance so that the page template inherits from **Level 0** and **Level 2**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Layout** tab and replace the original layout code with the following code:

```
<div class="subcontentDiv">
<div class="contentGroupPages">
  <ccl:CMSWebPartZone ID="zoneList" runat="server" />
</div>
</div>
```

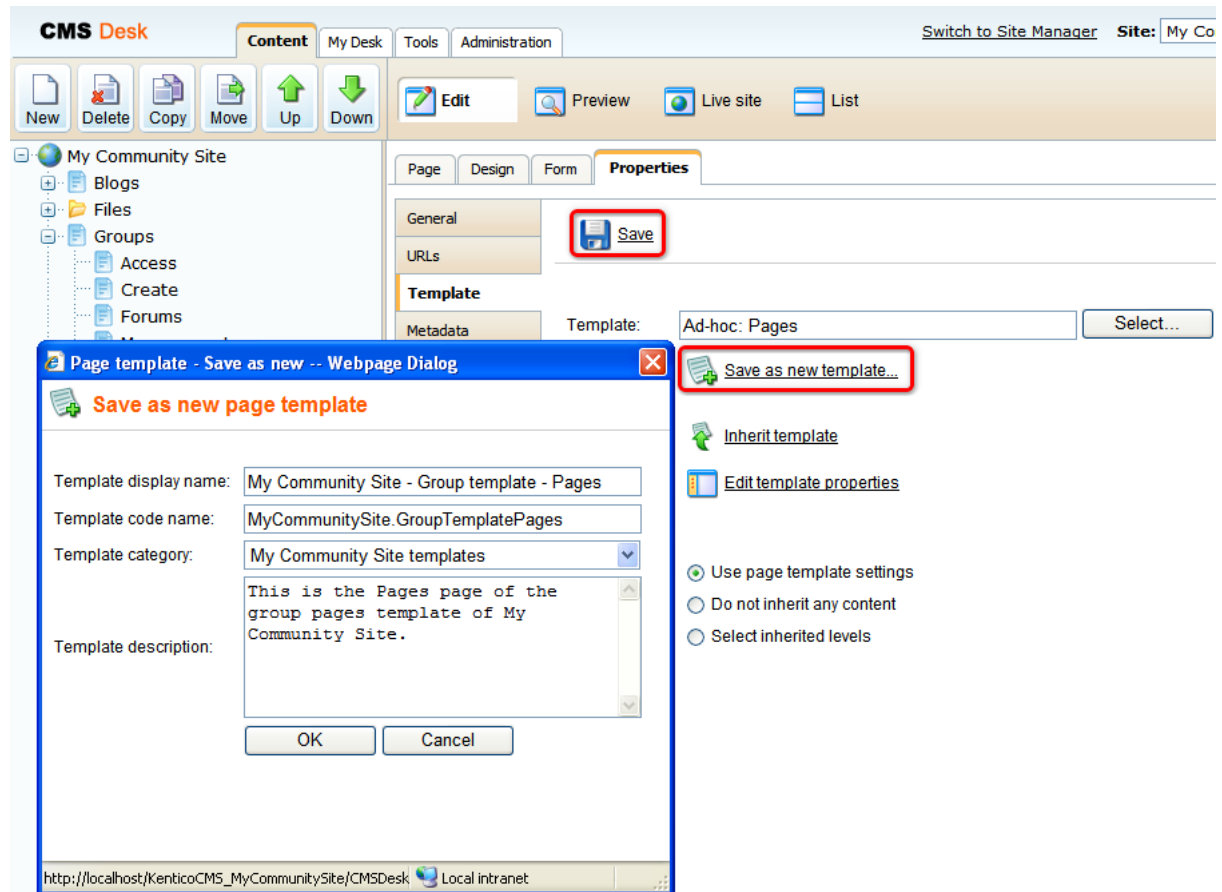
Click **Save**.



5. Back on the **Properties** -> **Template** tab, click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up window:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Group template - Pages
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.GroupTemplatePages
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**.



6. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, we will need the **Group security access** web part to ensure that only users with appropriate permissions can access the group pages. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneList** web part zone and choose the **Community** -> **Group security access** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, just leave the default values for all of them.

7. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneList** web part zone and choose the **Community** -> **Group contribution list** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Hide on subpages:** enabled
- **Path:** ./%
- **Path for new documents:** ./%
- **Allowed new document types:** CMS.SimpleArticle
- **Alternative form name:** PublicSimpleArticle
- **Display list of documents:** disabled

- **New item button label:** New page
- **List button label:** Pages
- **Select only published:** disabled
- **Allow editing by users:** Authenticated

Click **OK**.

8. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneList** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group edit contribution** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Show for document types:** CMS.SimpleArticle
- **Alternative form name:** PublicSimpleArticle
- **Allow editing by users:** Authenticated
- **Content before:** <div class="Contributions">
- **Content after:** </div>

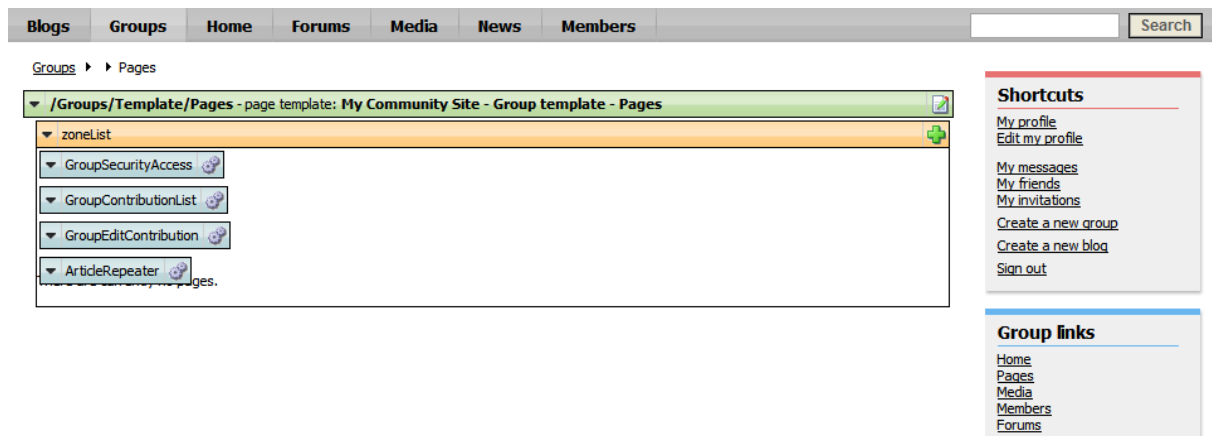
Click **OK**.

9. Finally, we will add a **Repeater** for displaying the articles. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneList** web part zone and choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest of them at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** ArticleRepeater
- **Path:** ./%
- **Document types:** CMS.SimpleArticle
- **Transformation:** CMS.SimpleArticle.SimplePreview
- **Selected item transformation:** CMS.SimpleArticle.Default
- **Navigation buttons:** None
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** There are currently no pages.
- **Content before:** <br /><div class="GeneralList">
- **Content after:** </div><br />

Click **OK**.

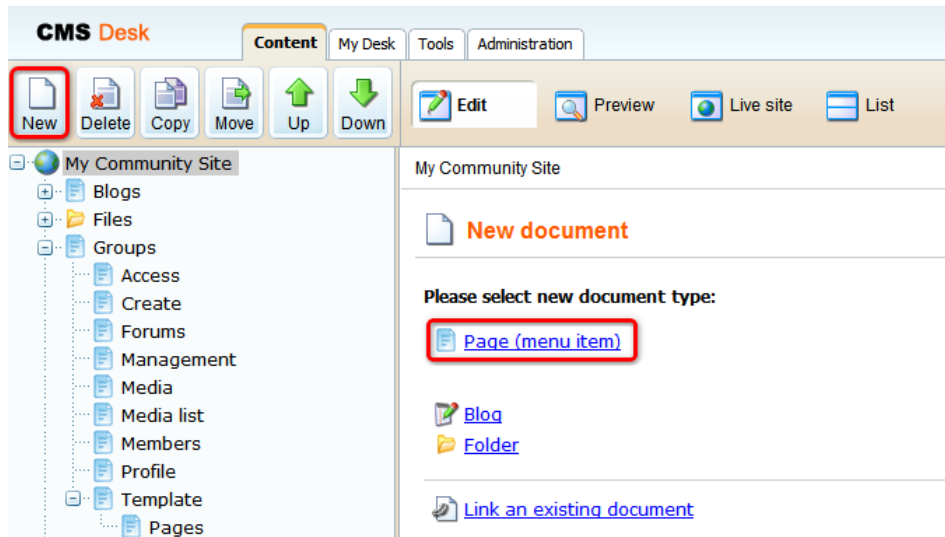
10. The page is finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



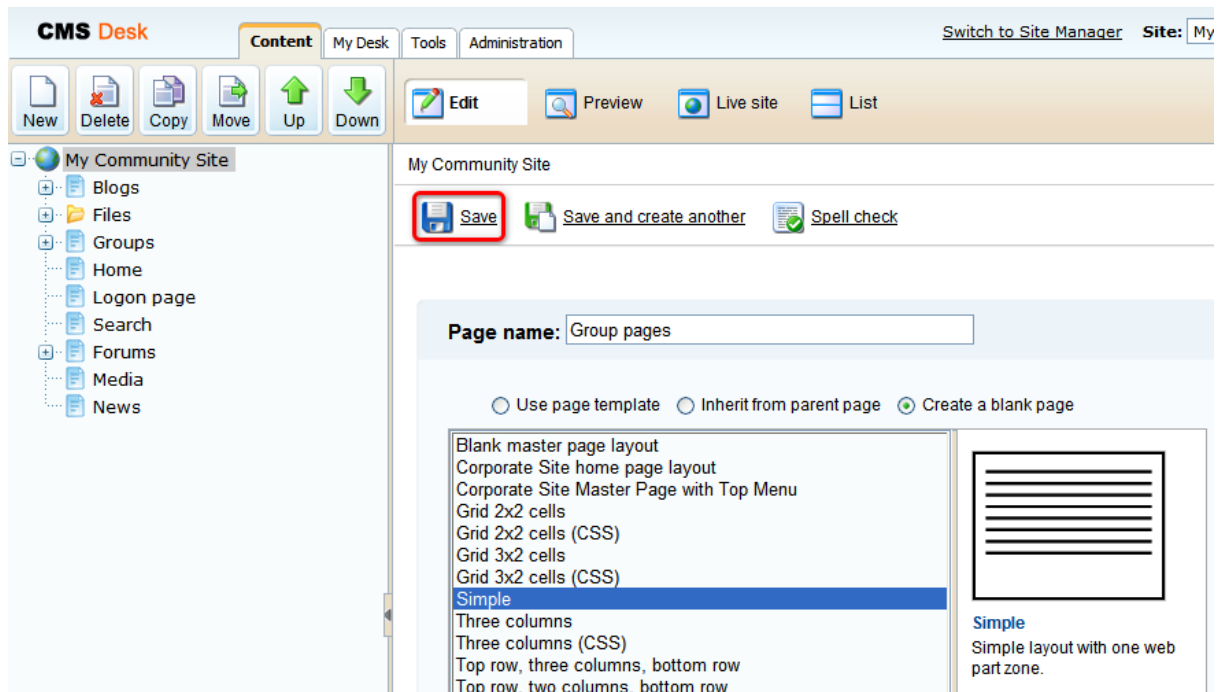
### 3.12.11.3 Creating the Group pages title page

The Group pages page will not be displayed in the site navigation. It will also not contain any content. The only purpose of this page is for the group pages sections of particular groups to be placed under it. It is important to set the alias path of this page in the **Template target alias path** property of the **Group registration** web part, which was added to [this page](#).

1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Choose to **Create a blank page** using the **Simple** layout. For **Page name**, enter *Group pages* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties** -> **Menu** tab and disable the **Show in navigation** option. Click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS Desk interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Group pages' selected. The main content area is divided into tabs: 'Page', 'Design', 'Form', and 'Properties'. The 'Properties' tab is active, showing a 'Save' button and a 'Menu' section. In the 'Menu' section, the 'Show in navigation' checkbox is unchecked and highlighted with a red box. Other options include 'Show in sitemap' (checked) and 'Menu action' (Standard behavior).

4. That's the page finished, now you've got to enter its alias path in the site settings and the group pages of particular groups may be stored under it.

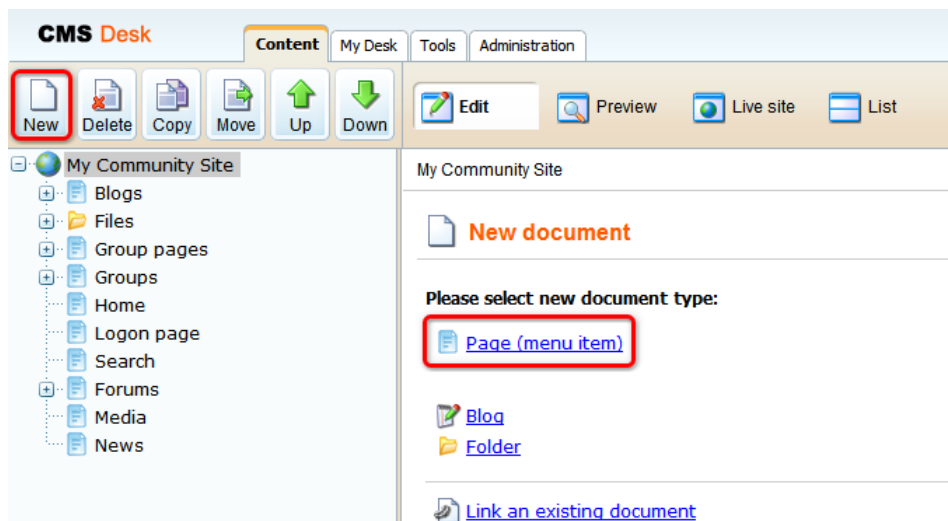
## 3.13 Creating the Members section

### 3.13.1 Creating the Members page

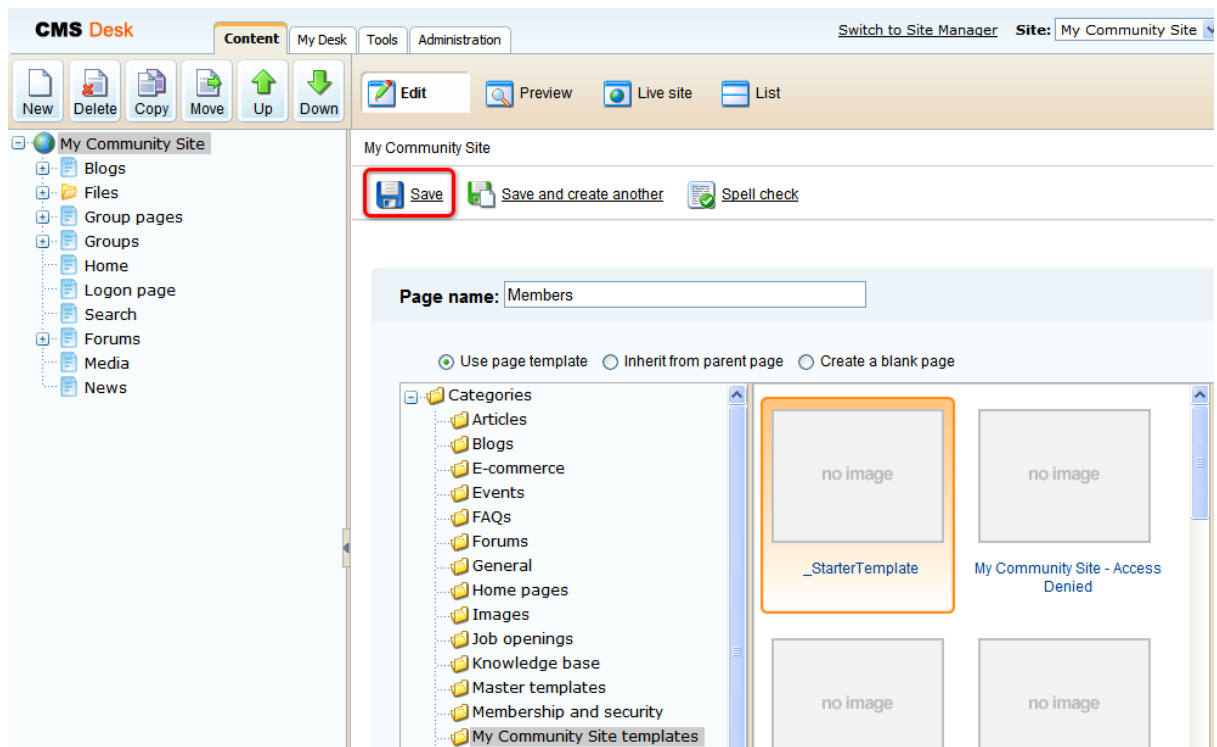
This page will be the title page of the Members section. We will base it on the **\_StarterTemplate** page template created in [this chapter](#). Besides the web parts from this page template, the page will contain two **Users viewer** web parts in the **zoneCenter** web part zone. The first one will be displaying the 6 most active users of the site. The second one will be displaying all site users, with the pager enabled and 9 records by page. In **zoneRight**, there will also be the **On-line users** web part showing who is currently on-line.

If you right-click a user in of of the **Users viewer**, you will be offered some actions by a context menu. This functionality is provided in the transformation and [here](#), you can find a description of how exactly it is achieved.

1. Select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Members* and click **Save**.

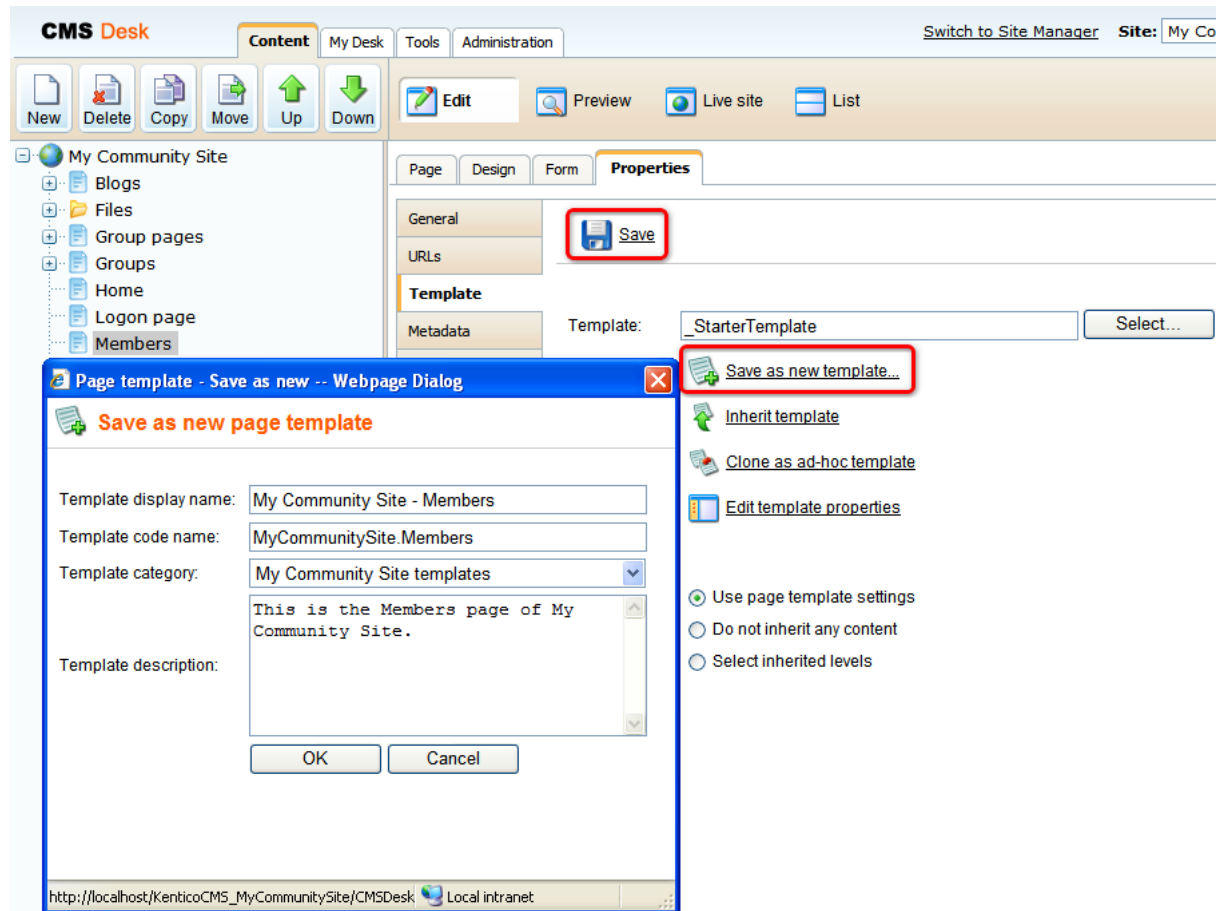




3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Members
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Members
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Design** tab. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> On-line users** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersOnline
- **Select top N:** 20
- **Additional info text:** {2} member(s) on-line:<br />
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Orange Box
- **Web part container title:** On-line members
- **Content after:** <div><br /><a href="-~/Members/Online.aspx">View all on-line members</a></div>

Click **OK**.

5. In the **zoneCenter** web part zone, we will want an info text displayed above the Users viewers. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Editable text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

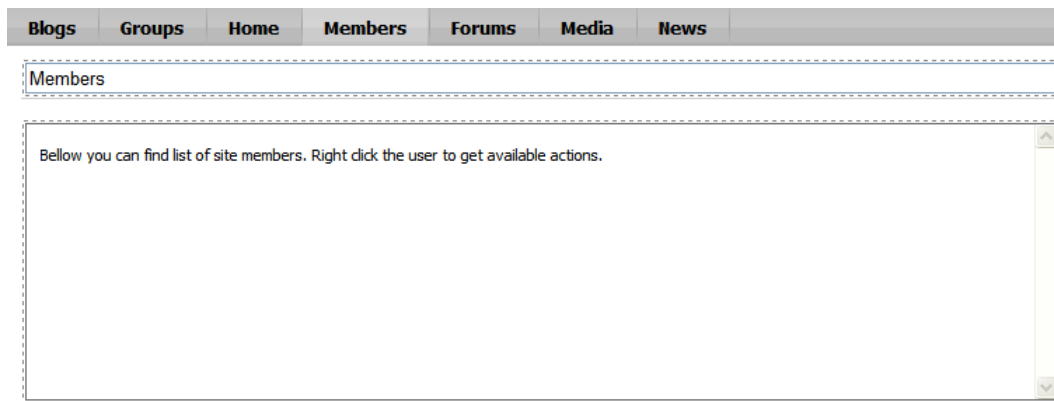
- **Web part control ID:** editabletextContent

Click **OK**.

6. Switch to the **Page** tab. Enter the following texts into the Editable text web parts' text fields:

- **Heading:** Members
- **Content:** Bellow you can find list of site members. Right click the user to get available actions.

Click **Save**.



7. Now we will add the first **Users viewer** which will display the 6 most active users. Switch back to the **Design** tab. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> Users viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersList
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **ORDER BY condition:** UserActivityPoints DESC
- **Select Top N members:** 6
- **Selected columns:** UserID,UserNickName,UserGender,UserDateOfBirth,UserAvatarID, UserActivityPoints,UserName,AvatarGuid
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Top members
- **Content after:** <div class="clear">&nbsp;  </div>

Click **OK**.

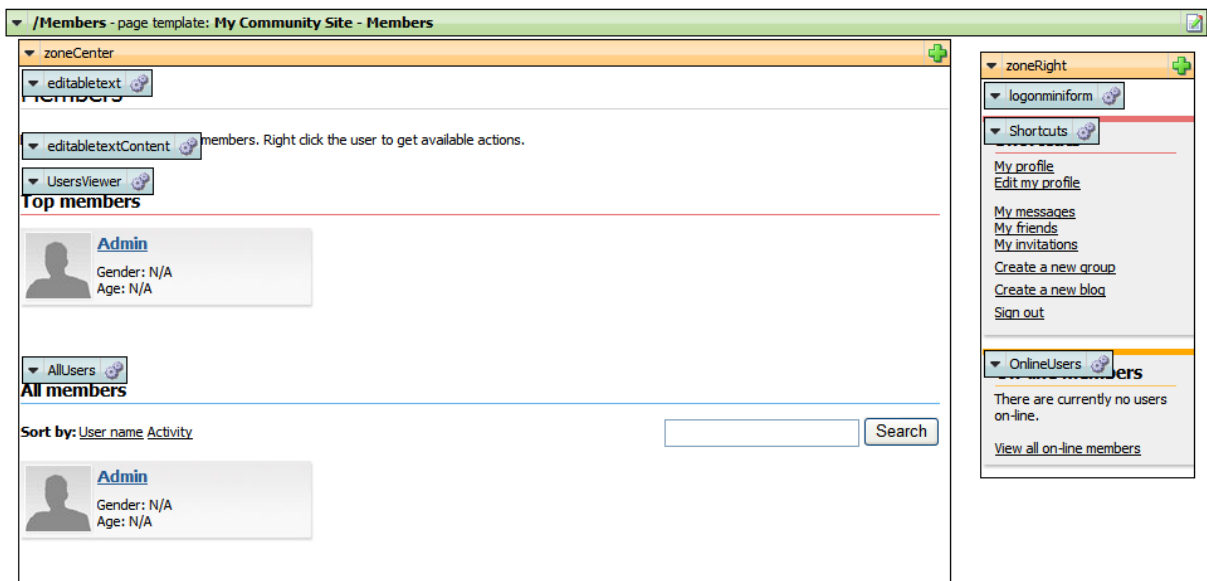
8. The second repeater will display all site members paged by 9. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> Users viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Web part control ID:** AllUsers
- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersList
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled

- **No record found text:** No users found
- **Selected columns:** UserID,UserNickName,UserGender,UserDateOfBirth,UserAvatarID,UserActivityPoints,UserName,AvatarGuid
- **Page size:** 9
- **Paging mode:** PostBack
- **Group size:** 9
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** All members
- **Content after:** <div class="clear">&nbsp;&lt;/div>

Click **OK**.

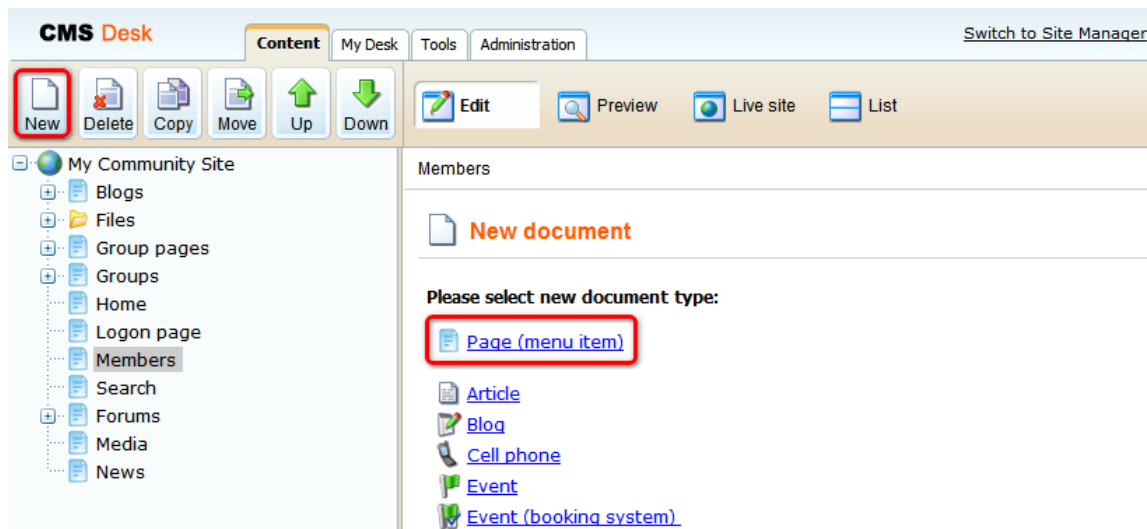
9. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot. Obviously, because there are no users on the site yet, only the Administrator is displayed by the viewers. However, you may try creating a few users via the administration interface or registering on-site. You will see the new users listed on this page.



### 3.13.2 Creating the Online page

In the [previous example](#), we have put the **On-line users** web part to the right column. There is a link added by the **Content after** property of the web part, leading to this page. On this page, there will be another **On-line users** web part, which will display all users that are currently on-line.

1. Select the **Members** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Online* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for a site named "My Community Site". The top navigation bar includes tabs for "Content", "My Desk", "Tools", and "Administration". Below this is a toolbar with icons for "New", "Delete", "Copy", "Move", "Up", "Down", "Edit", "Preview", "Live site", and "List".

On the left, a tree view shows the site structure, with "Members" selected. The main content area is titled "Members" and contains three buttons: "Save" (highlighted with a red box), "Save and create another", and "Spell check".

Below the buttons, there is a "Page name" field containing the text "Online". Underneath, there are three radio buttons: "Use page template" (selected), "Inherit from parent page", and "Create a blank page".

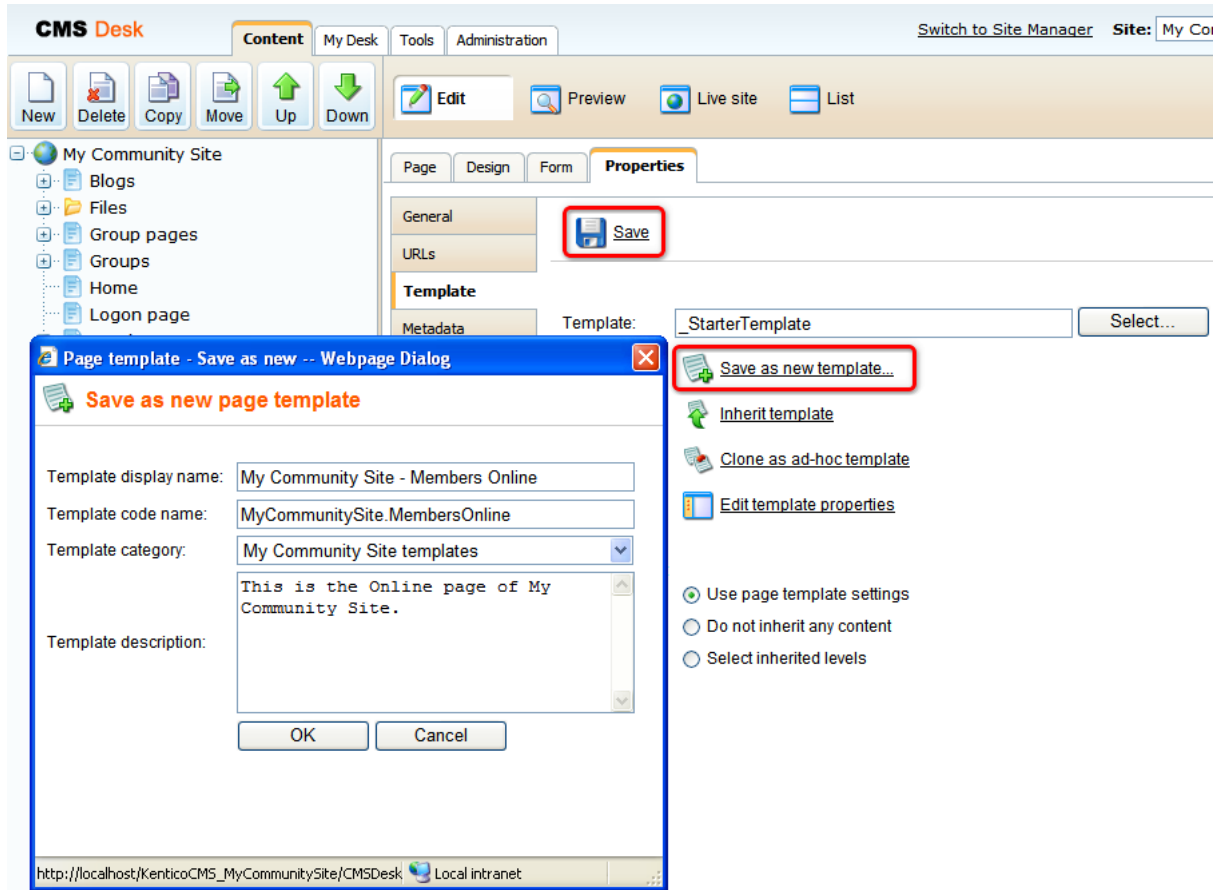
A list of categories is shown on the left, including "Articles", "Blogs", "E-commerce", "Events", "FAQs", "Forums", "General", "Home pages", "Images", "Job openings", "Knowledge base", "Master templates", "Membership and security", and "My Community Site templates".

On the right, a grid of template thumbnails is displayed. The first thumbnail, labeled "\_StarterTemplate", is highlighted with an orange border. Other thumbnails are labeled "no image" or "My Community Site - Access Denied".

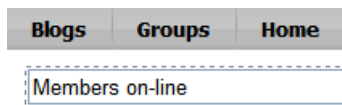
3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Members Online
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.MembersOnline
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Members on-line* to the heading Editable text web part's text field. Click **Save**.

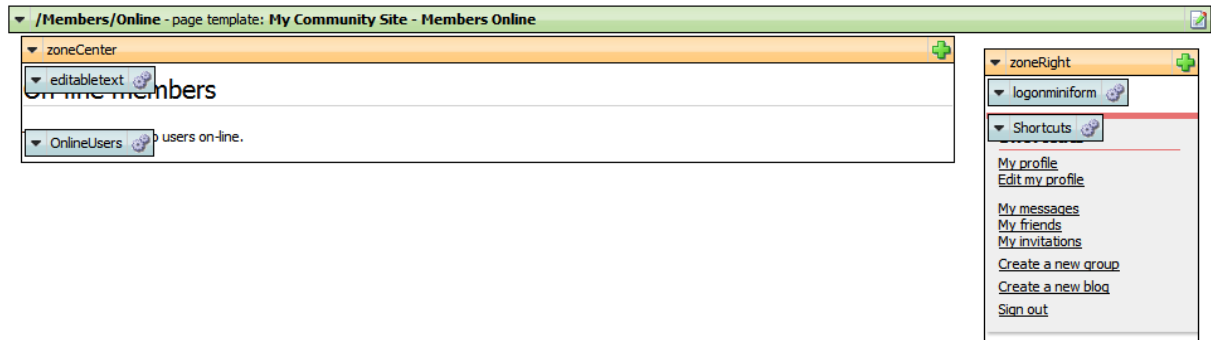


5. Switch to the **Design** tab. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> On-line users** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled

Click **OK**.

6. The page is now ready. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.

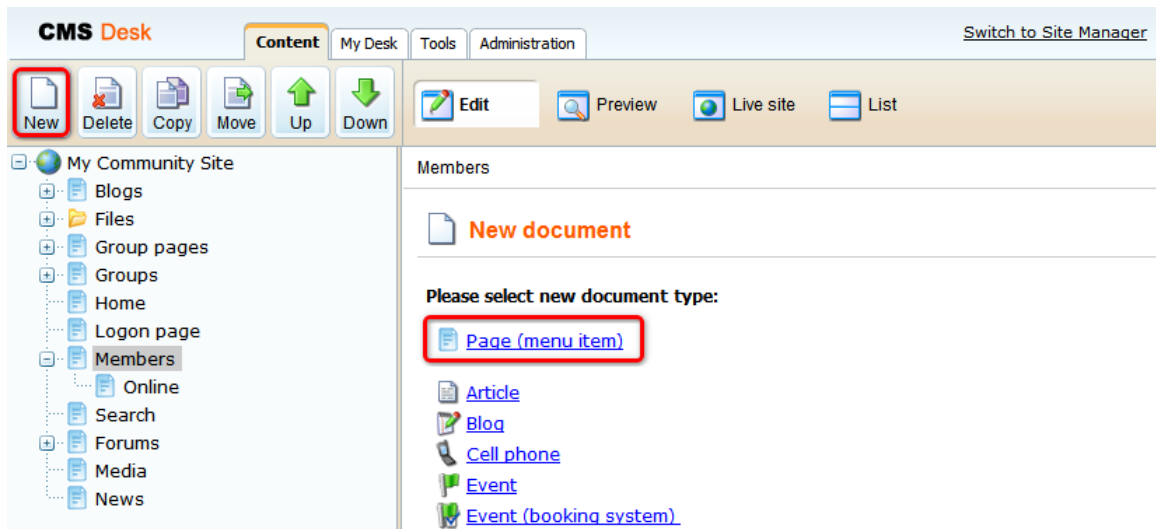


### 3.13.3 Creating the Profile page

On the Profile page, public profiles of users will be displayed based on the wildcard part of the URL. We will set the page's URL to `/Members/{UserName}`. This means that if you type `<sitename>/Members/David.aspx` into the browser, `David` will be recognized as the wildcard part of the URL and David's profile will be displayed by this page.

The profile is displayed using the **User public profile** web part and is based on the **cms.user.EditProfileCommunity** alternative form. You can find more information on how to modify the alternative form in [this chapter](#).

1. Select the **Members** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.





2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Profile* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for a site named "My Community Site". The top navigation bar includes tabs for "Content", "My Desk", "Tools", and "Administration", along with a "Switch to Site Manager" link and a "Site:" dropdown menu. Below the navigation bar is a toolbar with icons for "New", "Delete", "Copy", "Move", "Up", "Down", "Edit", "Preview", "Live site", and "List".

The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with "Members" selected. The main content area is titled "Members" and contains three buttons: "Save" (highlighted with a red box), "Save and create another", and "Spell check".

Below the buttons, there is a "Page name:" field containing the text "Profile". Underneath this field are three radio buttons: "Use page template" (selected), "Inherit from parent page", and "Create a blank page".

The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left is a "Categories" list with a scroll bar, containing items such as "Articles", "Blogs", "E-commerce", "Events", "FAQs", "Forums", "General", "Home pages", "Images", "Job openings", "Knowledge base", "Master templates", "Membership and security", and "My Community Site templates". On the right is a grid of four placeholder boxes, each labeled "no image". The top-left placeholder is highlighted with an orange border and labeled "\_StarterTemplate". The top-right placeholder is labeled "My Community Site - Access Denied".

3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Members Online
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.MembersOnline
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

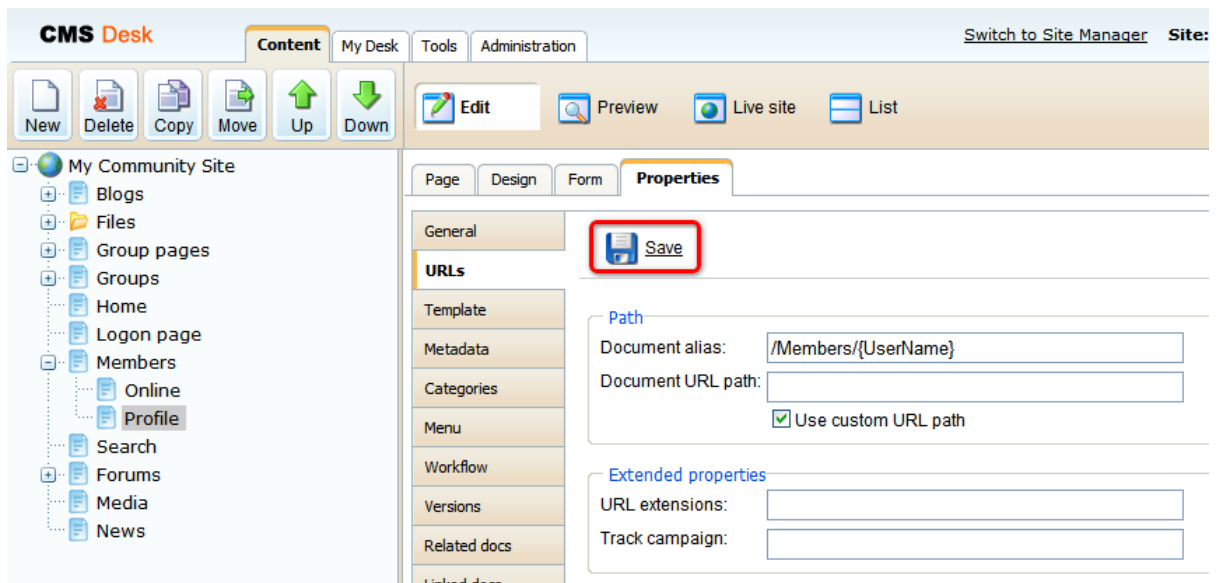
Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS interface with the 'Properties' tab selected. The 'Template' section is active, and the 'Save as new template...' link is highlighted. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open, showing the following details:

- Template display name: My Community Site - Members Profile
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.MembersProfile
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Members Profile page of My Community Site.

The dialog has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

4. Switch to the **Properties -> URLs** tab and enter `/Members/{UserName}` into the **Document alias** field. Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. In the **zoneRight** web part zone, we will want three info boxes - for displaying the user's friends, blogs and groups. Let's start with the first one. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Friends -> Friends viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersPreviewList
- **No record found text:** Currently doesn't have any friends.
- **Friend status:** Approved
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **Selected columns:** UserID,UserNickName,UserGender,UserDateOfBirth,UserAvatarID, UserCreated,UserName, AvatarGuid
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Web part container title:** My friends

Click **OK**.

6. The second info box will be displaying links to the user's blogs. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Web part control ID:** repeaterBlogs
- **Path:** /Blogs/%
- **Document types:** CMS.Blog
- **ORDER BY expression:** DocumentCreatedWhen DESC
- **WHERE condition:** NodeOwner = '{%SiteContext.CurrentUser.UserID%}'
- **Transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogsListRight
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** Currently doesn't have any blogs.
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Orange Box

- **Web part container title:** My Blogs

Click **OK**.

7. The third info box will be displaying the groups where the user is a member. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Groups viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.GroupsPreviewList
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **ORDER BY condition:** GroupDisplayName ASC
- **WHERE condition:** GroupID IN (Select MemberGroupID FROM Community\_GroupMember WHERE MemberUserID = '{%SiteContext.CurrentUser.UserID%}' AND MemberStatus = 0)
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** Currently is not member of any group.
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Web part container title:** My groups

Click **OK**.

8. In the **zoneCenter** web part zone, the main web part is the **User public profile**. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> User public profile** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Apply visibility settings:** enabled
- **Use visibility settings from:** cms.user.EditProfileCommunity

Click **OK**.

9. Below the user's profile, there will be two message boards. The first one will be used only by the owner of the profile. This will be where the user can post announcements for the other users. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Message boards -> Message board** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Web part control ID:** MessageBoardAnnouncements
- **No messages text:** There are currently no announcements.
- **Display name:** Announcements of {%SiteContext.CurrentUser.FullName|(encode>true%)}
- **Message board owner:** User message board
- **Access:** Only Owner
- **Enable subscriptions:** enabled
- **Board base URL:** ~/Members/{%SiteContext.CurrentUser.UserName|(encode>true%).aspx
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** My announcements

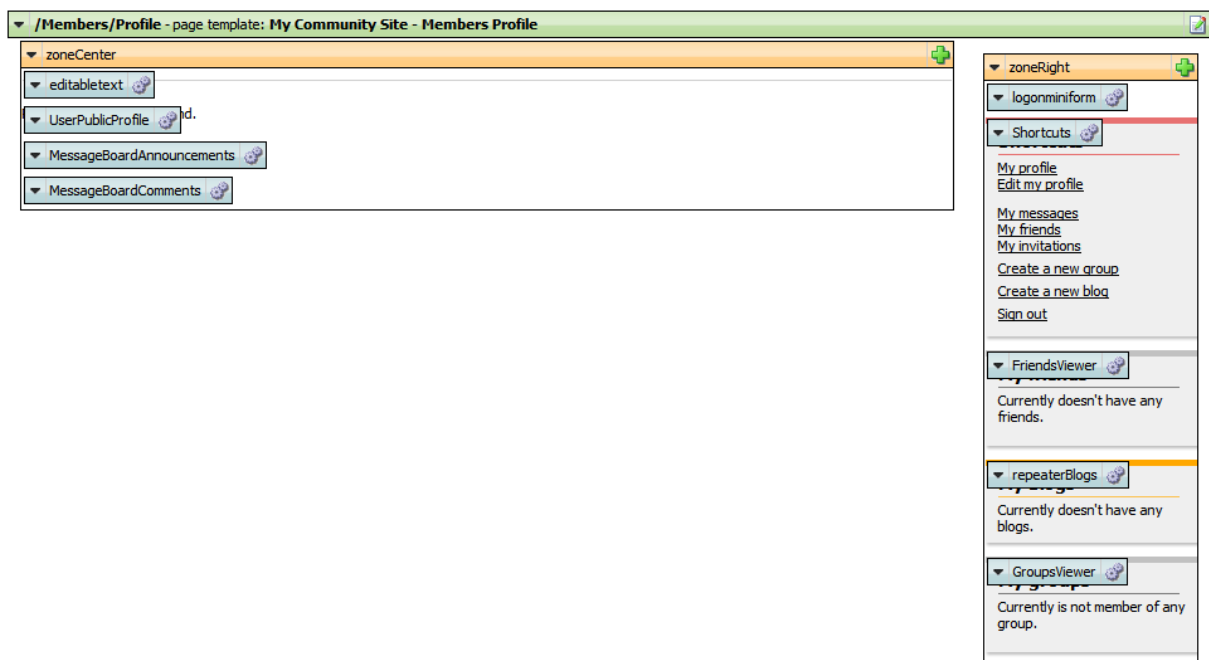
Click **OK**.

10. Below the first message board, there will be another one. This one will be a public board, which means that anybody can post messages on it. This is where users can leave comments on the user. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Message boards -> Message board** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Web part control ID:** MessageBoardComments
- **No messages text:** There are currently no comments.
- **Display name:** Comments on {%SiteContext.CurrentUser.FullName|((encode>true%)}
- **Message board owner:** User message board
- **Access:** Only authenticated users
- **Enable subscriptions:** enabled
- **Board base URL:** ~/Members/{%SiteContext.CurrentUser.UserName|((encode>true%)}.aspx
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Red Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Comments on me

Click **OK**.

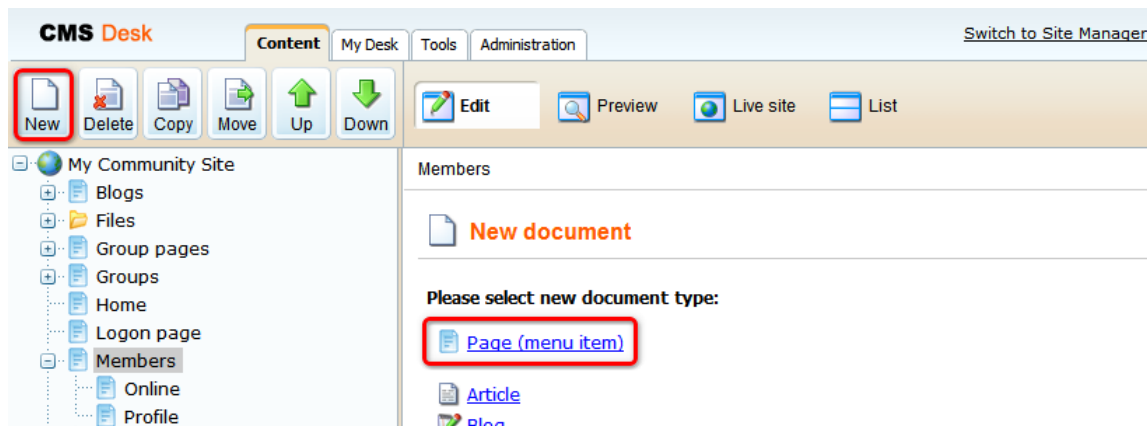
11. The page is now ready. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



### 3.13.4 Creating the Members management starter template

Next on in the Members section, we will create a series of five pages that will be used by the users for their accounts management. All the pages will have three web parts common in the **zoneRight** web part zone. These will be info boxes displaying the user's blogs, groups and forum favorites. We will create a starter page template to facilitate the creation of these pages.

1. Select the **Members** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *members management template* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for editing a page. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The 'Content' tab is active, showing a toolbar with 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Members' selected. The main content area is titled 'Members' and contains a 'Save' button (highlighted with a red box), 'Save and create another', and 'Spell check' buttons. Below these is a 'Page name' field containing 'members management template'. Three radio buttons are present: 'Use page template' (selected), 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page'. A list of categories is shown on the left, with '\_StarterTemplate' highlighted in an orange box. The main area displays a grid of template thumbnails, with the selected one showing 'no image' and the name '\_StarterTemplate'. Other thumbnails show 'no image' or 'My Community Site - Access Denied'.

3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** \_MembersManagement
- **Template code name:** MembersManagement
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS 'CMS Desk' interface. The 'Properties' tab is active, and the 'Template' section is visible. A 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open, showing the following details:

- Template display name:
- Template code name:
- Template category:
- Template description:

Buttons for 'OK' and 'Cancel' are at the bottom of the dialog. On the right side of the dialog, a 'Save as new template...' button is highlighted with a red box. Other options include 'Inherit template', 'Clone as ad-hoc template', 'Edit template properties', and radio buttons for 'Use page template settings', 'Do not inherit any content', and 'Select inherited levels'.



4. Switch to the **Design** tab. We will place the three info boxes into the **zoneRight** web part zone. The first info box will be displaying links to the user's blogs. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Listings and viewers -> Repeater** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Web part control ID:** BlogsRepeater
- **Path:** /Blogs/%
- **Document types:** CMS.Blog
- **ORDER BY expression:** DocumentCreatedWhen DESC
- **WHERE condition:** NodeOwner = {%CurrentUser.UserID%}
- **Transformation:** Community.Transformations.BlogsListRight
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** You currently do not have any blogs.
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Orange Box
- **Web part container title:** My Blogs

Click **OK**.

5. The second info box will be displaying the groups where the user is a member. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Groups viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.GroupsPreviewList
- **Show filter:** disabled
- **ORDER BY condition:** GroupDisplayName ASC
- **WHERE condition:** GroupID IN (Select MemberGroupID FROM Community\_GroupMember WHERE MemberUserID = {%currentuser.userid%} AND MemberStatus = 0)
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled
- **No record found text:** Currently is not member of any group.
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Web part container title:** My groups

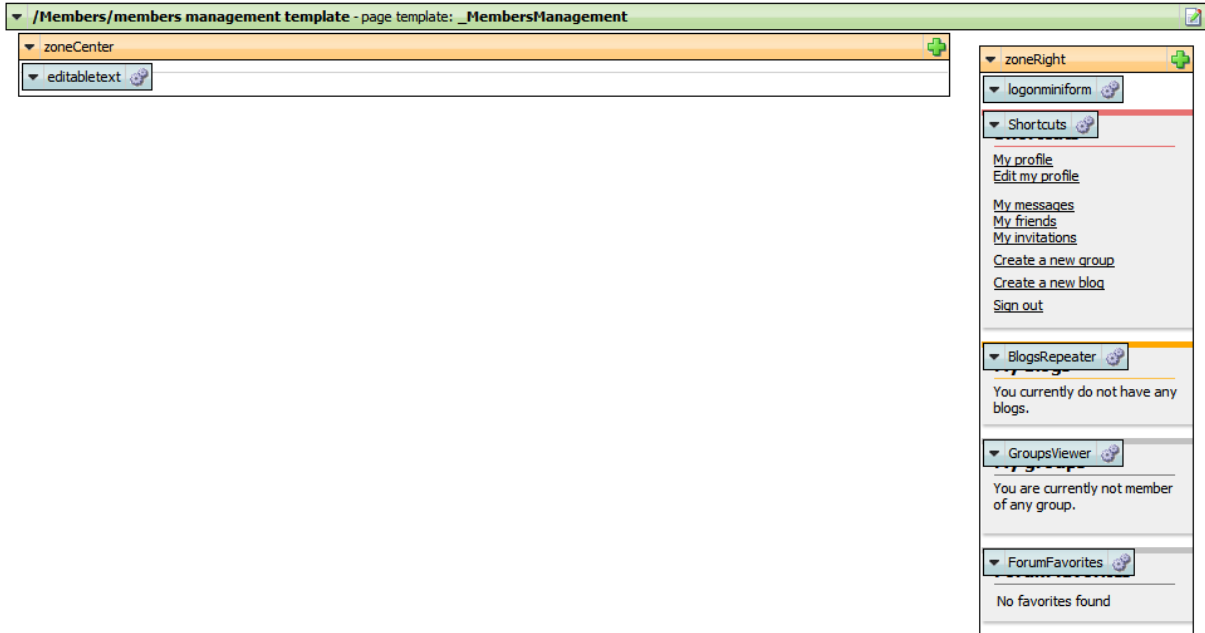
Click **OK**.

6. The last info box will be displaying the user's forum favorites. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneRight** web part zone and choose the **Forums -> Forum favorites** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Gray Box
- **Web part container title:** Forum favorites

Click **OK**.

7. That's the page template finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.

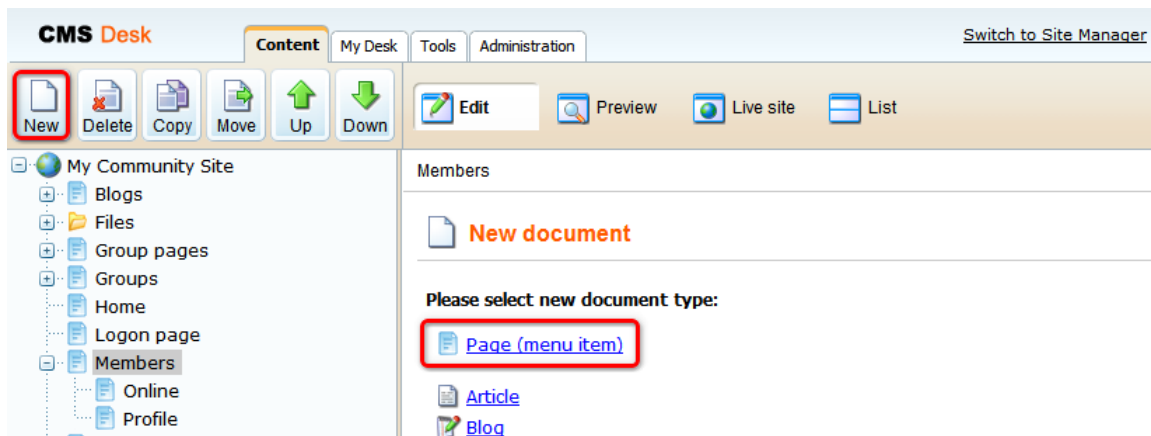


10. Finally, you can **delete the page** created in this example. We will not need it anymore as the page template is already saved and can be reused.

### 3.13.5 Creating the Management page

The Management page can be used by site members to manage the details in their public profiles. This functionality is achieved using the **My account** web part, based on the **cms.user.EditProfileCommunity** alternative form.

1. Select the **Members** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_MembersManagement** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Management* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for a site named "My Community Site". The main navigation bar includes tabs for "Content", "My Desk", "Tools", and "Administration". Below this, there are icons for "New", "Delete", "Copy", "Move", "Up", and "Down", along with "Edit", "Preview", "Live site", and "List" buttons. A left-hand sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with "Members" selected. The main content area is titled "Members" and contains buttons for "Save", "Save and create another", and "Spell check". The "Save" button is highlighted with a red box. Below these buttons, there is a "Page name" field containing the text "Management". Underneath the field, there are three radio buttons: "Use page template" (selected), "Inherit from parent page", and "Create a blank page". A list of categories is shown on the left, including "Articles", "Blogs", "E-commerce", "Events", "FAQs", "Forums", "General", "Home pages", "Images", "Job openings", "Knowledge base", "Master templates", "Membership and security", and "My Community Site templates". On the right, a grid of template thumbnails is displayed, each labeled "no image". The thumbnail for "\_MembersManagement" is highlighted with an orange border, and the thumbnail for "\_StarterTemplate" is also visible.

3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Members management
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.MembersManagement
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS interface with the 'Properties' tab selected. The 'Template' section is visible, and the 'Save as new template...' button is highlighted in red. A dialog box titled 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open, showing the following details:

- Template display name: My Community Site - Members management
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.MembersManagement
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Members management page of My Community Site.

The dialog box also includes 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. The 'Save as new template...' button in the background is also highlighted in red.

4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Into the **Document URL path** field, enter `/Members/{UserName}/Management` and click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Management' selected under the 'Members' folder. The main content area is divided into tabs: 'Page', 'Design', 'Form', and 'Properties'. The 'Properties' tab is active, and the 'URLs' section is expanded. The 'Document URL path' field contains the text `/Members/{UserName}/Management`, and the 'Use custom URL path' checkbox is checked. Other fields include 'Document alias' (Management), 'URL extensions', and 'Track campaign'.

5. Switch to the **Design** tab. We will only need to place the **My account** web part to the zoneCenter web part zone and set it up properly. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Membership** -> **My account** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

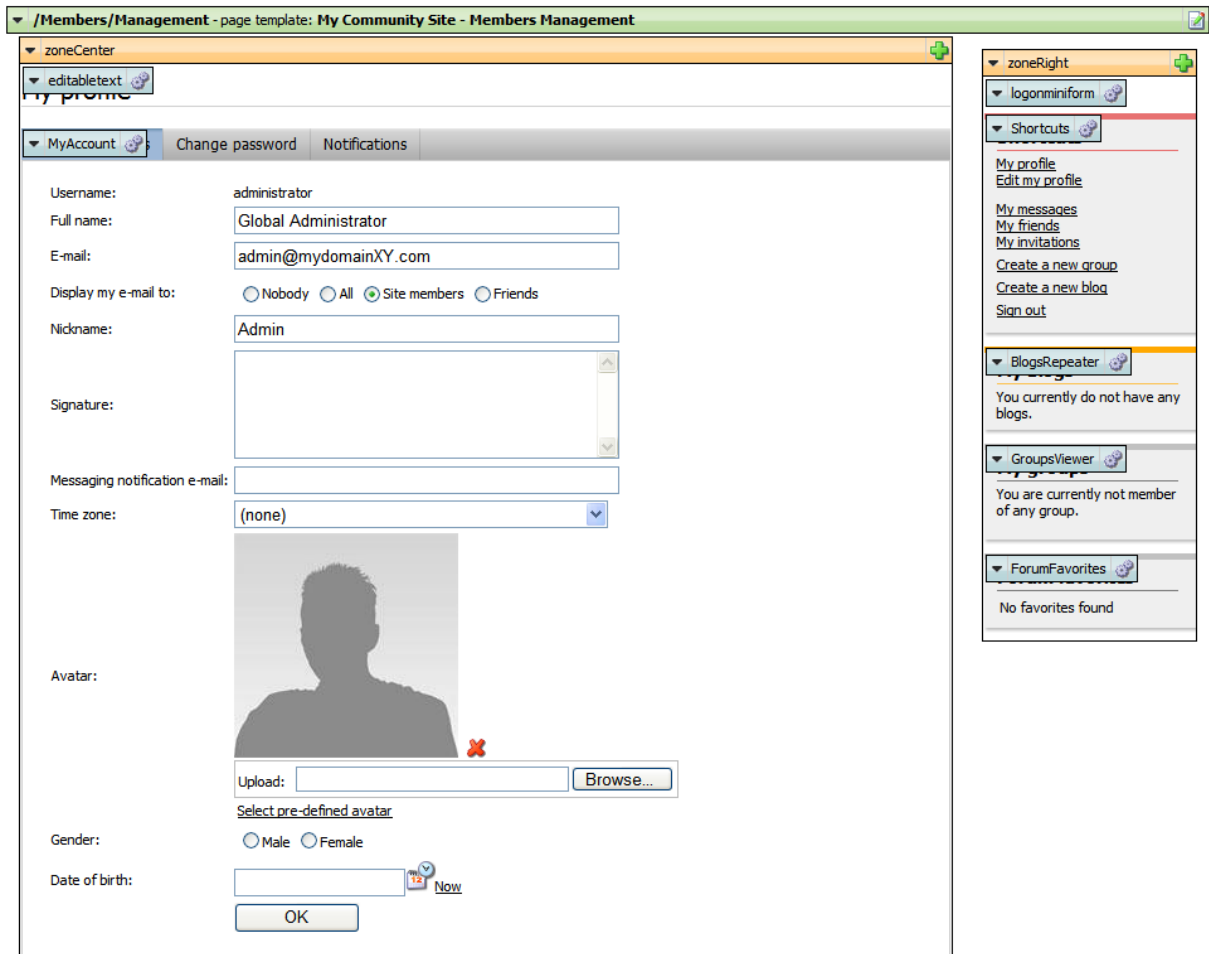
- **Form name:** cms.user.EditProfileCommunity
- **Allow user to edit field visibility:** enabled
- **Display my address:** disabled
- **Display my orders:** disabled
- **Display my credit:** disabled
- **Display my subscriptions:** disabled
- **Display my messages:** disabled
- **Display my friends:** disabled
- **Content before:** `<div class="myAccMenu">`
- **Content after:** `</div>`

Click **OK**.

6. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *My profile* into the heading Editable text web part's text field. Click **Save**.



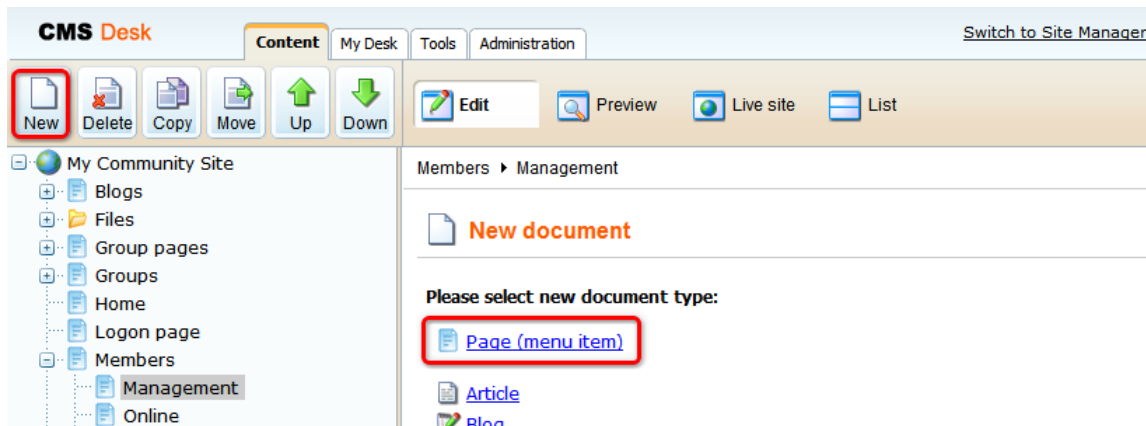
7. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



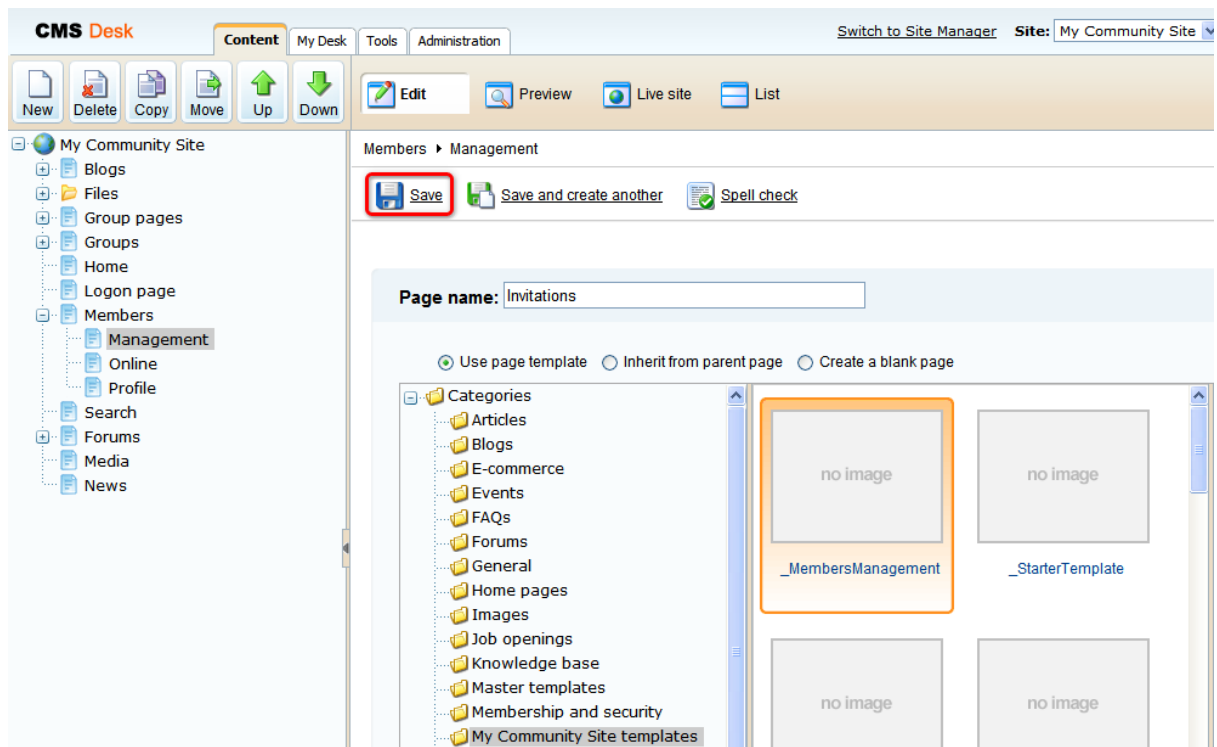
### 3.13.6 Creating the Invitations page

On the Invitations page, users will see their invitations to groups and will be able to manage them. This functionality will be provided by the **My invitations** and **My sent invitations** web parts. The page is accessible from the **Shortcuts** menu, by clicking the **My invitations** link.

1. Select the **Management** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_MembersManagement** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Invitations* and click **Save**.





3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Invitations
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Invitations
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

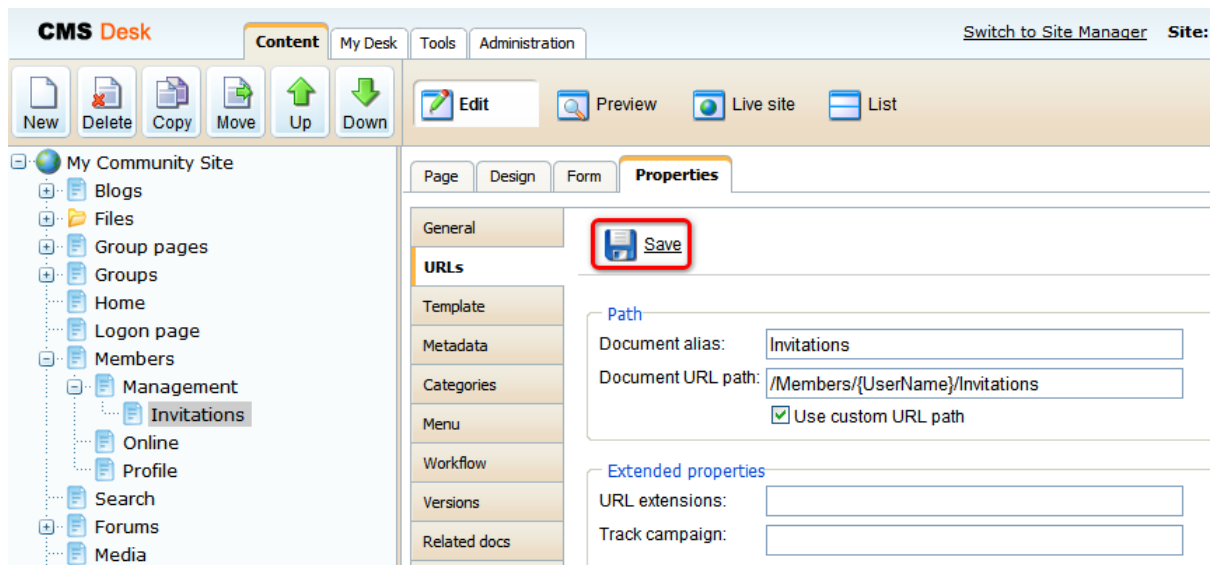
Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface with the 'Properties' tab selected. The 'Template' section is active, and the 'Save as new template...' option is highlighted in red. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' window is open in the foreground, displaying the 'Save as new page template' dialog with the following details:

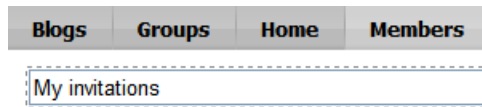
- Template display name: My Community Site - Invitations
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.Invitations
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Invitations page of My Community Site.

The dialog has OK and Cancel buttons.

4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Into the **Document URL path** field, enter `/Members/{UserName}/Invitations` and click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Page** tab. Enter *My invitations* into the Editable text web part's text field and click **Save**.



6. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, we will add the **My invitations** web part, which will display the user's received invitations. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> My invitations** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Zero rows text:** You have currently no invitations.
- **Hide control for zero rows:** disabled
- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** Received invitations

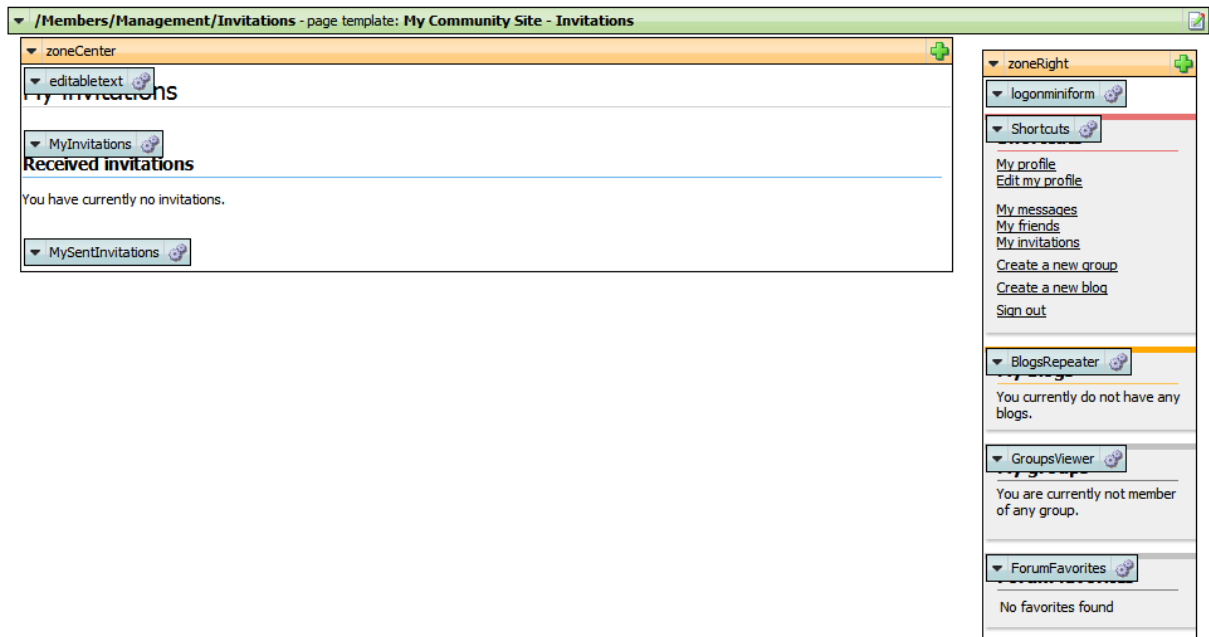
Click **OK**.

7. The second web part on this page will be displaying the user's sent invitations. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> My sent invitations** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Web part container:** Community Site - Blue Box Light
- **Web part container title:** My sent invitations

Click **OK**.

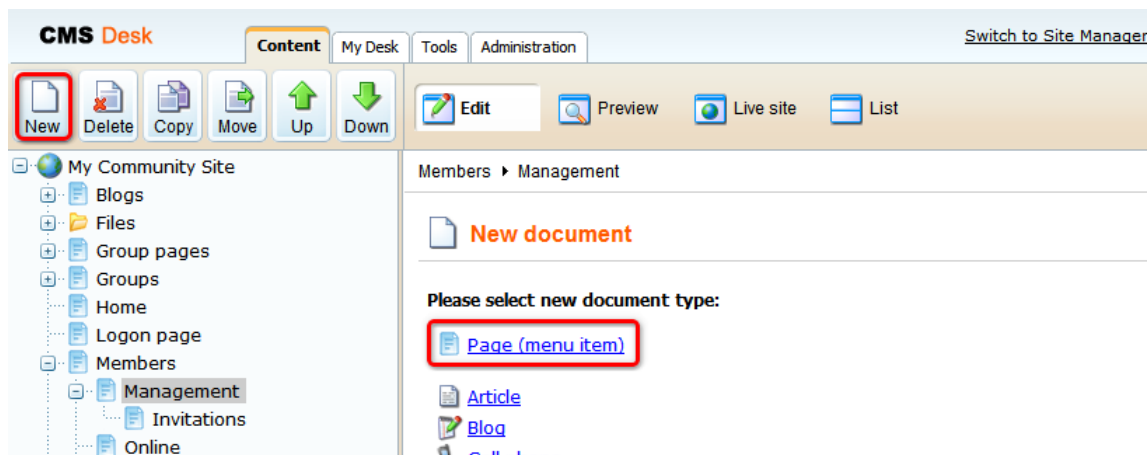
8. The page is now finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



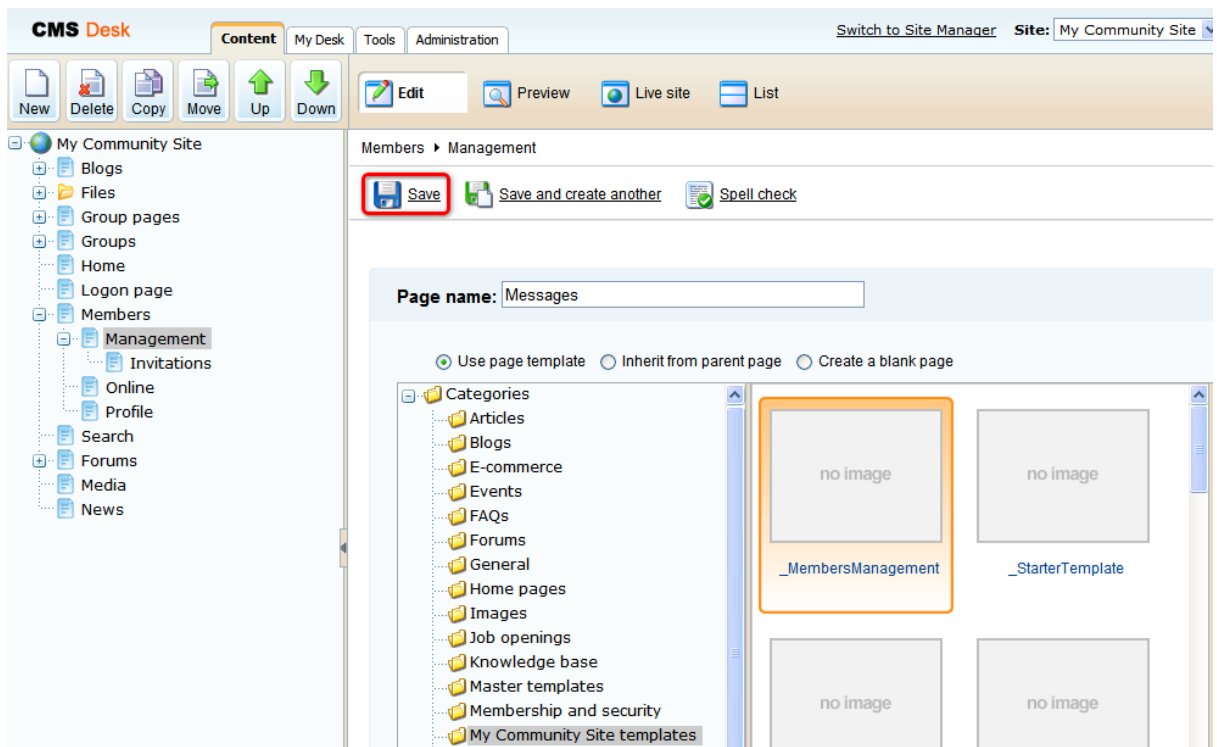
### 3.13.7 Creating the Messages page

The Messages page will provide users with the functionality of private messaging. The page is accessible from the Shortcuts menu, by clicking the **My messages** link. Its main part is the **My Messages** web part. For more information on the Messaging module, please refer to [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Messaging](#).

1. Select the **Management** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_MembersManagement** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Messages* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Messages
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Messages
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

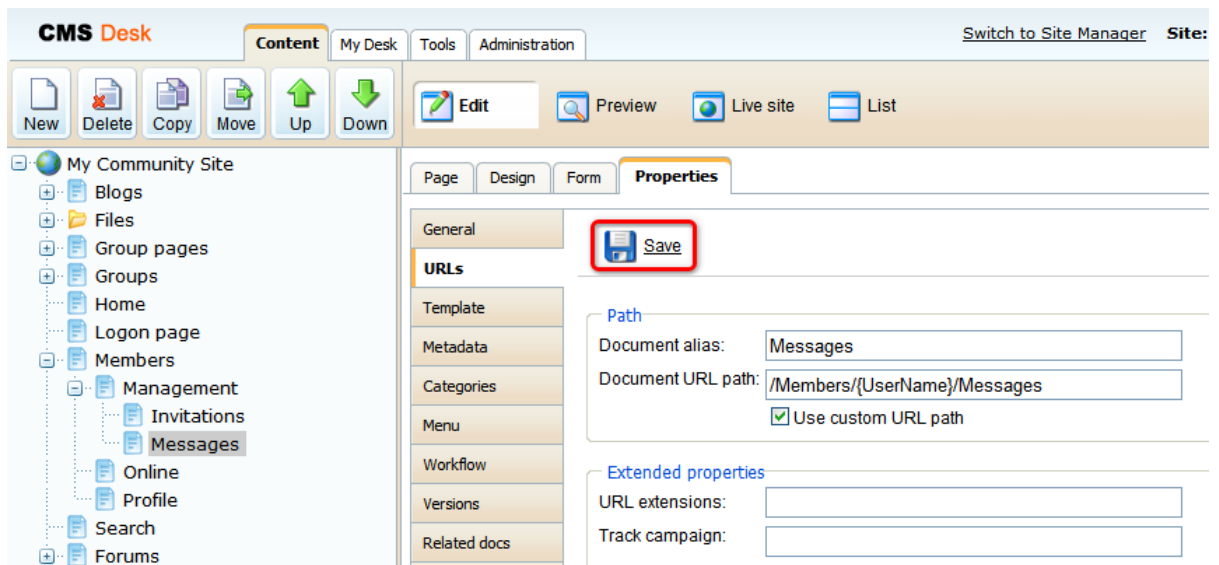
Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS Desk interface. The main window shows the 'Properties' tab for a page template, with the 'Template' section selected. A 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' window is open in the foreground, also with a red box around the 'Save as new template...' button. The dialog box contains the following information:

- Template display name:** My Community Site - Messages
- Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Messages
- Template category:** My Community Site templates
- Template description:** This is the Members management page of My Community Site.

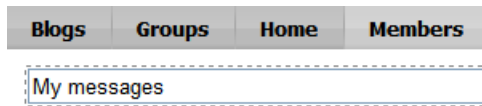
At the bottom of the dialog box are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. The background interface shows a tree view on the left with 'My Community Site' expanded, and a right-hand pane with 'MembersManagement' selected in the 'Template' field.

4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Into the **Document URL path** field, enter `/Members/{UserName}/Messages` and click **Save**.



The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS Desk interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', and 'Down', along with 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List' buttons. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Messages' selected under the 'Members' folder. The main content area is divided into tabs: 'Page', 'Design', 'Form', and 'Properties'. The 'Properties' tab is active, and the 'URLs' section is expanded. The 'Document URL path' field contains the text `/Members/{UserName}/Messages`, and the 'Use custom URL path' checkbox is checked. A red box highlights the 'Save' button.

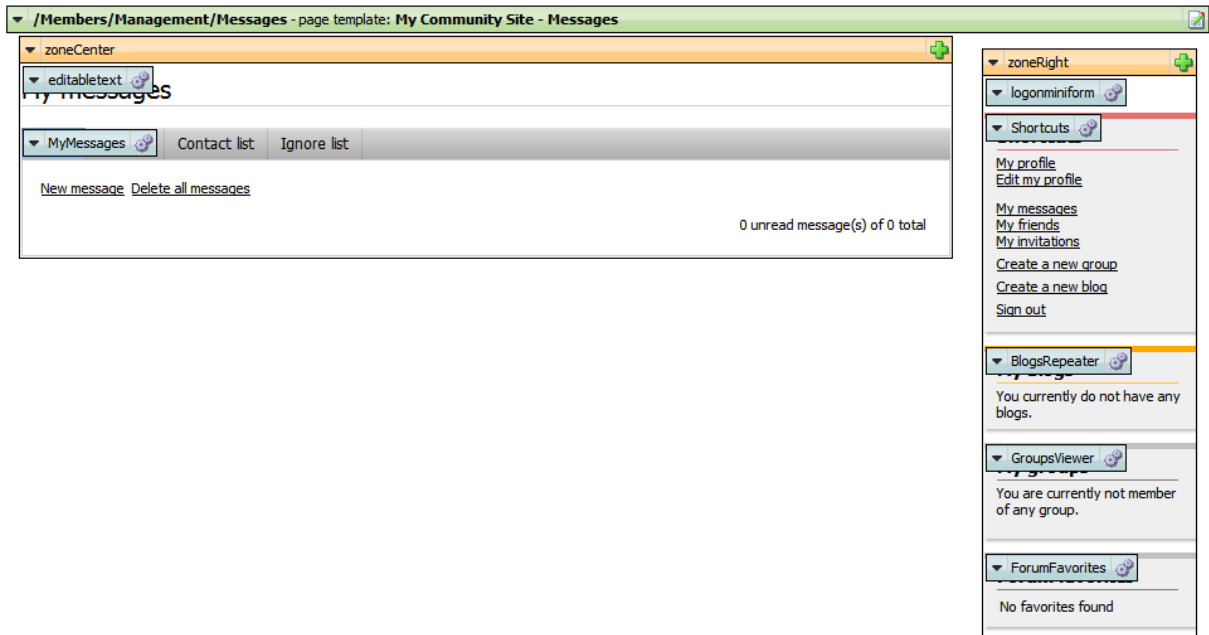
5. Switch to the **Page** tab. Enter *My messages* into the Editable text web part's text field and click **Save**.



The screenshot shows a navigation menu with four tabs: 'Blogs', 'Groups', 'Home', and 'Members'. Below the menu is a text field containing the text 'My messages'.

6. Switch to the **Design** tab. Here, we will only need to add the **My messages** web part into the **zoneCenter** web part zone. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Messaging -> My messages** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, leave all of them at the default values.

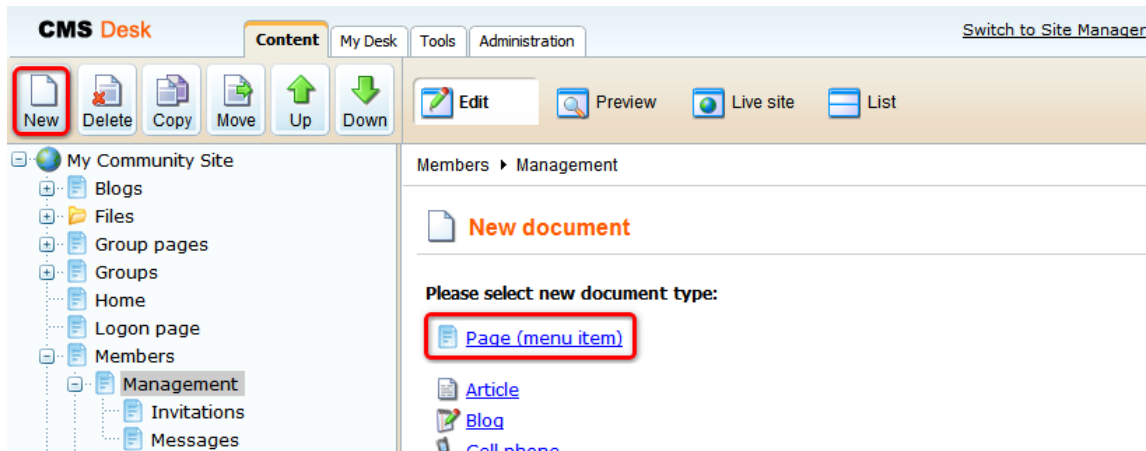
7. The page is now finished, in **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



### 3.13.8 Creating the Friends page

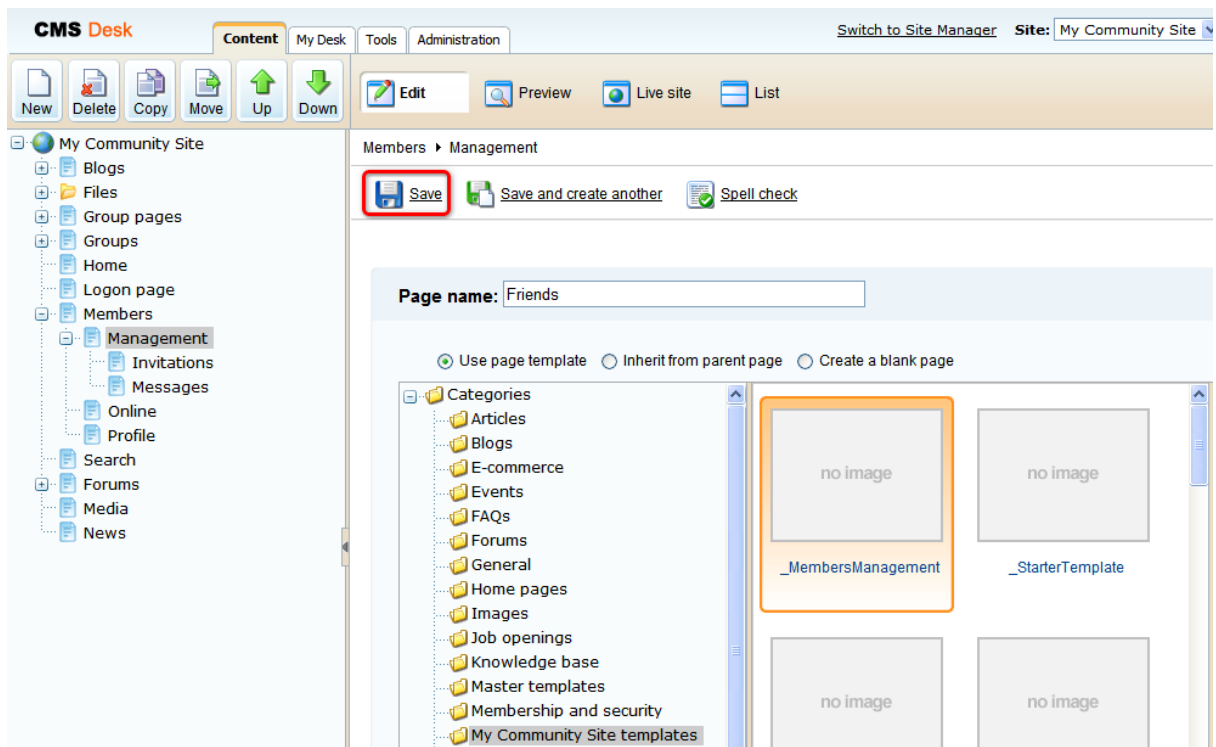
On the Friends page, users will see an overview of their friends, provided by the **Friends viewer** web part. Users will be able to request new friendships from this page too. There will also be a link to the **Manage friends** page which we will create in the [following example](#). Detailed information on the Friends module can be found in [Kentico CMS Developer's Guide -> Module Friends](#).

1. Select the **Management** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.





2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_MembersManagement** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Friends* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Friends
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Friends
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

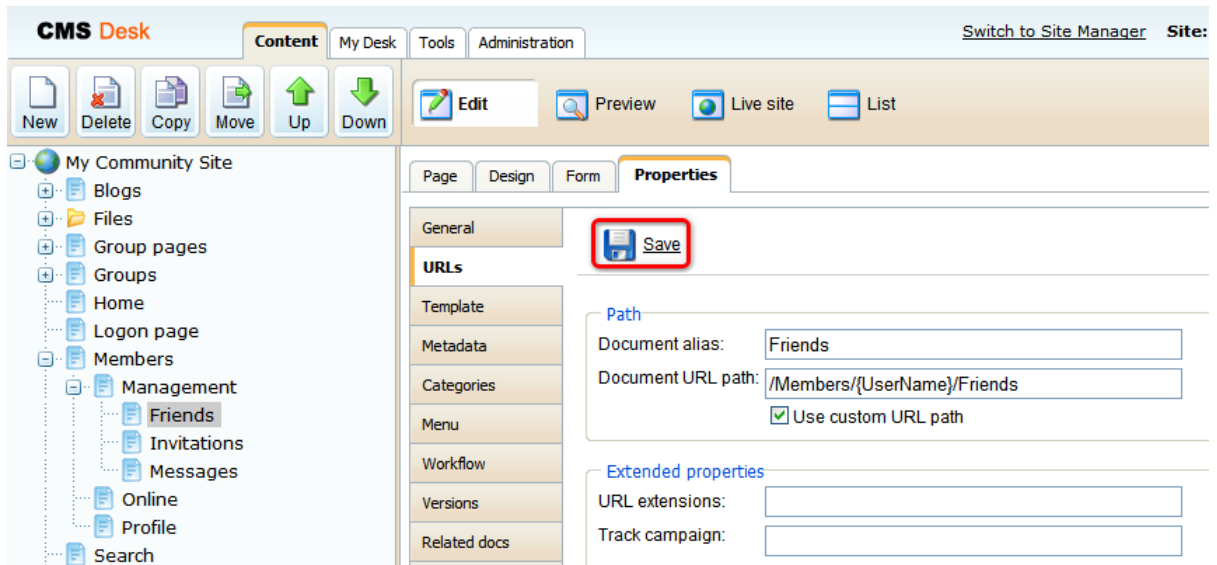
Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS interface. The main window is titled 'CMS Desk' and shows a navigation menu with 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The 'Content' tab is active, and the 'Properties' tab is selected for the 'MembersManagement' template. A 'Save' button is highlighted in the 'Properties' tab. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open, showing the following details:

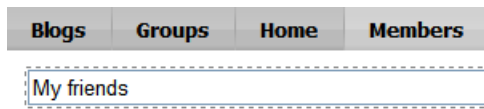
- Template display name: My Community Site - Friends
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.Friends
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Friends page of My Community Site.

The dialog also includes 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. On the right side of the dialog, there are several options: 'Save as new template...' (highlighted), 'Inherit template', 'Clone as ad-hoc template', 'Edit template properties', 'Use page template settings' (selected), 'Do not inherit any content', and 'Select inherited levels'.

4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Into the **Document URL path** field, enter `/Members/{UserName}/Friends` and click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Page** tab. Enter *My friends* into the Editable text web part's text field and click **Save**.



6. Switch to the **Design** tab. First, we will add the **Request friendship** web part, which will enable users to request other users' friendship. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community** -> **Friends** -> **Request friendship** web part. Set only the following property of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Link text:** Add a friend

Click **OK**.

7. Below, we will place the **Static text** web part with a link to the **Manage friends** page. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text** -> **Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** ManageFriendsLink
- **Text:** `<span class="ManageFriends"><a href="~/Members/{%UserName}(encode)true%}/Friends/Manage.aspx">Manage my friends</a></span><br /><br /><br />`

Click **OK**.

8. Finally, we will add the **Friends viewer** web part, which will display the user's friends. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community** -> **Friends** -> **Friends viewer** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Transformation name:** Community.Transformations.MembersList
- **Hide if no record found:** disabled

- **No record found text:** You currently do not have any friends.
- **Friend status:** Approved
- **Use default cache dependencies:** enabled

Click **OK**.

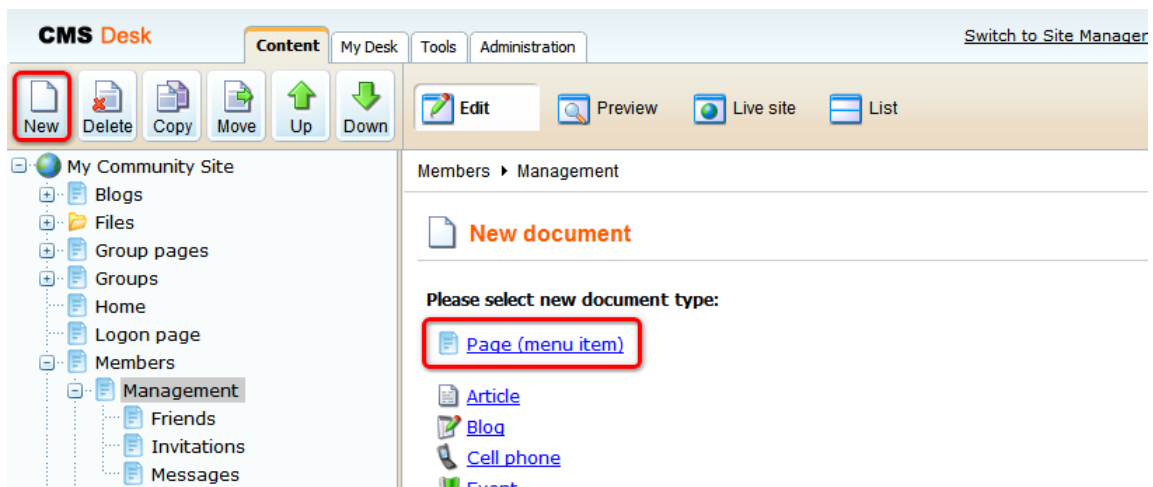
9. The page is finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



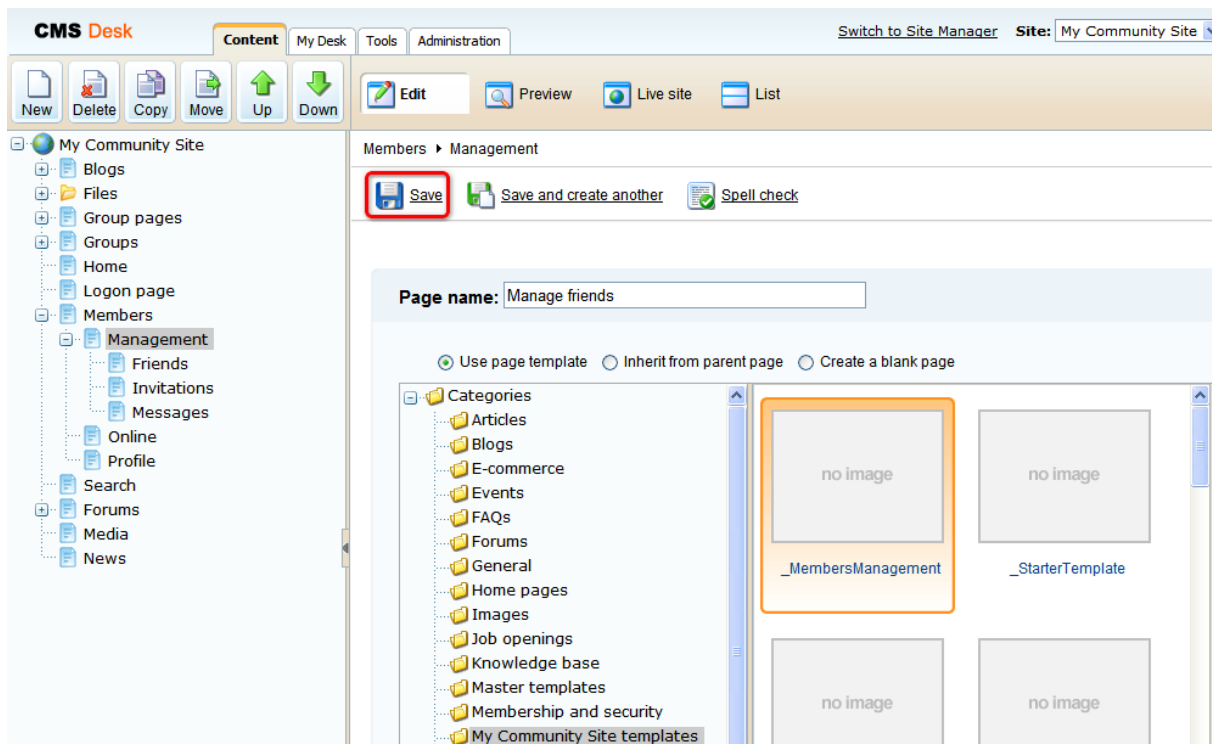
### 3.13.9 Creating the Manage friends page

The Manage friends page, as its name should indicate, will provide users with the friendship management functionality. It is accessible from the **Friends** page created in the [previous chapter](#). The friendship management functionality will be provided by the **My friends** web part.

1. Select the **Management** page in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



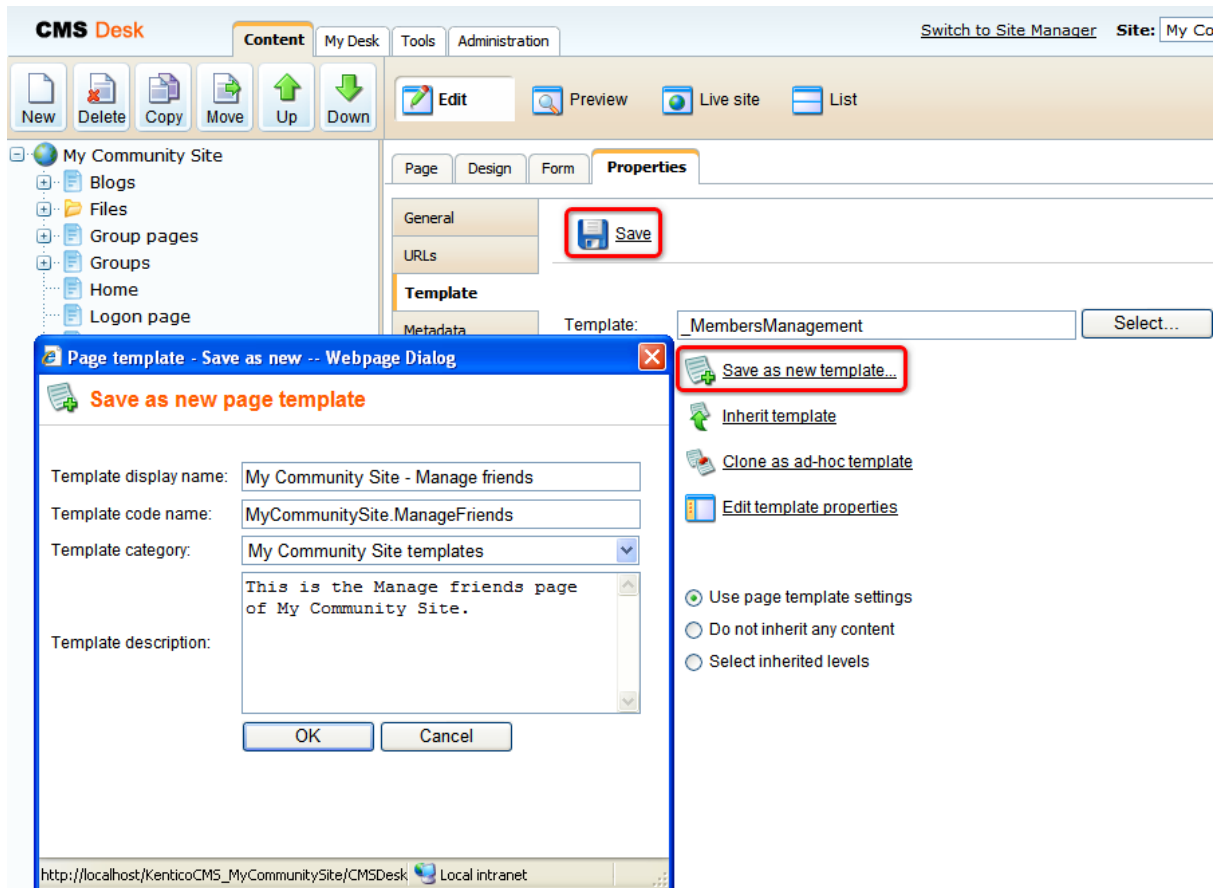
2. Select the **My Community Site templates -> \_MembersManagement** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Manage friends* and click **Save**.



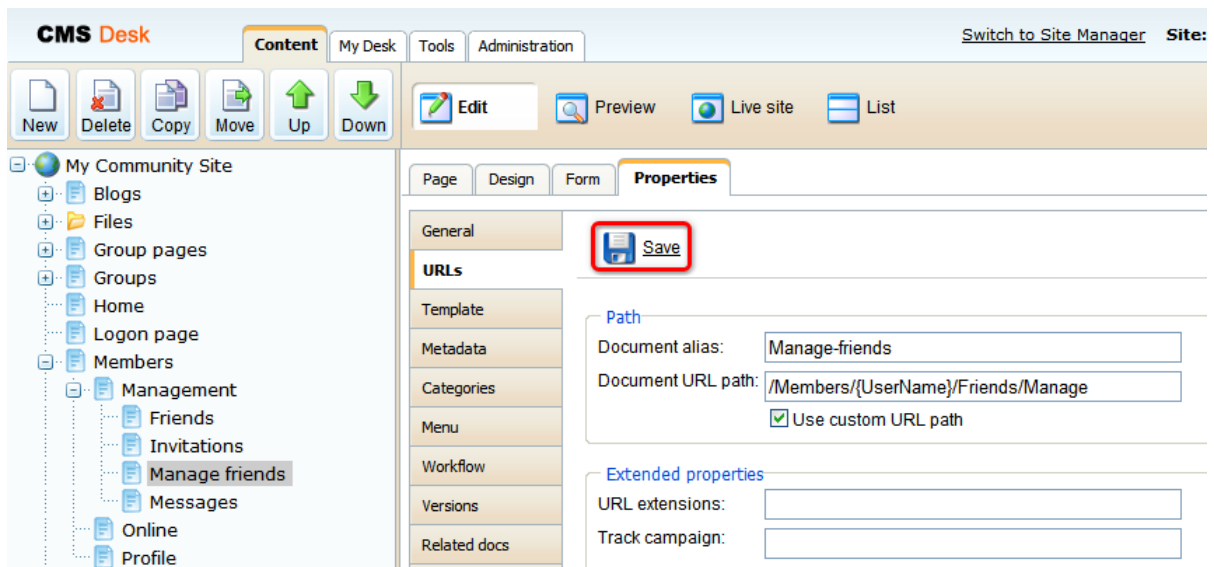
3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Manage friends
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.ManageFriends
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

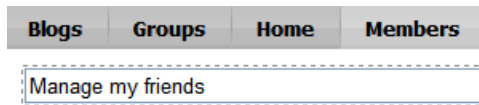
Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Properties** -> **URLs** tab. Into the **Document URL path** field, enter `/Members/{UserName}/Friends/Manage` and click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Page** tab. Enter *Manage my friends* into the Editable text web part's text field and click **Save**.



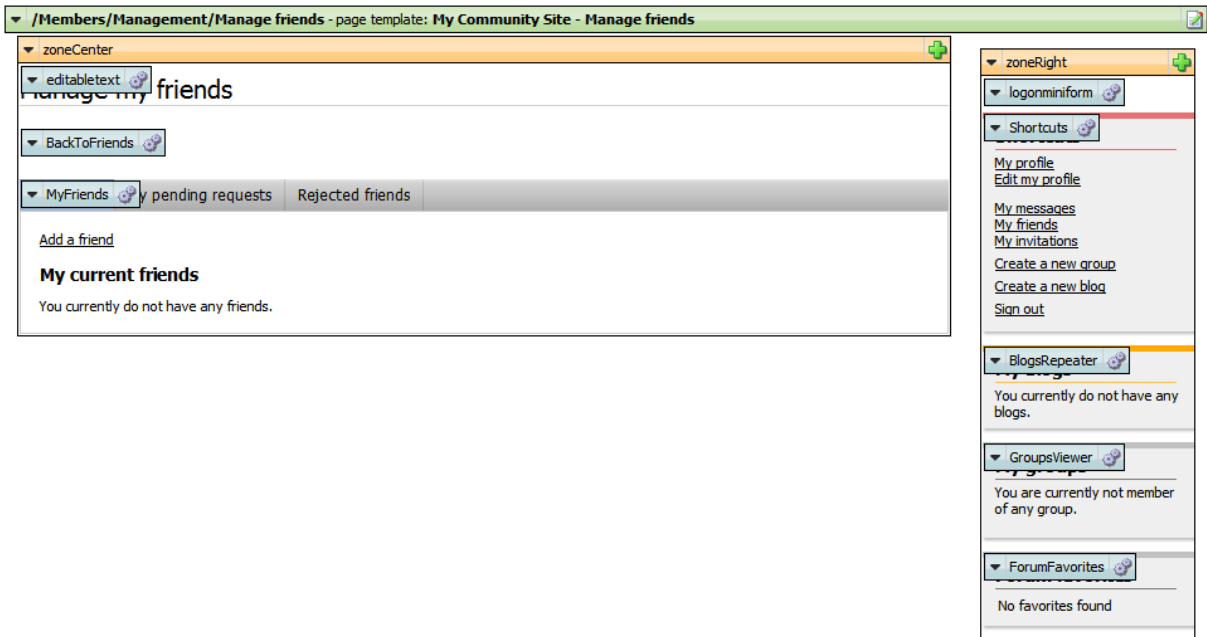
6. The **zoneCenter** web part zone will host two web parts. The first one of them will be the **Static text** web part with a link leading back to the **Friends** page. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text** -> **Static text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the rest at the default values.

- **Web part control ID:** BackToFriends
- **Text:** `<span class="ManageFriends"><a href="~/Members/{%UserName|(encode)true%}/Friends.aspx">&lt; Back to friends</a></span><br /><br /><br />`

Click **OK**.

7. Now we will add the **My friends** web part used for friends management. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community** -> **Friends** -> **My friends** web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part. Just leave all of them at the default values and click **OK**.

8. The page is finished. In **Design** tab, it should look as in the following screenshot.



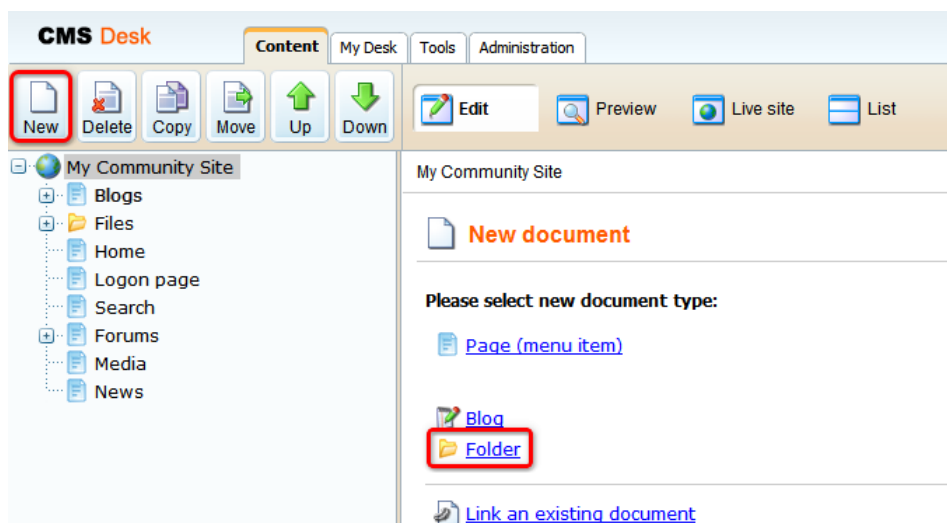
## 3.14 Creating the Special pages

### 3.14.1 Creating the Special pages folder

The special pages section consists of pages that do not display any content. Instead, these pages contain special web parts for performing actions like user registration approval, unsubscribing from various notifications, acceptance for group invitation, etc.

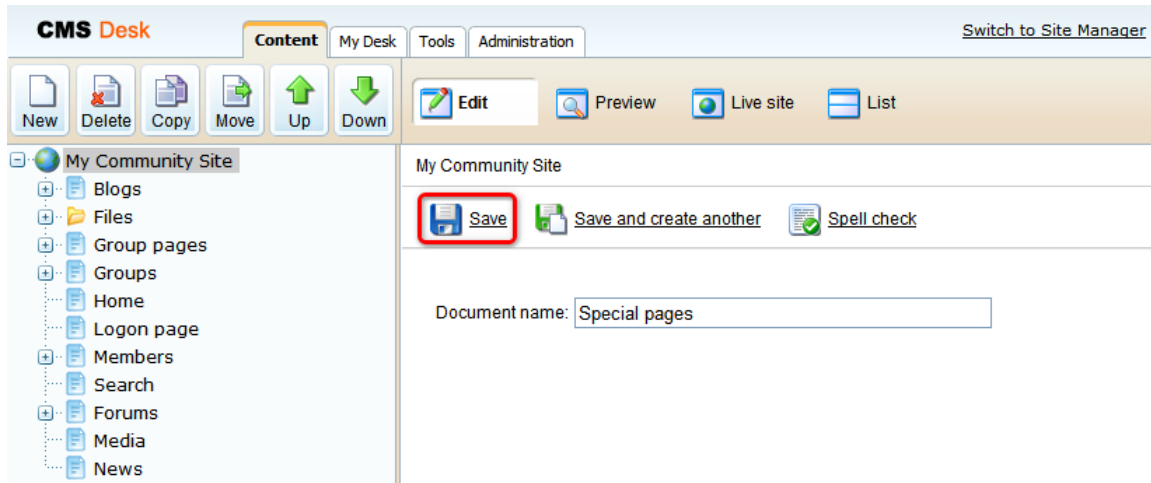
In the following example, we will create a folder in which the special pages will be stored.

1. Go to **CMS Desk**, select the root of the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Folder** document type.

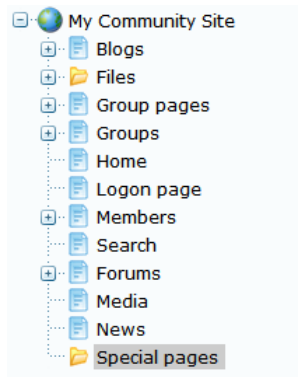




2. Enter **Special pages** into the **Document name** field and click **Save**.



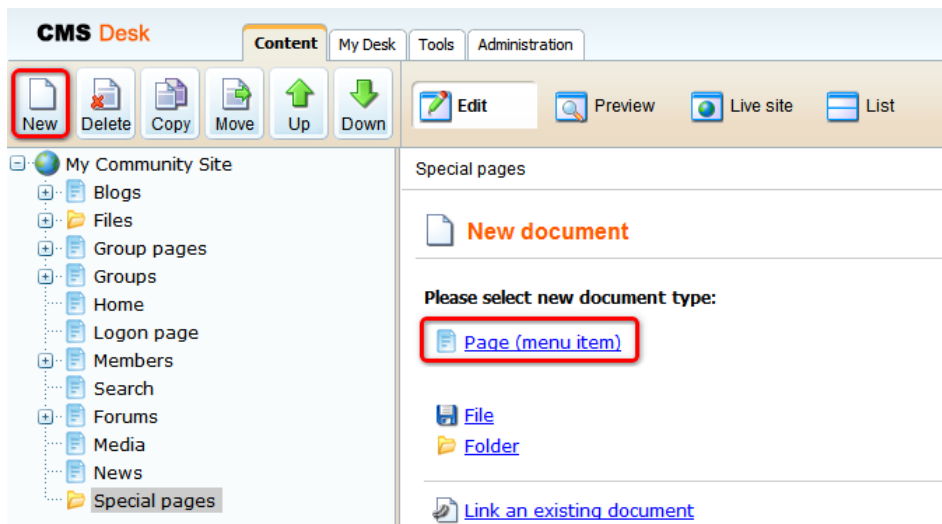
3. The folder has been created and the special pages can now be placed under it.



### 3.14.2 Creating the Access denied page

The first special page will be the Access denied page. This is where users with insufficient permissions will be redirected after accessing some secured page. The page will contain only an **Editable text** web part which will display the access denied message.

1. Select the **Special pages** folder in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Access denied* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for 'My Community Site'. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. A left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Special pages' selected. The main content area is titled 'Special pages' and contains three buttons: 'Save' (highlighted with a red box), 'Save and create another', and 'Spell check'. Below these buttons, the 'Page name' field is set to 'Access denied'. There are three radio buttons for page creation: 'Use page template' (selected), 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page'. A template selection pane on the right shows a list of categories, with '\_StarterTemplate' selected and highlighted with an orange box. Other templates visible include 'My Community Site - Blog creation' and several 'no image' placeholders.

3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Access Denied
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.AccessDenied
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

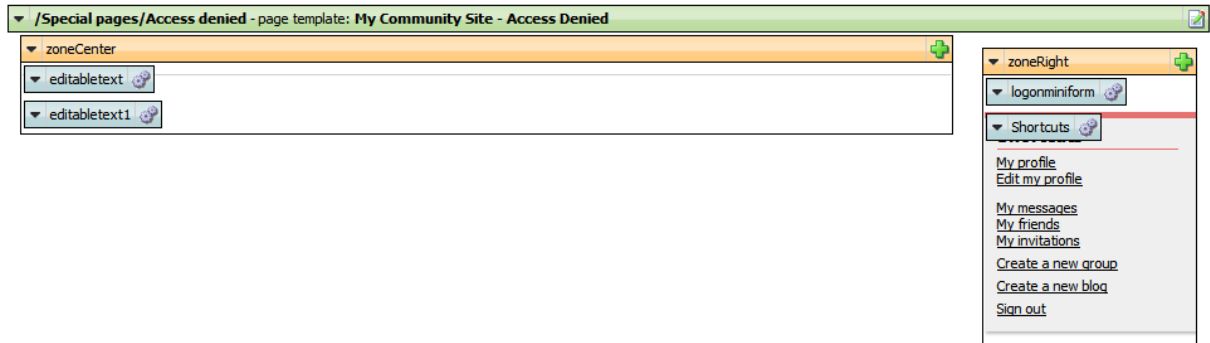
The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS 'CMS Desk' interface. The 'Properties' tab is active, and the 'Template' section is visible. A 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open, showing the following details:

- Template display name: My Community Site - Access Denied
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.AccessDenied
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Access Denied page of My Community Site.

The dialog box has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. In the background, the 'Save as new template...' link is also highlighted with a red box. The interface includes a navigation menu with 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', and 'Down' buttons, and a toolbar with 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List' buttons. The site name 'My Community Site' is visible in the top right corner.

4. Switch to the **Design** tab. We will only need to add the **Editable text** web part into the **zoneCenter** web part zone, below the **Editable text** web part for heading. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Text -> Editable text** web part. Set the following properties of the web part. You do not need to set any properties of the web part, just leave all of them at the default values.

In **Design** tab, the page should now look as in the following screenshot.



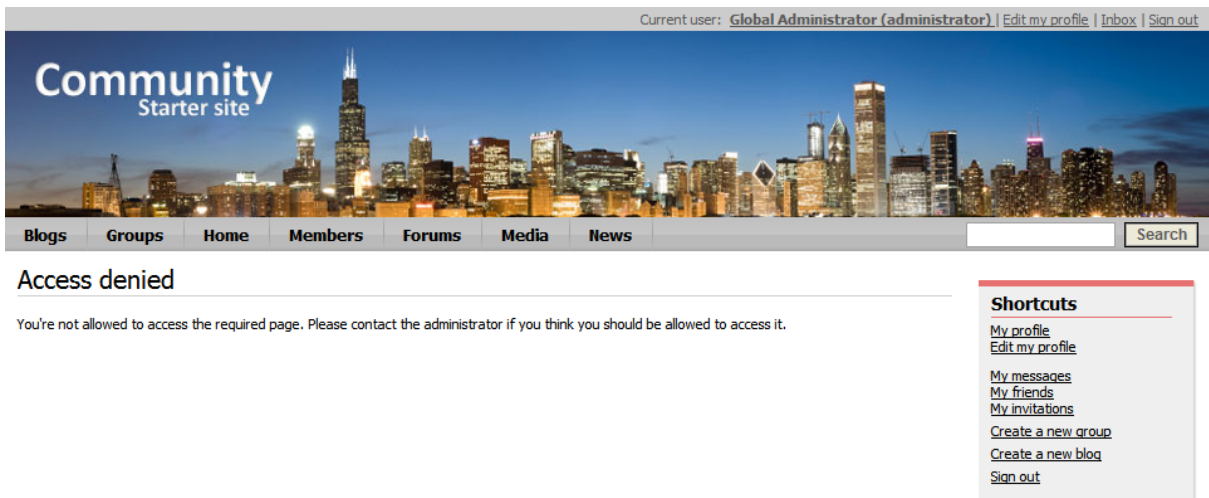
5. Switch to the **Page** tab. You can see two editable text regions on the page now - one for heading and one for the warning text. Enter the following texts into the text areas:

- **Heading:** Access denied
- **Warning text:** You're not allowed to access the required page. Please contact the administrator if you think you should be allowed to access it.

Click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS Desk interface. The top navigation bar includes 'CMS Desk', 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The 'Content' tab is active. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Access denied' selected under 'Special pages'. The main editing area is in 'Page' mode, with tabs for 'Page', 'Design', 'Form', and 'Properties'. The 'Page' tab is active, and the 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box. The page content area shows two text regions: a heading 'Access denied' and a warning text 'You're not allowed to access the required page. Please contact the administrator if you think you should be allowed to access it.' The interface includes a navigation menu on the left, a toolbar at the top, and a site navigation bar at the bottom.

The page is complete. If you view it in **Live site** mode, you should see the page as in the following screenshot. Please note that the Logon mini form is displayed only to unauthenticated users.

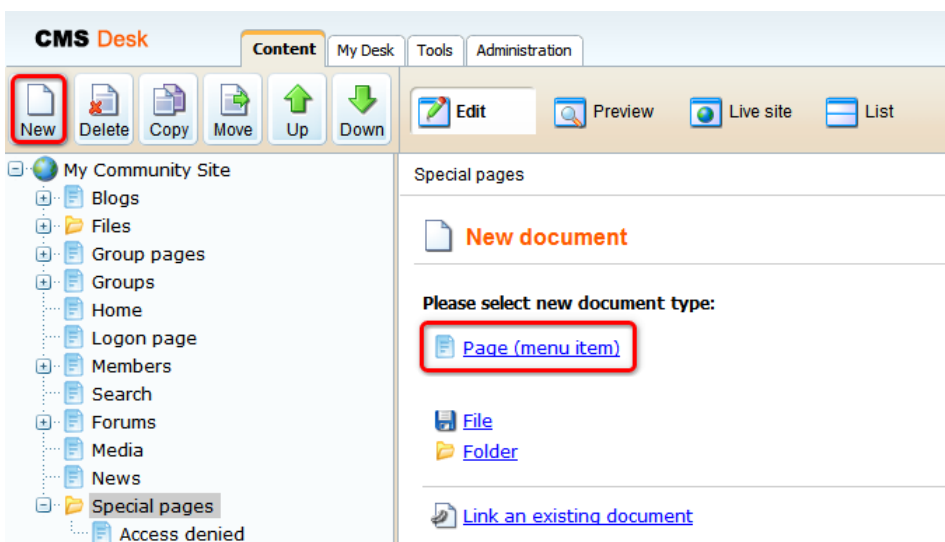


### 3.14.3 Creating the Blog unsubscribe page

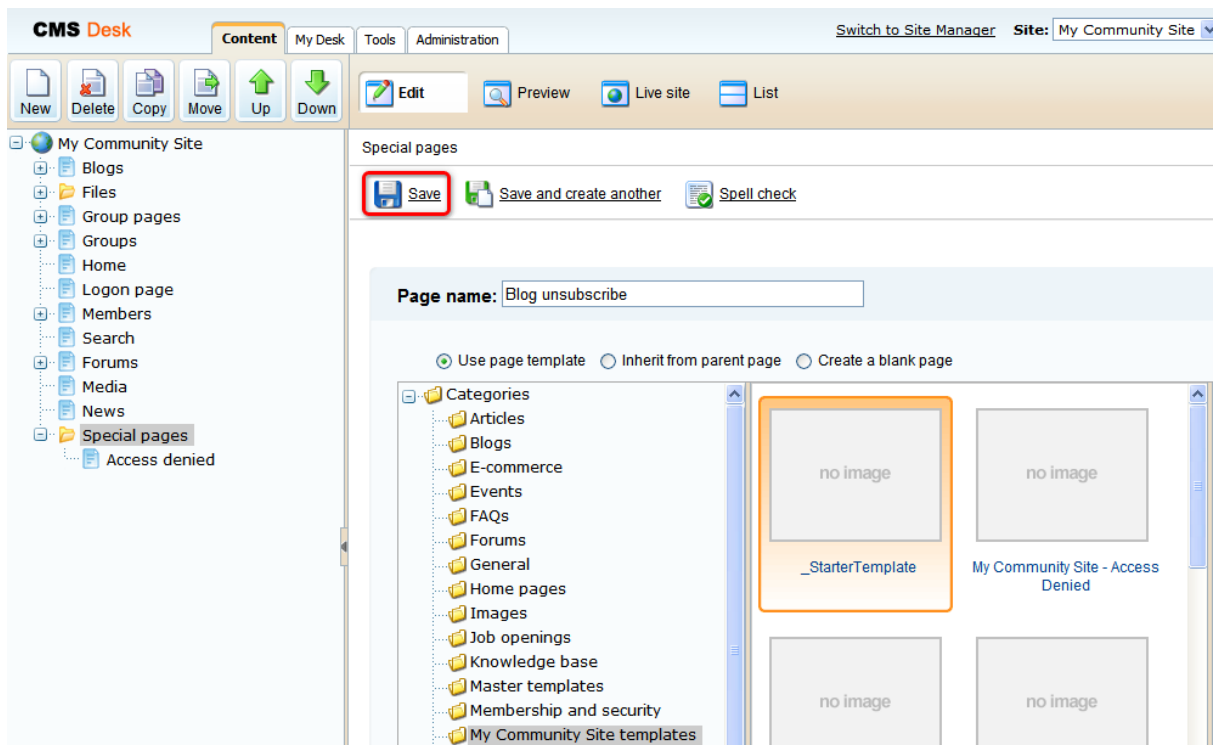
The Blog unsubscribe page will be used to handle blog post unsubscription requests. Users are able to subscribe to receiving notifications about new blog comments on a particular blog post. Notification e-mails contain an unsubscription link leading to this page with the subscription GUID in the query string parameter. By clicking this link, users can unsubscribe from receiving the notifications. The unsubscription request is handled by the **Blog post unsubscription** web part on this page.

In order to for the page to be functional, you need to set its URL in **Site Manager -> Settings -> Blogs -> Blog unsubscription URL**, as described in [this chapter](#).

1. Select the **Special pages** folder in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Blog unsubscribe* and click **Save**.





3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Blog unsubscribe
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.BlogUnsubscribe
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface with the 'Properties' tab selected. The 'Template' section is active, and a 'Save' button is highlighted. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open, showing the following details:

- Template display name: My Community Site - Blog unsubscribe
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.BlogUnsubscribe
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Blog unsubscribe page of My Community Site.

The dialog also has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

4. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Blog unsubscribe* into the Editable text web part's text box. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the CMS Desk interface with the 'Page' tab selected. The 'Blogs' section is selected, and the 'Blog unsubscribe' text is entered into the Editable text web part's text box.

5. Switch to the **Design** tab. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Blogs -> Blog post unsubscription** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Confirmation text:** You have been successfully unsubscribed.
- **Content before:** <h3>
- **Content after:** </h3><br /><br />

Click **OK**. The page is now finished and ready to handle the unsubscription requests.

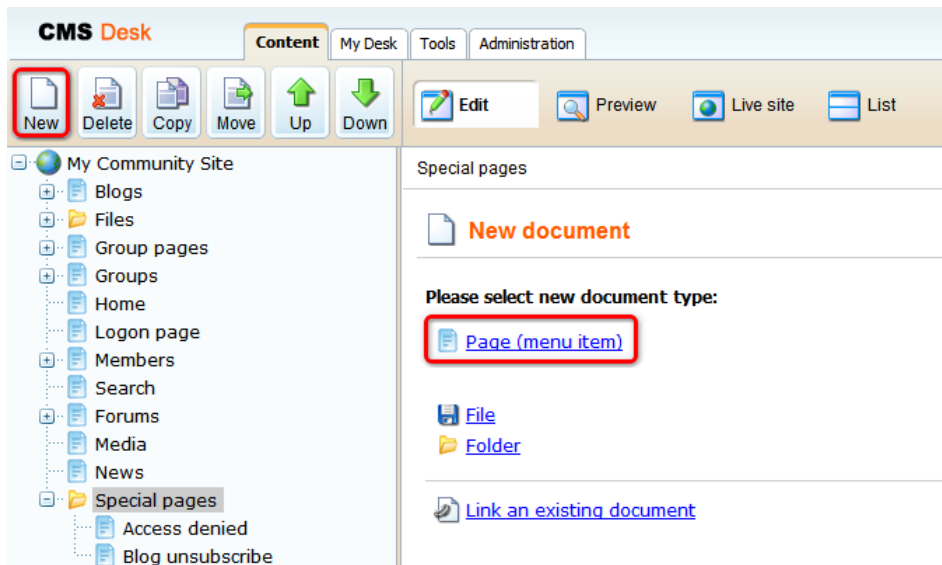


### 3.14.4 Creating the Board unsubscribe page

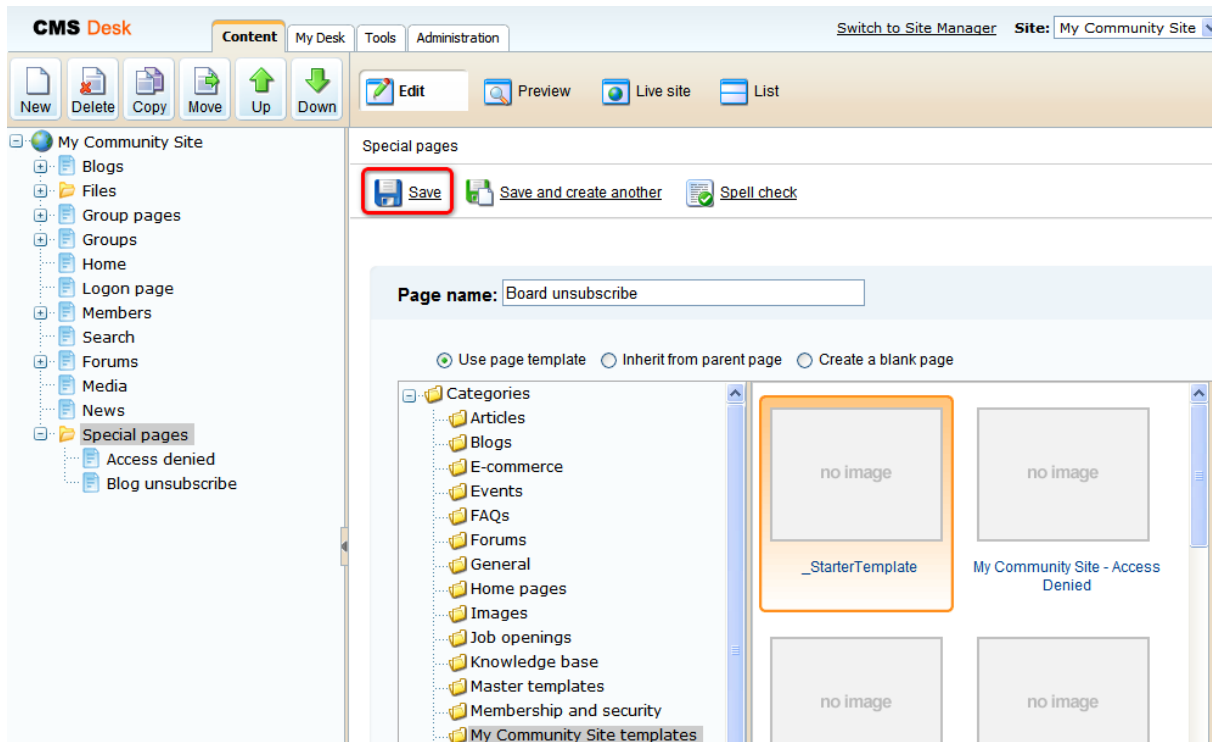
This page will be used to handle message board unsubscription requests. There are several message boards throughout the whole site. Users can subscribe to receiving e-mail notifications about new messages on a particular board. The notification e-mails contain an unsubscription link leading to this page. When a user clicks it, she is redirected to this page with the subscription GUID in query string parameter. On the page, the **Message board unsubscription** web part will handle the request and perform unsubscription.

In order to for the page to be functional, you need to set its URL in **Site Manager -> Settings -> Message boards -> Board unsubscription URL**, as described in [this chapter](#).

1. Select the **Special pages** folder in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates -> \_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Board unsubscribe* and click **Save**.

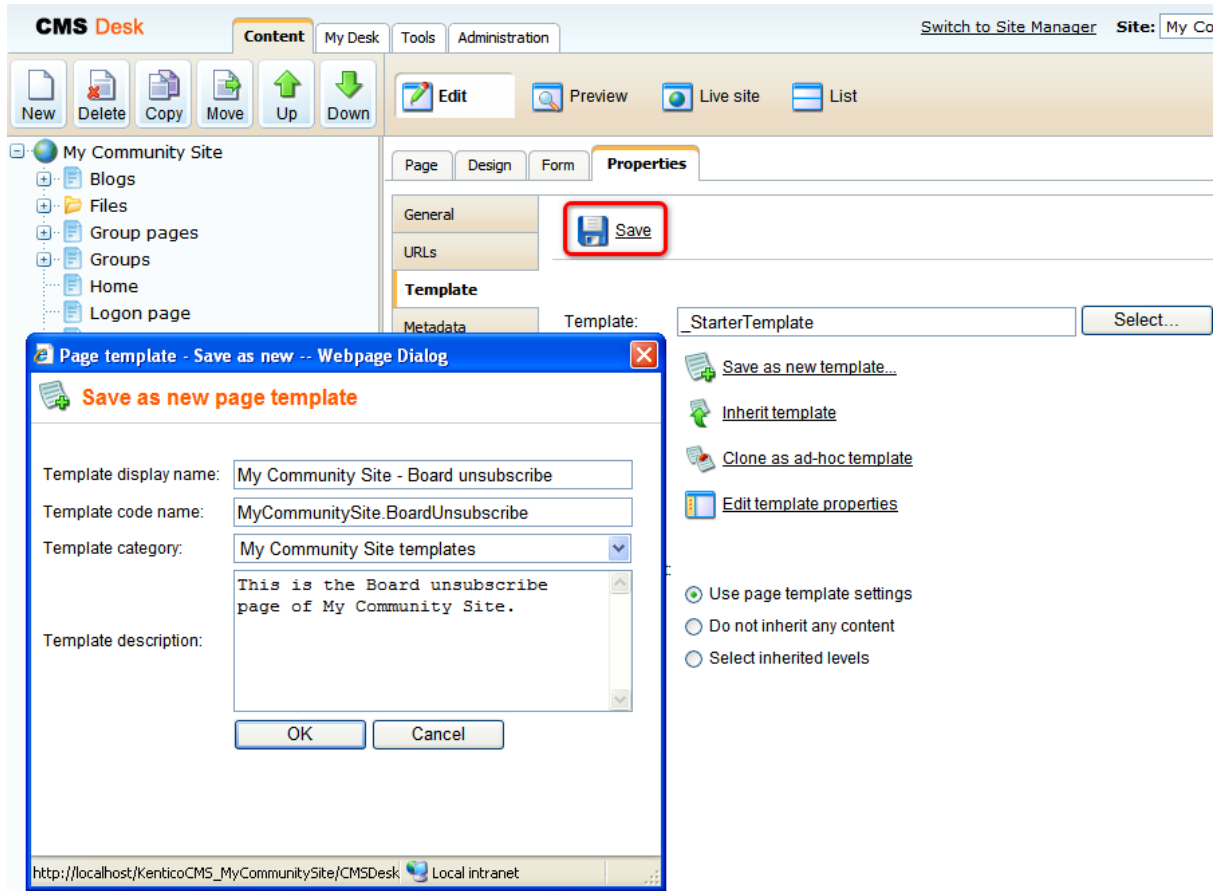


3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

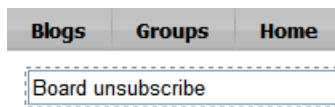
- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Board unsubscribe
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.BoardUnsubscribe

- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



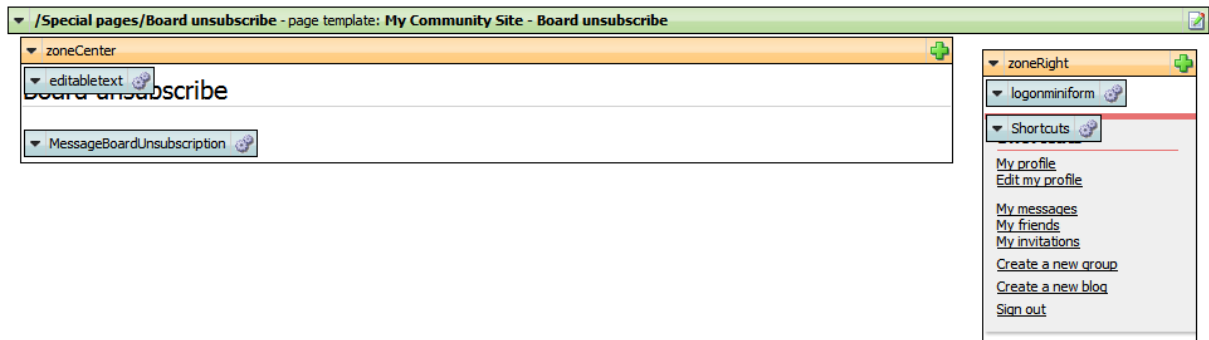
4. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Blog unsubscribe* into the Editable text web part's text box. Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Message board -> Message board unsubscribe** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Confirmation text:** You have been successfully unsubscribed.
- **Content before:** <h3>
- **Content after:** </h3><br /><br />

Click **OK**. The page is now finished and ready to handle the unsubscribe requests.



### 3.14.5 Creating the Forum unsubscribe page

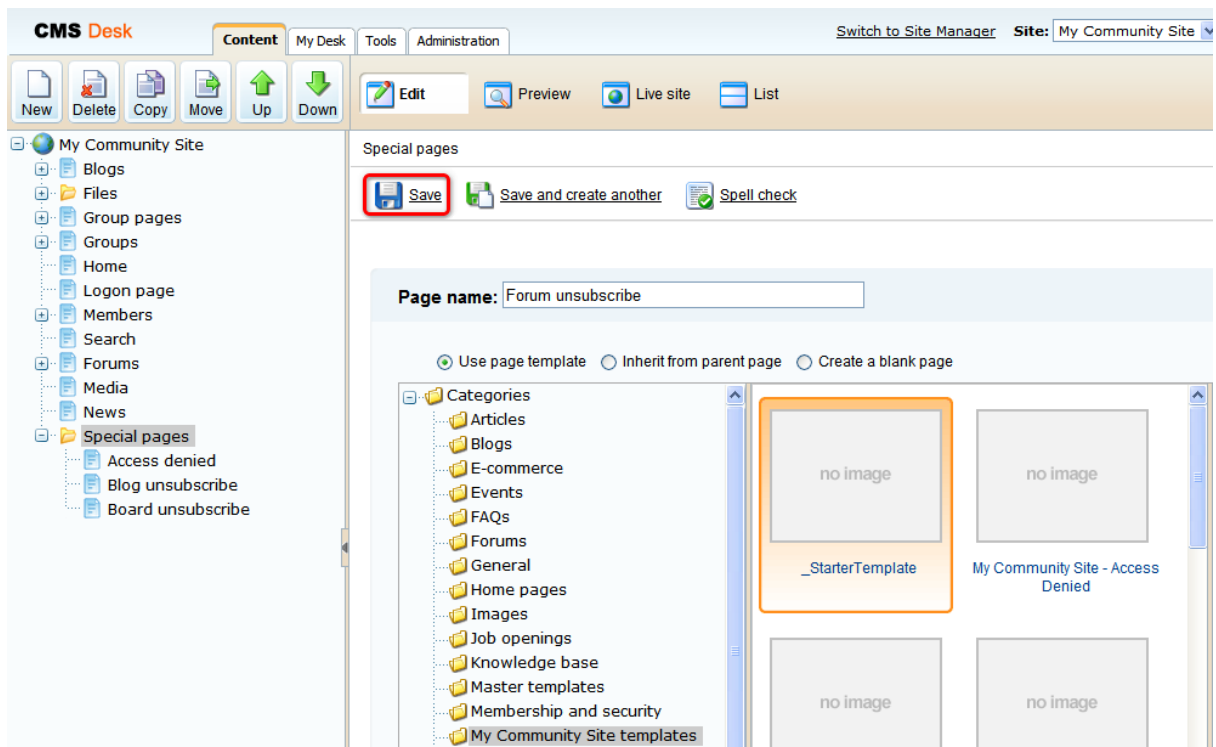
The last of the unsubscribe pages is the Forum unsubscribe page. In the Forums section, users have the possibility to subscribe to receiving notification e-mails about new posts in a particular forum thread. The notification e-mails contain unsubscribe links leading to this page. The GUID of the subscription is contained in the querystring parameter. The main part of this page is the **Forum unsubscribe** web part. When a user clicks the unsubscribe link, she is redirected to this page where the web part handles the unsubscribe request.

In order to for the page to be functional, you need to set its URL in **Site Manager -> Settings -> Forums -> Forum unsubscribe URL**, as described in [this chapter](#).

1. Select the **Special pages** folder in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.

The screenshot displays the Kentico CMS interface. At the top, the 'CMS Desk' header is visible, with tabs for 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. The 'Content' tab is active. Below the header, a toolbar contains several icons: 'New' (highlighted with a red box), 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', and 'Down'. To the right of the toolbar are buttons for 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. The main content area is divided into two panes. The left pane shows a tree view of the site structure, including 'My Community Site', 'Blogs', 'Files', 'Group pages', 'Groups', 'Home', 'Logon page', 'Members', 'Search', 'Forums', 'Media', 'News', and 'Special pages'. The 'Special pages' folder is expanded, showing 'Access denied', 'Blog unsubscribe', and 'Board unsubscribe'. The right pane is titled 'Special pages' and contains a 'New document' button. Below this, a section titled 'Please select new document type:' is shown, with a dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu lists 'Page (menu item)' (highlighted with a red box), 'File', and 'Folder'. At the bottom of the right pane, there is a 'Link an existing document' button.

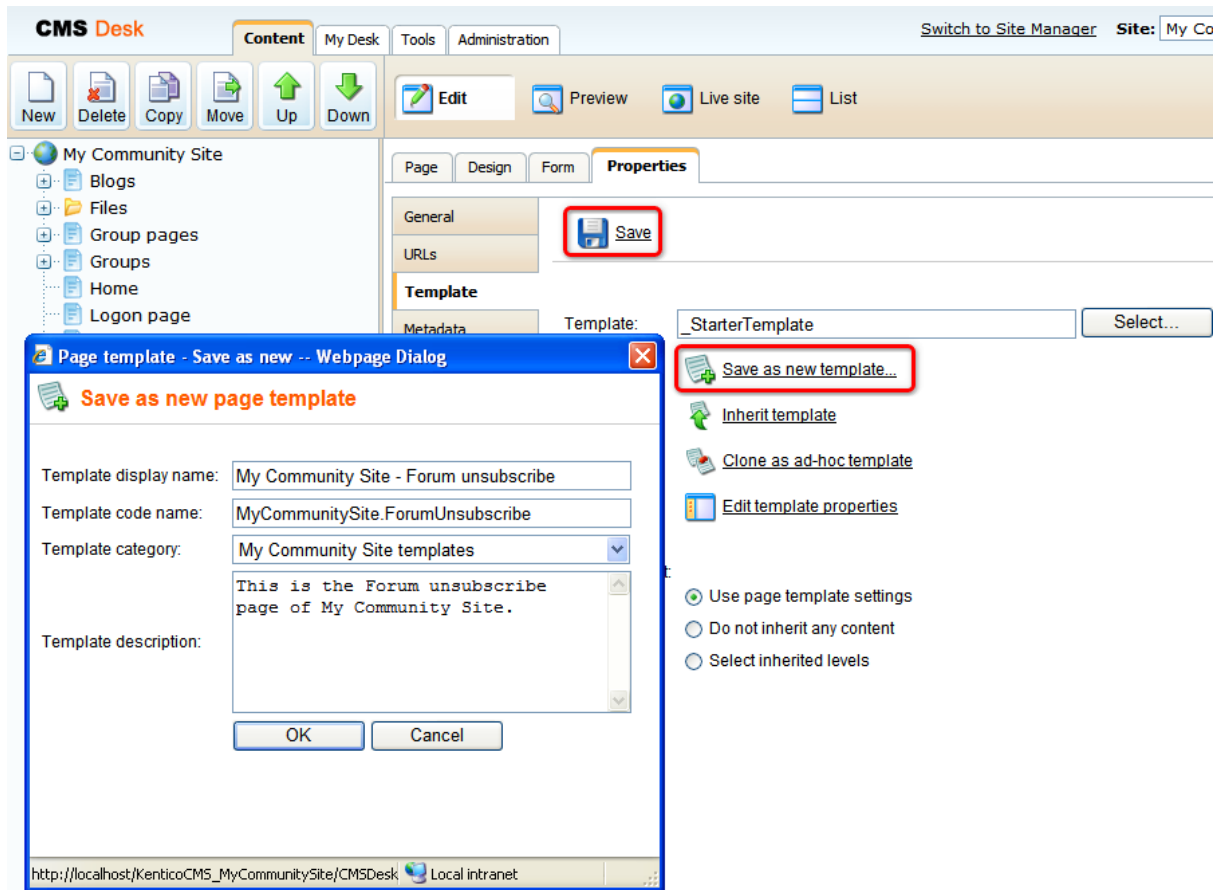
2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Forum unsubscribe* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties** -> **Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Forum unsubscribe
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.ForumUnsubscribe
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



4. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Forum unsubscribe* into the Editable text web part's text box. Click **Save**.

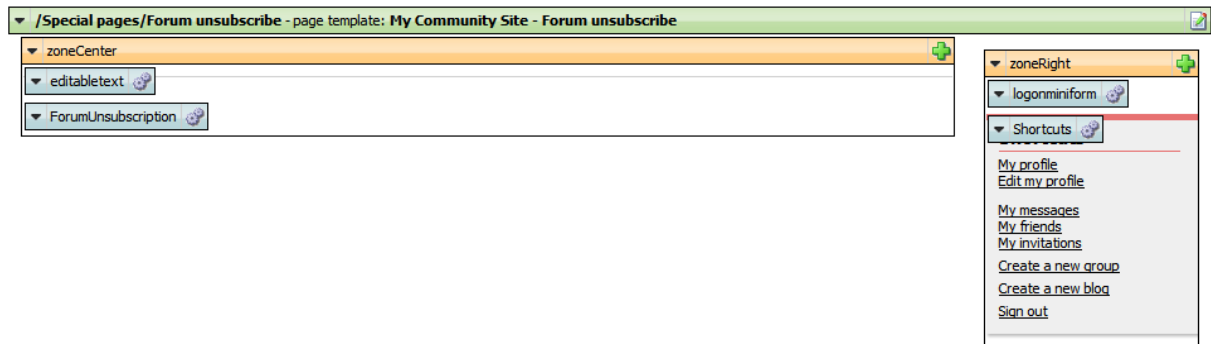




5. Switch to the **Design** tab. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Forums -> Forum unsubscribe** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Content before:** <h3>
- **Content after:** </h3><br /><br />

Click **OK**. The page is now finished and ready to handle the unsubscribe requests.

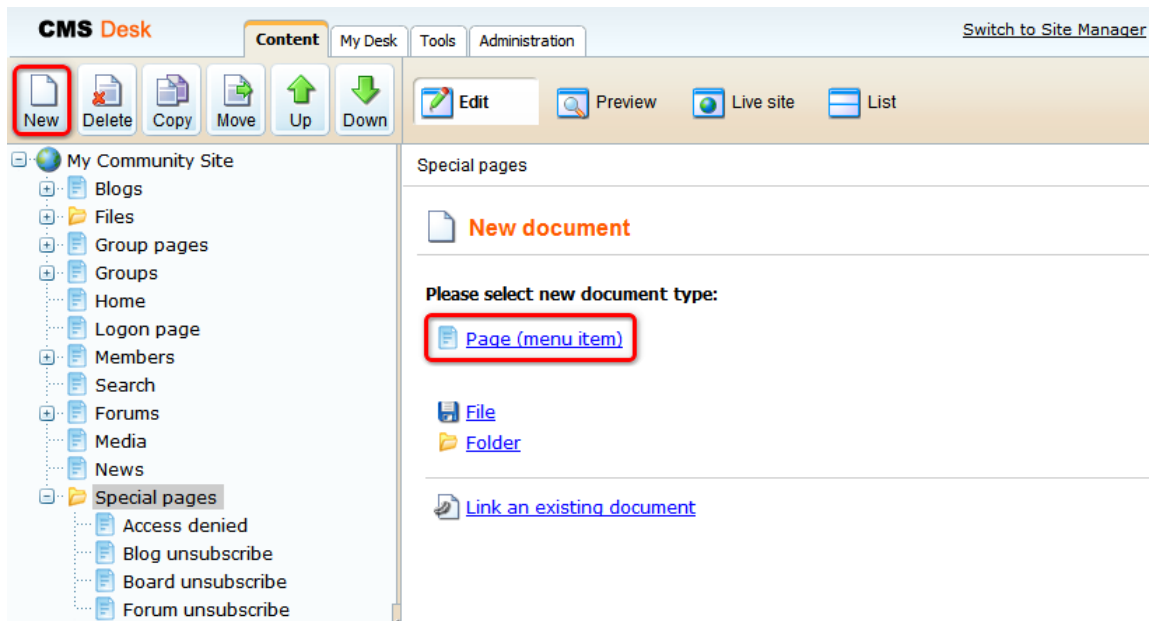


### 3.14.6 Creating the Friend management page

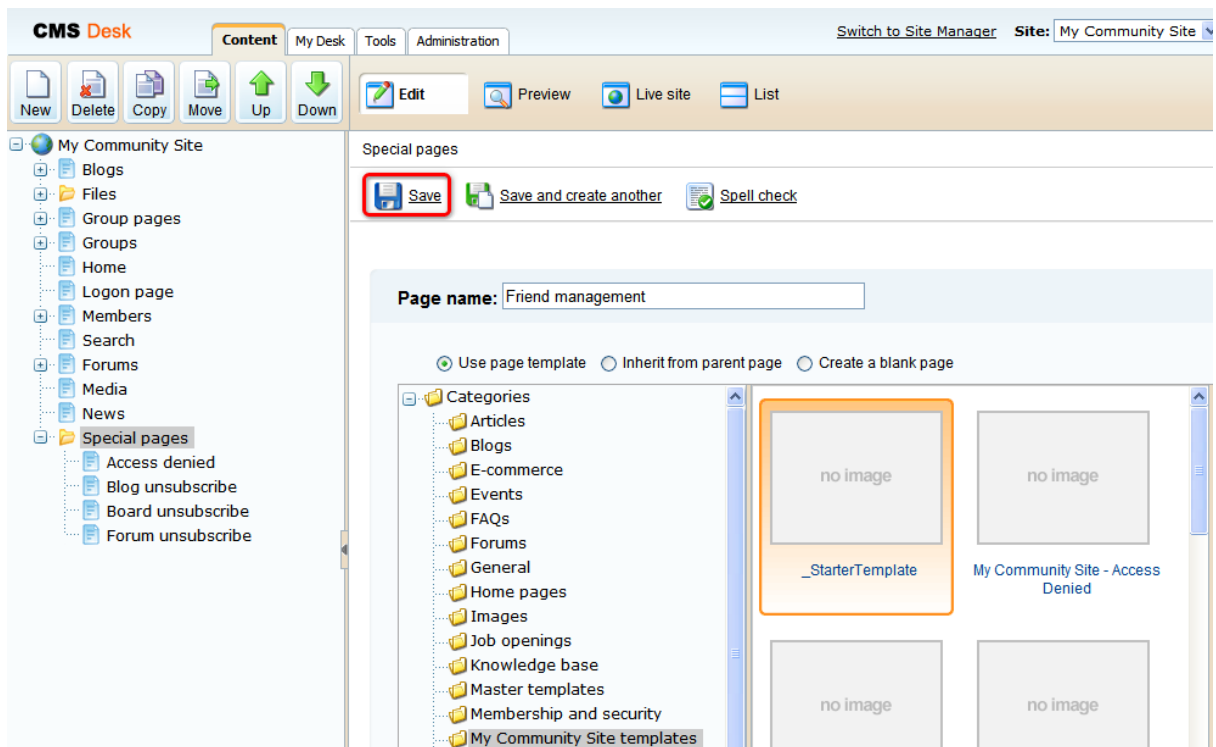
One of the community features in Kentico CMS is the Friends module. It provides users the possibility of creating social relations - friendships. This special page will contain the **Friendship management** web part, which handles the friendship approval or rejection requests.

In order to for the page to be functional, you need to set its alias path in **Site Manager -> Settings -> Community -> Friend management path**, as described in [this chapter](#).

1. Select the **Special pages** folder in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Friend management* and click **Save**.



3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Friend management
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.FriendManagement
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS interface with the 'Properties' tab selected. The 'Template' section is active, and the 'Save as new template...' link is highlighted. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' is open, showing the following details:

- Template display name: My Community Site - Friend management
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.FriendManagement
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Friend management page of My Community Site.

The dialog also has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

4. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Friend management* into the Editable text web part's text box. Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Friends -> Friendship management** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **My friends page path:** /Members/{%CurrentUser.UserName|(encode>true%)/Friends
- **Send notification message:** enabled
- **Send notification e-mail:** enabled
- **Content after:** <br /><br />

Click **OK**. The page is now finished and ready to handle the friendship management requests.

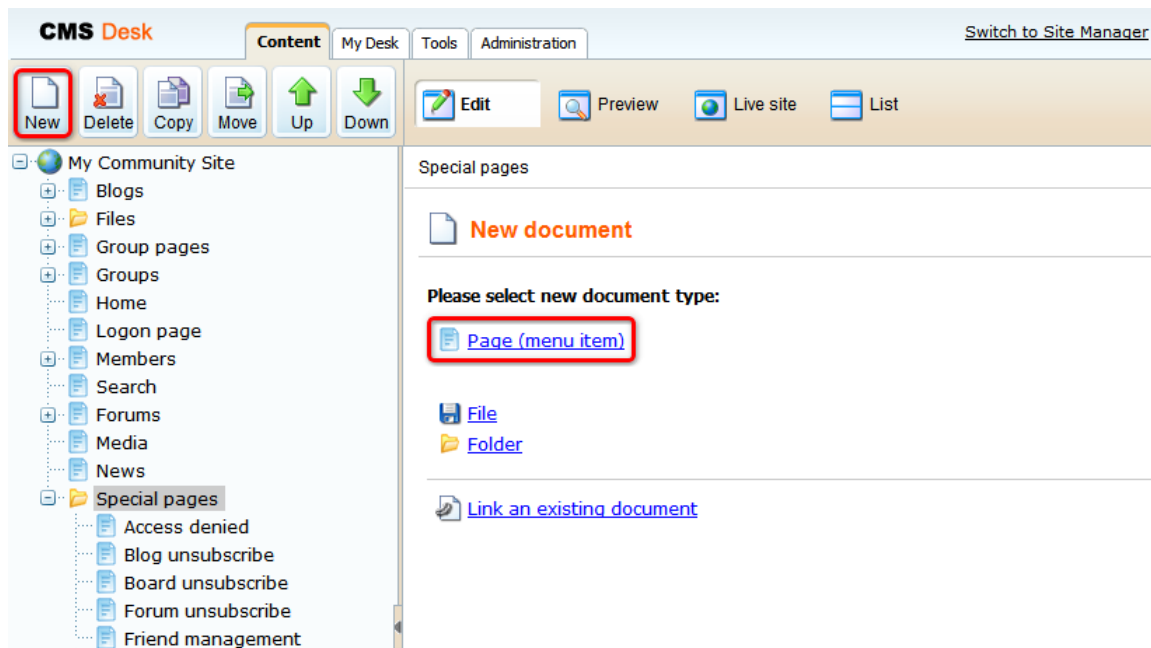


### 3.14.7 Creating the Invitation acceptance page

This special page is related to Kentico CMS Groups module. Members of a group can send e-mail invitations to join the group. In the e-mail, there is a link leading to this page with the invitation GUID in query string parameter. When a user clicks the link, she will be redirected to this page where the **Group invitation** web part handles the invitation and makes the user a member of the group.

In order to for the page to be functional, you need to set its alias path in **Site Manager -> Settings -> Community -> Invitation acceptance path**, as described in [this chapter](#).

1. Select the **Special pages** folder in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Invitation acceptance* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for 'My Community Site'. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Special pages' expanded to show various page types. The main content area is titled 'Special pages' and contains three buttons: 'Save' (highlighted with a red box), 'Save and create another', and 'Spell check'. Below these buttons is a 'Page name' input field containing the text 'Invitation acceptance'. Underneath the input field are three radio buttons: 'Use page template' (selected), 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page'. A list of categories is shown on the left, with 'My Community Site templates' selected. On the right, a grid of template thumbnails is displayed, with the '\_StarterTemplate' thumbnail highlighted by an orange border. Other thumbnails include 'no image' and 'My Community Site - Access Denied'.

3. Switch to the **Properties** -> **Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Invitation acceptance
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.InvitationAcceptation
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the Kentico CMS Desk interface. The 'Properties' tab is active, and the 'Template' section is selected. The 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box. A 'Page template - Save as new -- Webpage Dialog' window is open, showing the following details:

- Template display name: My Community Site - Invitation acceptance
- Template code name: MyCommunitySite.InvitationAcceptation
- Template category: My Community Site templates
- Template description: This is the Invitation acceptance page of My Community Site.

The 'Save as new template...' button in the dialog is highlighted with a red box. The 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are also visible at the bottom of the dialog.

4. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Invitation acceptance* into the Editable text web part's text box. Click **Save**.

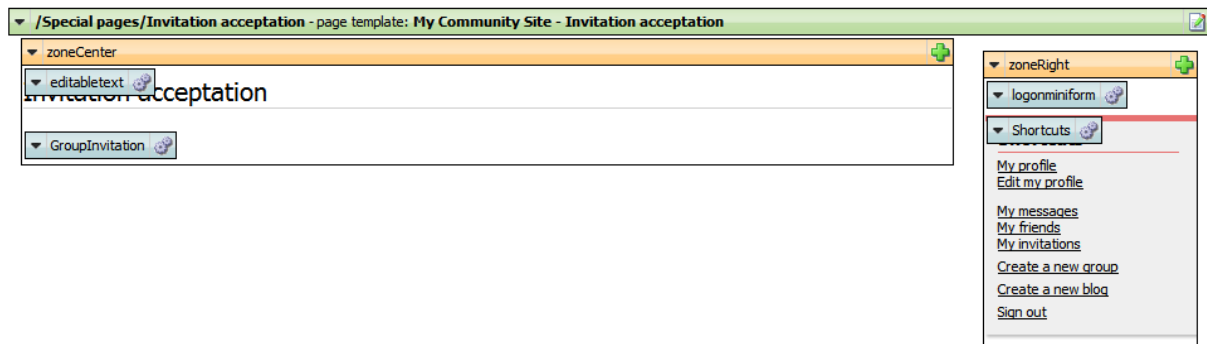
The screenshot shows the 'Page' tab selected. The 'Blogs' tab is highlighted, and the text 'Invitation acceptance' is entered into the Editable text web part's text box.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Community -> Group invitation** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

- **Content before:** <h3>
- **Content after:** </h3><br /><br />

Click **OK**. The page is now finished and ready to handle the invitations.

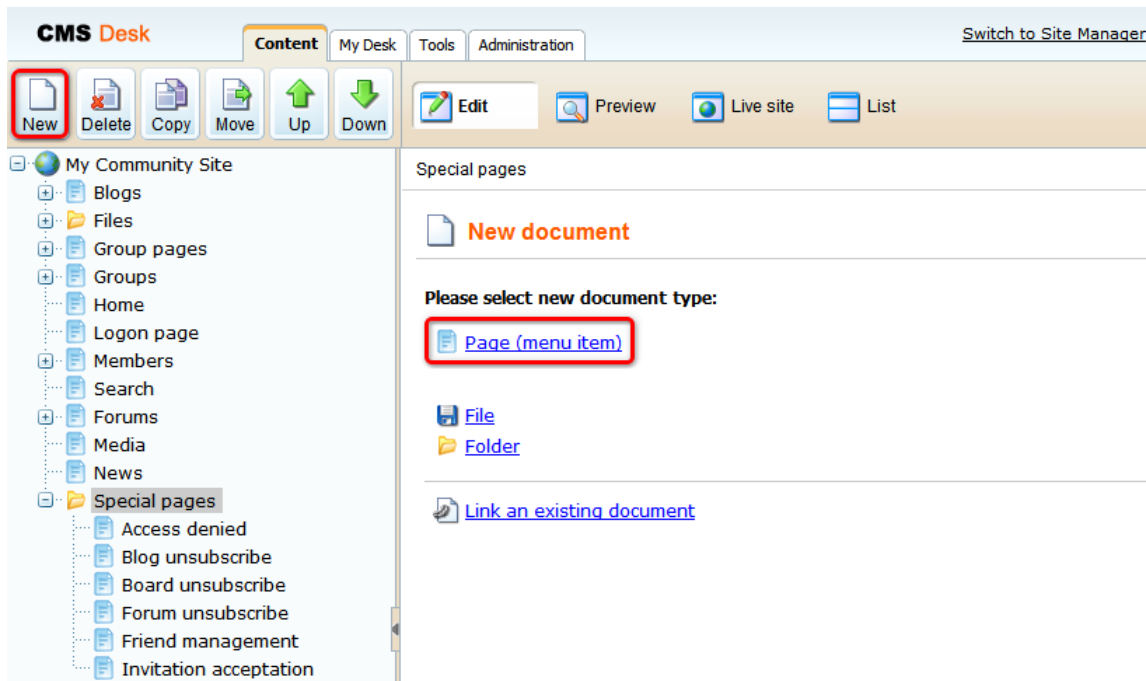


### 3.14.8 Creating the Registration approval page

After registration to the page, users don't become members immediately. Instead, an e-mail is sent to them with the registration approval link. The link is leading to this page and contains the registration GUID in query string parameter. When the user clicks this link, the **Registration e-mail confirmation** web part on this page handles the registration approval request and the user becomes a member.

In order to for the page to be functional, you need to set its URL into **E-mail confirmation page** property of the **Custom registration form** web part, as described in [this chapter](#).

1. Select the **Special pages** folder in the content tree and click **New**. Choose the **Page (menu item)** document type.



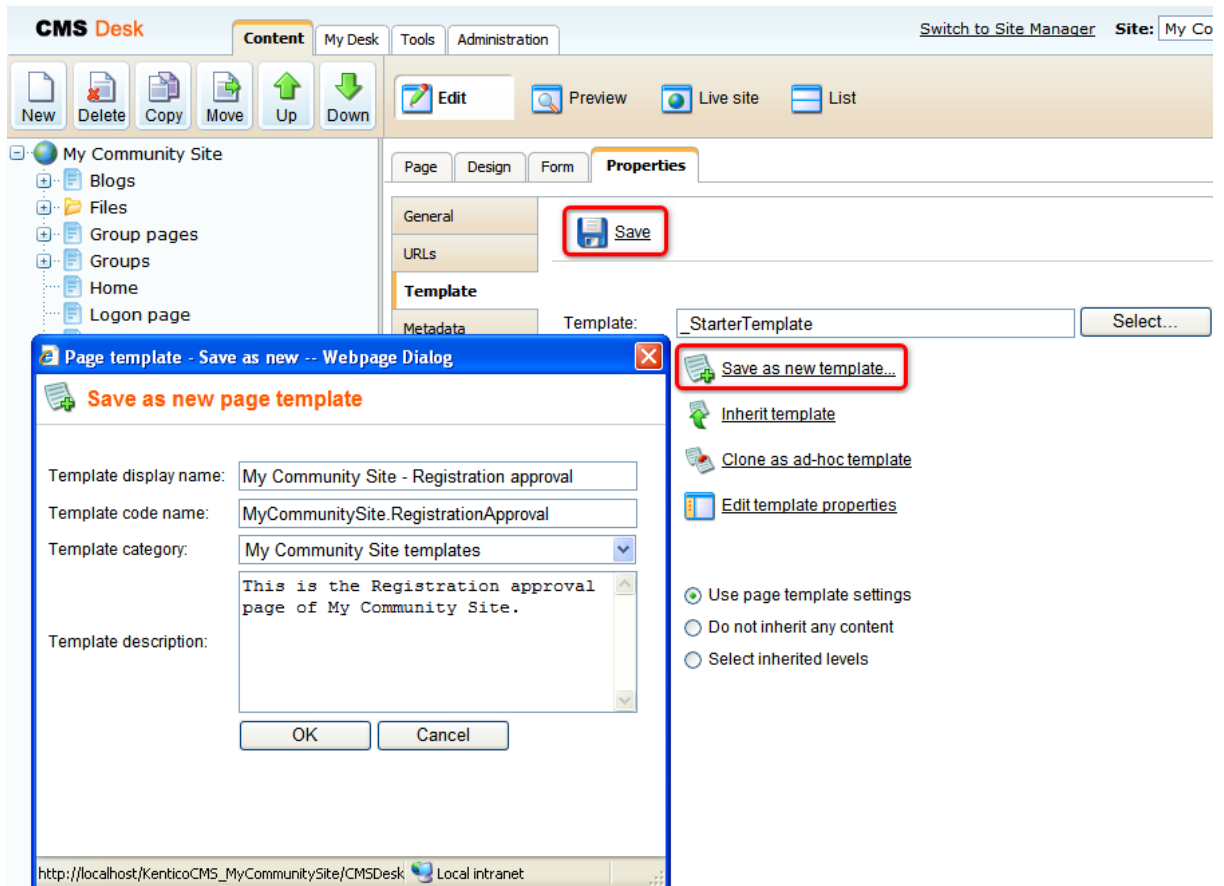
2. Select the **My Community Site templates** -> **\_StarterTemplate** created in [this chapter](#). Into the **Page name** field, enter *Registration approval* and click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the CMS Desk interface for 'My Community Site'. The top navigation bar includes 'Content', 'My Desk', 'Tools', and 'Administration'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'New', 'Delete', 'Copy', 'Move', 'Up', 'Down', 'Edit', 'Preview', 'Live site', and 'List'. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the site structure, with 'Special pages' expanded to show various templates like 'Access denied', 'Blog unsubscribe', etc. The main content area is titled 'Special pages' and features a 'Save' button (highlighted with a red box), 'Save and create another', and 'Spell check' options. Below this, the 'Page name' field contains 'Registration approval'. Three radio buttons are present: 'Use page template' (selected), 'Inherit from parent page', and 'Create a blank page'. A list of categories is shown on the left, with '\_StarterTemplate' highlighted in an orange box. To the right, four placeholder boxes labeled 'no image' are visible, with one labeled 'My Community Site - Access Denied'.

3. Switch to the **Properties -> Template** tab and click the **Save as new template** link. Enter the following details in the pop-up dialog:

- **Template display name:** My Community Site - Registration approval
- **Template code name:** MyCommunitySite.Registration approval
- **Template category:** My Community Site templates
- **Template description:** some text describing the page template

Click **OK**. Click **Save**.



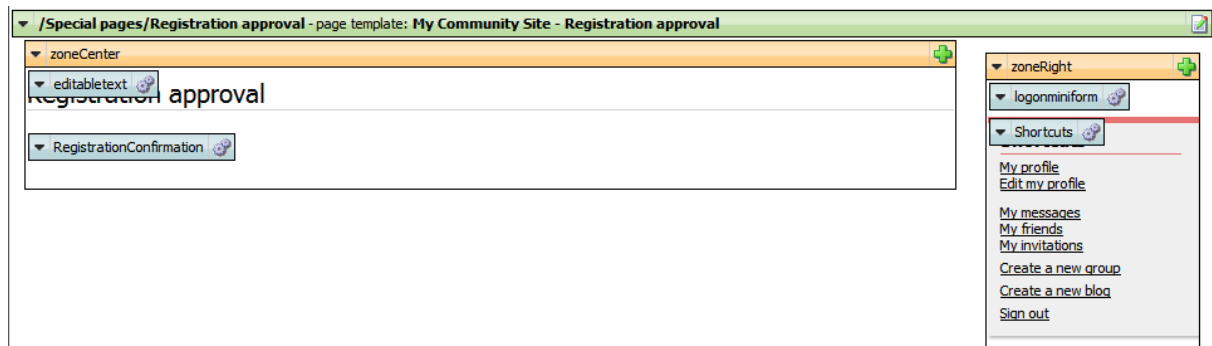
4. Switch to the **Page** tab and enter *Registration approval* into the Editable text web part's text box. Click **Save**.



5. Switch to the **Design** tab. Click the **Add web part** (+) icon of the **zoneCenter** web part zone and choose the **Membership -> Registration e-mail confirmation** web part. Set the following properties of the web part, leave the default values for the rest of them:

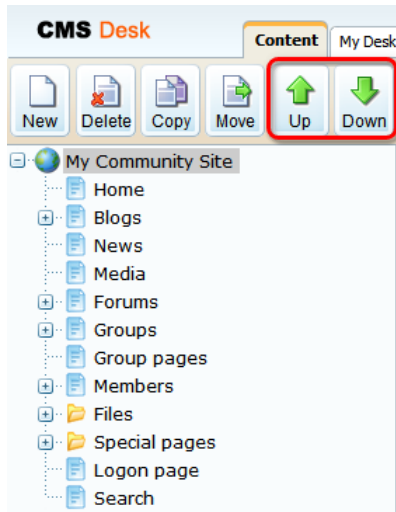
- **From address:** no-reply@mycommunitysite.com
- **Administrator e-mail:** admin@mycommunitysite.com
- **Notify administrator:** enabled
- **Successful approval text:** Your user account is now active. You can sign in using your user name and password. <a href="~/Logon.aspx" title="Logon page">Click here to continue</a>
- **Unsuccessful approval text:** Your registration wasn't approved.
- **User deleted text:** The user account has been already deleted.
- **Content after:** <br /><br />

Click **OK**. The page is now finished and ready to handle the registration approval requests.



### 3.15 Ordering pages in the content tree

Once all the pages are created, it is a good idea to give them a logical organization in the content tree. Use the Up and Down buttons to move pages to achieve the same page order as in the screenshot below.



## 3.16 Making the settings

To get the site working, you also have to make several settings in the **Site manager -> Settings** section.

1. First, select the name of your site from the **Site** drop-down list in the top left corner of the page.

The screenshot shows the CMS Site Manager interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Sites', 'Administration', 'Settings', 'Development', 'Licenses', and 'Support'. The 'Settings' tab is active. In the top left, a 'Site:' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box, showing 'My Community Site' selected. Below this is a tree view of settings categories, with 'Web site' expanded. The main content area is titled 'Settings' and contains a list of configuration items, each with a green question mark icon, an input field, and a checkbox for 'Inherit from global settings'. The settings are as follows:

Setting	Value	Inherit from global settings
Cache content (minutes)	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cache images (minutes)	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cache page info (minutes)	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Combine with default culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Combine files with default culture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default alias path	/Home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Default culture of the content	English - United States	<input type="checkbox"/>
Page description prefix		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Page key words prefix		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Page title format	{%prefix%} - {%pagetitle_orelse_name%}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Page title prefix	My Community Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Page not found for non-published documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Page not found URL		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exclude document types from search		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exclude documents from search	/Special-Pages/%	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control element	div	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. In **Site Manager -> Settings -> Web site**, make the following settings. Remember that you need to uncheck the **Inherit from global settings** check-box in order to be able to enter values into the fields.

- **Default alias path:** /Home
- **Default culture of the content:** English - United States
- **Page title prefix:** My Community Site
- **Exclude documents from search:** /Special-Pages/%

Click **Save**.

2. In **Site Manager -> Settings -> Security**, make the following settings:

- **Check page permissions:** No page
- **Website logon page URL:** ~/Logon.aspx

Click **Save**.

3. In **Site Manager -> Settings -> Blogs**, set the following value:

- **Blog unsubscription URL:** ~/Special-Pages/Blog-Unsubscription.aspx

Click **Save**.

4. In **Site Manager -> Settings -> Community**, enter the following values:

- **Group security access denied path:** /Groups/{GroupName}/Access
- **Group management path:** /Groups/{GroupName}/Management
- **Group profile path:** /Groups/{GroupName}
- **Member management path:** /Members/{UserName}/Management
- **Member profile path:** /Members/{UserName}
- **Invitation acceptance path:** /Special-Pages/Invitation-Acceptation
- **Friend management path:** /Special-Pages/Friend-Management

Click **Save**.

5. In **Site Manager -> Settings -> Forums**, enter the following values:

- **Forum unsubscription URL:** ~/Special-Pages/Forum-Unsubscribe.aspx
- **Forum base URL:** ~/Forums.aspx

Click **Save**.

6. In **Site Manager -> Settings -> Message boards**, adjust the following property:

- **Board unsubscription URL:** ~/Special-Pages/Board-Unsubscribe.aspx

Click **Save**.

7. The settings are done. The whole web site should now be fully functional.