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## eZ Publish CMS by eZ Systems

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**Description:** eZ Publish is an Enterprise Content Management platform with an easy to use out of the box Web Content Management System. It is available as a free Open Source distribution and serves as the foundation for the rest of the eZ Publish Product Family. As a CMS it's most notable feature is its revolutionary, fully customisable and extendable content model. It is also a platform for general web development, allowing you to develop professional PHP applications. Standard eZ Publish functionality: easy to create and edit content, workflow system, content versioning, multilanguage possibilities, collaboration, e-commerce functionality, revolutionary content class system, role based access control are implemented and ready for you to use.

High quality software and total product responsibility from eZ systems make eZ publish the leading Open Source Enterprise Content Management System. Enterprises, governmental offices, organizations and educational institutions trust eZ Publish.

### Resource Specifications

<b>Version:</b>	4.0 (PHP5)
<b>Platform(s):</b>	linux, windows, freebsd, osx, sun
<b>Price:</b>	Free (GPL)
<b>Date Added:</b>	Nov 4th, 2000
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**One of the best OS CMS out there**, Jan 15th, 2003

Reviewed By: pborgerm

Advantages:

- A very clean object model
- complete separation between application logic, data and presentation
- SOAP support
- XML content
- GPL
- powerful template mechanism
- Excellent permission system including roles
- Workflow
- Version management
- Easily extensible with "content objects" and modules



**Fantastic!**, Jul 24th, 2002

Reviewed By: splatter

Very modular piece of work. Simply incredible how easy it was to set up and get running. Thank you!



**Stunned**, Sep 13th, 2001

Reviewed By: Santiago

I am stunned, these norwegian scripters really know how to make it look professional! I bet they could easily sell software like this for up to 2000\$ or something. i thought it was easy to install as well :)



**Great**, Apr 24th, 2001

Reviewed By: aw5

While the required database is hard to install, this program is great. I know there are so many on the net to choose from but I feel eZ publish is the only one that really brings content such as forums alive. Others fall short of this program in my view.



**Wow!**, Jan 27th, 2001

Reviewed By: gaej

This package beats them all. The basic features which are there fills the basic needs of most sites. It doesn't seem quite mature in all areas, especially the intranet stuff, but the news and shop functionality are easy and fun to use.

I hope they will let us use the nifty article feature as a default for all kinds of texts in the package, especially the product catalog could do with that.

And more fun templates to get you started!!!



**Very good!**, Jan 9th, 2001

Reviewed By: kantari

This is a really good software. The code is very nice and clean. It's very easy to customize, and has got some really great modules! Try it!



**This is the best, bar none.**, May 13th, 2001

Reviewed By: Hacker

This software ranks with the best there is for free (and commercial), easy-to-use CMS software. Installation can be a bit tricky, but once you overcome it, you will be amazed at the sheer functionality and simplicity of use.

I would have paid lots of money just to own this, but its FREE! Also, the Admin console is beautiful in its look--a measure of the detail and attention paid to every aspect.

I have no problem running it for a long time now. The Forum needs a little work though, like [www.vbulletin.com](http://www.vbulletin.com) :). Otherwise, TWO THUMBS UP!!



**Perfect application!**, Jan 5th, 2001

Reviewed By: eelze

This is a perfect application. It is clean programmed and has a nice layout. Installation was a little bit hard because of the use of libxml, but after fixing that problem, I was really impressed.



**nice**, Apr 8th, 2003

Reviewed By: mikeeee

Nice platform, but truly it does not hold what all the reviews said... for me at least. The data structure is not so 'revolutionary' than what is stated (I personally prefer the younger bolinos cms's data-object structure). Good anyhow, but not so incredible as the ez.no site auto-claims...



**Very impressive, one of the best**, Dec 29th, 2001

Reviewed By: brainpipe

eZ publish is awfully good, certainly among the best PHP content management systems. The number of bugs I found in the 2.2.2 release was almost shockingly low considering the scope of the project and the complexity of the code. The customization process, which has a fairly steep learning curve, provides a good deal of flexibility in the GUI. Unfortunately the documentation is relatively sparse, and that drops eZ publish from a rating of "excellent" to "very good." (Also note that this may not be the best CMS for end-users; it seems to be targeted at sysadmins and skilled webmasters who can install and maintain it as a service to their clients.)



**Brilliant!!**, Nov 7th, 2000

Reviewed By: webparadise

Absolutely astounding!!! This software is a credit to the developer.



**No Support for Problems and ImageMagick**, Mar 12th, 2003

Reviewed By: sid61

Hours and Hours you will work with this Software, but ImageMagick don't want work on a virtual System - it is a absolute Horror on a Linux Server.

It's a great Software with Xhit Support for Users.



### **Best of breed open CMS**, Mar 9th, 2004

Reviewed By: jdillon

Getting started with eZ Publish is daunting, but it's one of the only enterprise class open cms systems out. Typo3 and other leading open cms systems are hacked under the hood compared to eZ's documentation and standards. Once you dig in you begin to realize the real power of eZ Publish: it's not a Web CMS like most of the other scripts out there, but more an entire platform for building applications, which includes CMS applications. It's the only serious php alternative for business-class cms.



### **Nice look, But**, Jan 8th, 2004

Reviewed By: techmailmd

the program sounded easy to install. Got it installed, but very difficult to use. No Instructions on how to make changes. If the News heading you want to change to community, it doesnt allow you to orr you cant find it. very disappointed by the use of it. Maybe a change or re-write the script. Some of the other complaints are vaild.



**No joy**, Aug 6th, 2003

Reviewed By: setmajer

That's a qualified '2', though, as my problem may well be unique: after three days trying to get it installed on OS X.2.6, I finally gave up.

The problem wasn't the system so much as the support/community. Three days after I posted a message with all error messages and my config info on the eZ publish board, I haven't gotten so much as a 'RTFM, luzer' in response. This wasn't just my post. A browse through the forums shows that 13 of 19 items on the first page of the 'Installation and Configuration' topic have gone unanswered for at least a day; the other topics have similarly lukewarm response.

The documentation, critical in the absence of a strong community, is sparse and scattered across the Documentation section of the site, an HTML manual, a couple of Read Me files and the SDK manual, often with precisely the same instructions in each place and in at least two cases all locations sport the same missing instruction.

Moreover, there are random 'module not found' bugs permeating the ez.no site. They're relatively rare, but that's precisely the error I keep getting on the admin UI--not a good sign AFAIC.

The above plus the heft of the system (much more complicated file structure than Drupal or Mambo Open Source) and memory requirements seem a touch high: a 20-40 MB limit for PHP is recommended. In fairness, it does a fair bit more than Mambo or Drupal, but even independent of size the code is harder to read and understand, and with spotty documentation and modest community interest reading the code is imperative.

I should note that I'm not exactly a \*IX wiz, and that is almost certainly part of the trouble. Nevertheless, I've managed to configure a virtual host setup on my OS X box with 7 different sites, am running MySQL and BIND and have written the templating portion of a multi-lingual ecommerce site in PHP.

My bottom line is that it promises a great deal, and apparently delivers for many. However, as a professional web developer (mostly client-side), I really don't have the luxury of spending days debugging problems. I need either a solid community or good documentation. eZ publish offers neither--at least not yet.



**Very flexible and powerful**, Jul 4th, 2003

Reviewed By: redeg

eZ publish 3 may be a "big" framework and have a bit of a learning curve, but once you get started you find it is extremely flexible. You can almost do anything within the system without having to hack the code. Extending code is clean, just as clean as I find the whole structure of the CMS.

Don't be afraid to dive into it, you will be rewarded with flexible and robust caching, workflows, permissions/user management and what I find a totally flexible data structure + powerful templating.



**There must be an EZier way**, Apr 13th, 2005

Reviewed By: Stunning

I've had the misfortune of running this EZ CMS for two years now based on a referral from another party and have had nothing but problems with it from the get go.

In hindsight, I really should have read the ez forums to understand that support for the product is practically jurassic.

I truly thought that paying for support would ensure a higher level of technical response. I was sadly mistaken. I got more help from EZ's redundant documentation system and the community.

The combination of MySQL, PHP, Imagemagik, Apache 1.3 etc make this a very clunky CMS system that is not as \*EZ\* to use as its developers state.

A high level of latency between the above applications meant that a lot of visitors simply get tired of waiting for the site to load. No amount of fine tuning apache or the CMS has resolved this.

Thank goodness I have a new budget for the development of a new website. EZ is gone!

My recommendation is site builders stay well away from this product and try something else. Its not worth the hassle nor the frustrating attempts to get information.



**A waste of your time**, Jun 22nd, 2008

Reviewed By: PerryM

ezPublish looks good but during the installation you are supposed to rename the file `.htaccess_root` to `.htaccess` - the instant you do the installation "Blows up" and you can't proceed to test it out.

I went to their support forum and get no answer.

So it's just a waste of your time...