Help for editors and users

Where to start: the help pages for people who write, edit and publish content, and for everyone with an account.

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These pages explain the everyday work in Exponential: signing in, finding your way around the administration, writing and publishing content, uploading media, translating, and what to do when something goes wrong. They are written for editors and for anyone with an account on a site, and need no technical knowledge.

Every page describes what you see in the administration with the **Admin 4** design, the design most installations use. Other administration designs (Classic, AdminUI) have the same pages and buttons, arranged differently. What you see also depends on your role: an editor sees fewer tabs and buttons than an administrator, and a button you are not allowed to use is shown grayed out or not at all.

Start here

Page	What it helps you do
Velocity is part of Exponential 6.0.15	Know what changed when the Velocity Internet / Web Application Server became part of Exponential: a turning point that makes Exponential one working stack (server, RAD platform, CMS, digital experience and e-commerce)
New in 6.0.15: static publishing	Publish your site free on GitHub Pages: what static publishing brings and where to start
Why Exponential supports PHP 7.4	Know what is usable on PHP 7.4 without support and what needs PHP 8, how Composer picks the right packages for your PHP, how security is kept, and why the project bridges older PHP versions
Getting started	Sign in, take your first steps, and know where to find help
A tour of the administration	Know the header, the tabs, the side columns and the dashboard
Logging into the Editor	Sign in to the Editor, the interface for writing and publishing
Logging into the admin	Sign in to the administration, with lockout, design and safety tips
User manual	Do one task in the administration: one question per page, with who may do it, the steps and what can go wrong

Who makes Exponential

Page	What it helps you do
Who is 7x?	Know the company behind Exponential: nearly thirty years with this code, from the eZ Publish years to Exponential 6, the products, the community and how to take part

Page	What it helps you do
Who is the Exponential Foundation?	Know the nonprofit that operates the open source project, the whole family of Exponential products and what the project commits to
Copyright and copyleft	Know who holds the copyright of Exponential (the Exponential Foundation and 7x together, since the historical shift of 29 October 2026), why the Foundation is named first, what the GPL lets you do, and how to write the notice in your own files and extensions
Our goals	Know why Exponential exists, what is already built in so you do not have to build it, why it is free software, how 7x earns a living, and why we invite you to join, with honest answers to doubts about our intentions
Community	Know the Exponential Community: the people who use, contribute to, promote and develop software using Exponential worldwide
Ecosystem	Know the greater ecosystem beyond the community: every part of the Exponential world within the PHP stack, its users and creators
Partners	Know the Exponential Partners: they contribute financially to the sustained future of the project, contribute code and more back to it, and engage directly with 7x and the Exponential Foundation
The Exponential project	Find the FAQ, the licensing questions, the roadmap, support, the community channels, how to build, contribute and give, as the project website exponential.earth presents them

Everyday work

Page	What it helps you do
Creating and editing content	Create an item, fill in its fields, use the rich text editor, move and copy
Images, media and uploads	Upload one file or many at once, and keep the media library tidy
Bookmarking system pages	Keep Setup, the help, the audit trail or a filtered list in your bookmarks, in folders next to your content
Publishing, versions and the trash	Publish, keep drafts, go back to an older version, hide, remove and restore
Searching	Find content in the administration and on the site
Languages	Translate content, and choose the language of the administration itself
The layouts editor	Arrange the blocks of a page in zones, and publish the layout
Migrating URLs	Keep the old addresses of a site working after a move: collect them, map them, import with a preview, test, undo, export

Accounts, roles and members

Page	What it helps you do
Your account and signing in	Sign in and out, change your password, turn on two-step sign-in
Setting up accounts for editors and administrators	Create an editor's account in the Editors group, check it, and hand it over so that only the editor knows the password; the same for the few administrators

Page	What it helps you do
What the Editor role allows	Know what an editor may do, and what stays with administrators
Managing members	As an editor, create, change, disable, move and remove the accounts of the site's members
The user audit log	Find out who did what to an account, when and from where

Working faster, and getting help

Page	What it helps you do
Keyboard shortcuts	Work with the keyboard alone, in the administration and in these help pages
When something goes wrong	Tell the right people about an error, with what they need to fix it
Getting support	Get free help from the community (forums, Telegram, Discord, Slack) or paid help from 7x
Project files	Read the README, the security policy, the contributors' guidelines and the license of the repository in the help

Grow from user to developer

Page	What it helps you do
Develop with Git	Install Exponential as Git clones with their full history (the recommended way to build websites), keep them up to date, and send fixes back as pull requests
Update with Git	Get updates as they are pushed to GitHub and update Composer to match, hourly, daily, weekly, monthly or only at each release, by hand or automatically
Migrations	Schema and content changes written once as files and applied to every installation: paths for beginners, administrators and teams, 25 recipes, the reference, the FAQ and help when a migration fails
Recent content	The newest content of the site, submissions held for review with who sent them from where, and releasing, hiding or removing a selection at once
Migrations in the administration	See the state of the migrations in Setup > Migrations, run them, follow a run as it goes, and take a run back
Migrations versus migrating a site	Which of the two jobs called "migration" you need: changes of one site, or moving and upgrading a whole installation
Contribute extensions back	Publish your extensions so everyone can use them, and know what the GPL requires when you distribute one
Getting the code	Every way to install the code, with versions, tags and extensions explained

Deeper guides

When a help page is not enough, the guides go into every detail of one area. A few that editors use most: My drafts and my pending items, Versions of an object, Bookmarks, Content languages, Two-step sign-in and The content model and editing content. All guides are listed in the guides' table of contents, and every term is explained in the glossary.

Choosing where Exponential runs

For administrators and developers who choose the machine and the database of a site:

Page	What it helps you do
Database support	Choose a database from the supported ones, in their official order (SQLite 3, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, MariaDB, Oracle, MySQL), and know what each needs
Operating system support	Check whether an operating system, processor and web server can run Exponential, from Linux to Windows and beyond
Page caching with LiteSpeed and OpenLiteSpeed	Make a site on a LiteSpeed or OpenLiteSpeed server fast for anonymous visitors and crawlers: the server answers from stored pages without PHP, with no plugin and no code

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