

Newsletter - October 2006

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Latest Andornot News

Fall is here and the Andornot team has some exciting products that will help your organization deliver database content in creative ways. Take a look at the revamped [home page of our website](#) which showcases some of these new products and provides you with easy access to current news and developments.

We have integrated our RSS Control and RSS Viewer into the home page so that new database entries or blog posts show up automatically whenever content is updated. You can now also subscribe to our RSS feeds for [Andornot News](#) , [Andornot Developer's Blog](#) , Andornot [WebPublisher Links Database](#) , and the [Inmagic Technical Support Knowledgebase](#) .

New Andornot Products

■ RSS Control and RSS Viewer

Not sure what RSS is? See the definition below*. Think it sounds too techie or complicated to set up? That is why we developed these controls! If you can create a canned search you can implement these yourself, or of course we can help you get started. Using our [RSS Control](#) feeds can be set up from your in-house WebPublisher PRO or *Genie* databases, or from external Inmagic sites as we have done with the Inmagic Knowledgebase.

Bonus: You can use the [RSS Viewer](#) to bring in pretty much any RSS formatted feed into your website pages. So you can add the latest articles from news sources or new content from many other sites that have RSS feeds. Once set up your pages will constantly update without any intervention from you. We have even set up a feed showing the latest hockey headlines for a client who knows this will drive traffic to her intranet site.

Take a look at these in action on the [Interior Health](#) website. The Latest Additions feed is generated using our RSS Control from their library catalogue. Both this and the Ministry of Health news feed are displayed using the RSS Viewer. (Only the catalog pages are publicly available on this site.)

Start looking for RSS feed icons on your favorite sites and [contact us](#) to help you take advantage of these exciting new products.

(* RSS definition from [Wikipedia](#) : "RSS is a simple XML-based system that allows users to subscribe to their favorite websites. Using RSS, webmasters can put their content into a standardized format, which can be viewed and organized through RSS-aware software or automatically conveyed as new content on another website..... It is common to find [web feeds](#) on major websites and many smaller ones.")

■ OneSearch (multi-textbase search)

Fresh out of the development labs is our own multi-textbase search add-on for Inmagic WebPublisher PRO. If your

organization has multiple textbases on the web, you can quickly set up [OneSearch](#) to search across all of them. Search results are presented in a summary format showing the name of each database and the number of hits. Users can then click on a link to view each set of records. eg.

ABC Library Catalogue found 18 results for 'climate change'

[View Results](#)

XYZ Bibliography found 52 results for 'climate change'

[View Results](#)

We are very excited about the potential of this new tool! Other uses could include setting up a search across publicly available databases ([see our demo](#) that searches the catalogues of several BC health libraries). Or OneSearch can also be set to perform multiple searches on the SAME database to provide a neat Admin interface. eg.

TODAY

13 new loans [View](#)

35 overdue loans [View](#)

2 new catalog items added [View](#)

The search parameters, wording and layout are all easily configurable. [Click here](#) for details or [contact us](#) for more information and pricing.

■ **Andornot Starter Kit (ASK)**

We developed the [Andornot Starter Kit](#) based on frequent requests from clients to help them enhance the look and feel of their Inmagic WebPublisher PRO search interfaces. The Starter Kit includes

- a basic catalog textbase
- desktop forms for search, display and editing.
- a quick and an advanced web search page
- Andornot [AJAX Index Popups \(AIP\)](#) for improved index browsing
- brief and full web forms
- CSS (cascading style sheet) for easily changing colors etc.
- Sample header and footer files to work with Inmagic's seams to create a template used in all results pages.
- Sample canned search which can easily be amended to create lists of Popular Searches / Hot Topics etc.
- Andornot Utilities Script package which includes functionality for Back to Search Results / Next|Previous x records / modified Find parameter and URL Tamer for shortening long URLs.
- heavily commented code to help you make modifications.
- documentation
- a one hour Webex based training session (North American clients only)

We highly recommend this kit for clients who need to create a professional web interface but who do not have the time or skills to work on this themselves. Andornot will often use this kit in our consulting projects to get clients off to a quick start. The detailed documentation provides instructions for making future modifications and for using the same forms for another database.

Take a look at our [demo](#) and see how it can help you create a great impression!

[Click here](#) for details or [contact us](#) for more information and pricing.

Inmagic User Group meetings

- *Calgary*
Thursday, Nov. 23rd 2006 11:30-1pm (to be confirmed)
- *Vancouver*
Tuesday, Dec. 5th 2006. 4-5:30pm.(to be confirmed)

Come out and meet some of the Andornot team and get an overview of new products and features. Bring your questions, or let us know in advance if there are any particular topics you would like us to discuss.

Inmagic Notes

- Inmagic Genie version 3.0 released ([more details](#))
- Inmagic names new President ([press release](#))
- [@Inmagic](#) August 2006 newsletter

- Inmagic Co-Founder and Information Science Visionary Elizabeth "Betty" Bole Eddison Dies ([press release](#))
- [Inmagic Content Server v9 released](#)
- Service packs released for DB/Text WebPublisher PRO v9 and Content Server v9. See the [Inmagic Customer Extranet](#).

New and updated websites

We have been busy over the summer! Check out the following sites to get ideas from some of the projects we have been working on. Many of these use our add-on products to enhance the functionality available with WebPublisher PRO. Several use our outsourcing service and are [hosted](#) on our servers.

[AADAC Addictions Resources Catalogue](#) - Alberta.

The updated web interface now includes more payment options for orders from the public (including credit card processing) and a login system for staff and agencies to bypass this when requesting items.

[Arctic Health](#) - Alaska.

Redesign of web search results interface to allow users to email, save or print selected results.

[BCIT Archives](#) (British Columbia Institute of Technology) - B.C.

The Archives has now launched their second database, this one covering their archival descriptions.

[Environmental Law Centre Resource Catalog](#) - Alberta.

Newly launched catalogue from the Environmental Law Centre in Edmonton with an ordering cart.

[Law Society of Newfoundland](#) - Newfoundland & Labrador.

Upgrade to the Law Library web catalogue using parts of our Andornot Starter Kit. The textbase web forms utilizes DB/TextWorks seams to integrate their web site template.

[Lincoln Center Institute](#) - New York.

Redesign of Catalog interface to integrate with their IBM WebSphere Portal. Site features 2 levels of login using a DB/Text database as the datastore plus wishlist and ordering options.

[PRCVI \(Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired\)](#) - B.C.

New Vision Teacher and Resource Contacts database launched. Other databases include catalogues of Visual Impairment and Print Disability materials with login and ordering options.

[SLA Toronto Directory and Librarian's Resource Centre](#) - Ontario

Andornot recently upgraded SLA Toronto's [Directory](#) and [Librarian's Resource Centre](#) . The revised site now integrates with their website design and allows participants in the Directory to login and update their own records.

[Contact us](#) or visit our [web site](#) if you would like more information about these projects and how we can help you enhance your online presence.

Cool Tools & Tips

Cropper

Cropper is a screen capture utility that makes it fast and easy to grab parts of your screen and copy them to the clipboard or save as jpgs, bitmaps etc. It's handy for writing documentation that needs images of your application or web site.

UltraMon

UltraMon is a great utility for multi-monitor systems. None of us at Andornot could live without two monitors - once you've tried it, you'll never want to go back! Anyone involved in multi-tasking or web design can work more effectively, eg. view your website on one monitor, have your design tool open on the other to see the changes without constantly switching window.

Other announcements

Andornot Search Cannery upgraded

The [Andornot Search Cannery](#) has been upgraded to allow you to include more search parameters (such as CSS Absolute Positioning, Error Message File, specify WebPublisher platform). Use this popular tool to help you quickly create the syntax needed to add canned search links using WebPublisher PRO to popular topics etc.

New Addition to the Andornot Family!



On Friday, August 18th, Ted Jardine's wife Angela gave birth to a beautiful 8lbs 6oz baby girl. Makailah Dawn Jardine will be helping her sister Reigna keep Ted happy but sleep deprived.

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