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digMeta

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User Guide

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Introduction

digMeta is a DotNetNuke module that allows you to use **Window LiveWriter** to create and edit content in your DotNetNuke Portals. digMeta opens up a MetaWeblog API to your DotNetNuke modules. Typically the MetaWeblog API is used to publish Blogs, but digMeta let you do much more!

Modules Supported

- DotNetNuke Blog
- DotNetNuke Text/HTML
- Ventrian News Articles

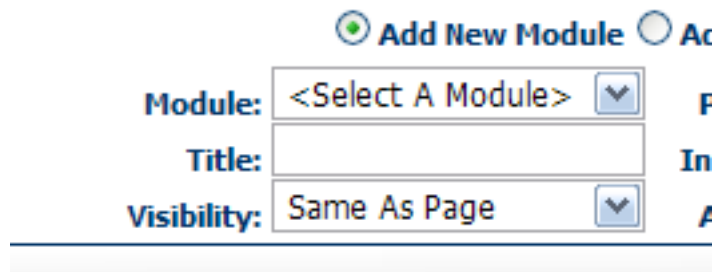For up-to-date versions, please visit dignuke.com

Features

- MetaWeblog API Framework for DotNetNuke
- Supports [Windows Live Writer](#)
- Role AND User level security
- Use your existing DNN login and password
- Plugin Framework so you can use the MetaWeblog with your own modules.

Installation

1. Login as host to your DotNetNuke portal.

2. Go to Host > Module Definitions

3. From the Module menu, select **Upload New Module**

4. Browse and upload the .zip file you received.

After the install, the module will be available in the Modules drop down in the control panel at the top of your portal.

Then add the module to an Admin page on your site. The page should be a viable only by administrators.

Uninstalling

1. Login as host to your DotNetNuke portal.

2. Go to Host > Module Definitions

3. Edit the digMeta module by clicking the edit icon.

   DigMeta   DigMeta allows you to utilize the MetaWeblog API with your DotNetNuke modules.

4. Click **Uninstall** to uninstall digMeta.

> NOTE: This will **NOT** delete the content and images you have uploaded with Windows LiveWriter.

Setup

Install the digMeta module on an some type of admin page. A page which users don't view. You need to be an Admin to edit the digMeta settings.

Meta Connection Name

🖊 Blog1

🖊 News Articles

🖊 Text/Html mouldes

🖊 Jim's Blog

New Meta Connection

Creating a Meta Connection

The number of Meta Connections that you need to create will depend on how the plugin for a particular module is implemented, and how granular you would like to implement the security. For example the DNN Blog plugin requires a meta to be created for each parent blog. The DNN Text/HTML plugin requires one meta to be created to access ALL Text/HTML modules on your site.

![dignuke logo]

Settings

Product:	⦿ DNN Blog 3.3.1+
	○ DNN Text/HTML 4.x
	○ Ventrian News 0.5.73+
Connection Name:	News Articles
Allowed Roles:	☑ Administrators ☐ Subscribers
	☐ Registered Users
Allowed Users:	Administrator Account ▾ Add User
Object Path:	/Portals/0/ [userid]/[username]/[displayna] Check Path

Tags: [userid] [username] [displayname] [metaid] [metaname]
Sample *SuperUser Account* path: **/Portals/0/1/host/SuperUser Account/3/News Articles/**
Path OK!

There are some standard settings for each Meta Connection.

Product

This will vary depending on the plugins that are installed.

Connection Name

This is the name for your meta. It is used for admin descriptive purposes. It may also be used by a plugin in reporting the "blog" name back to the Windows Live Writer.

Allowed Roles

The digMeta security is separate from the module security. Allowed Roles are the roles which are allowed to use the meta connection.

Allowed Users

You can specify which specific users that are allowed to use the meta connection.

Object Path

You can specify which which path in your portal home directory you would like to store the meta files.

Header:

Footer:

Header and Footer

Header and footer are inserted into the body of the post. You can use this to do things like insert adsense ads, LinkThis, or ShareThis scripts.

Windows LiveWriter has no perfect way to handle summaries for your posts. digMeta supports the following methods.

- Use a split post.
- Use the text only Excerpt field
- Extract the first X characters of text from your post.

digMeta will adapt to different ways which a user can send a summary. For example if one users uses a split post, digMeta will use it to create a summary. If another user uses an excerpt, digMeta will use the excerpt. The preferred way is using a split post. Below is an example of a split post in Live Writer.
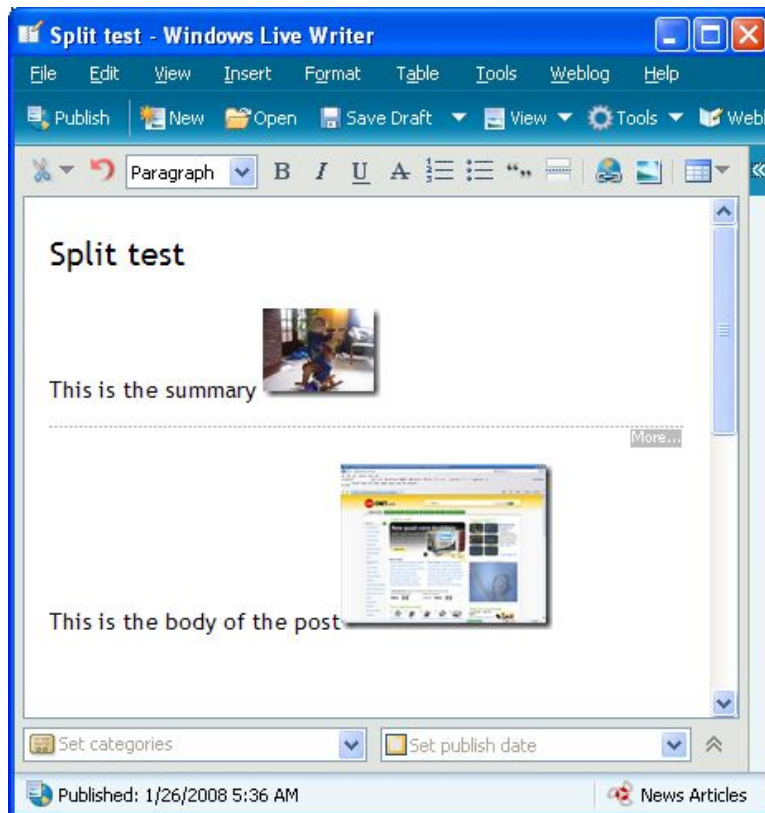
To insert a split post, you need to select Split Post from the Format menu

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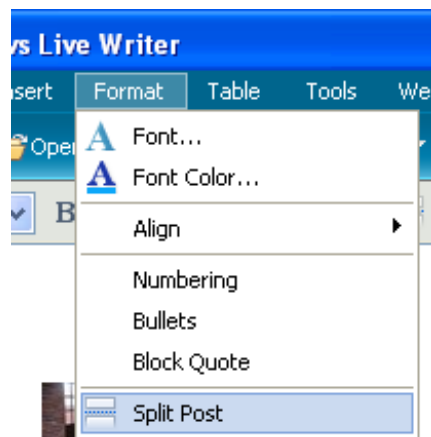
To use an excerpt, you can enter text in the excerpt field.
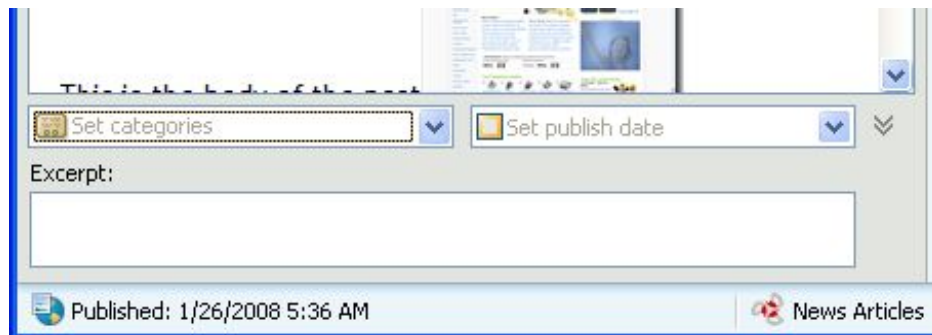
If you plugin supports a summary, you should see the following options.

**When sending a Post to editor**

> When a user opens a post, this will determine how you want the summary to be sent to the blog editor.

When receiving a split post

> If you choose the first option **Top is summary, bottom is content**. Anything defined above the "more" line will be the summary, anything below will be the content
>
> If you choose **Top is summary and beginning of content**, anything above the more line will be used as the summary AND it will also be used as the beginning of the content.

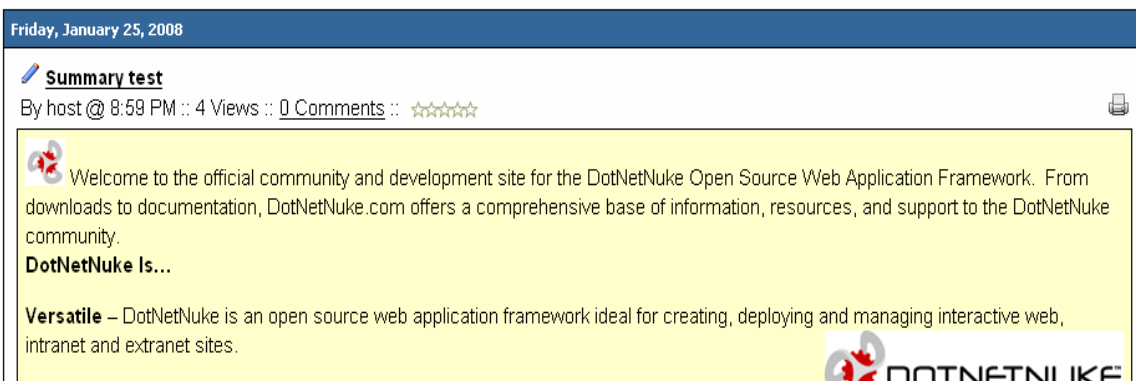Example: Original Live Writer content with a split post, and the summary which will look the same for either option:
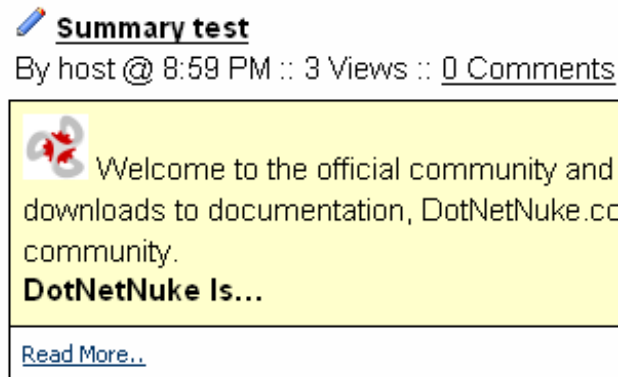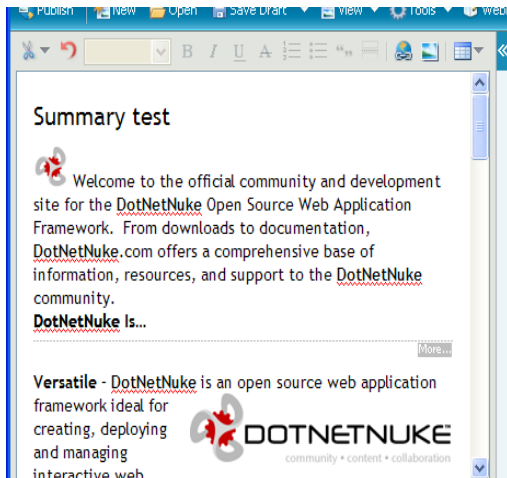
Top is summary, and bottom is content. The summary text is **not included in the post**.
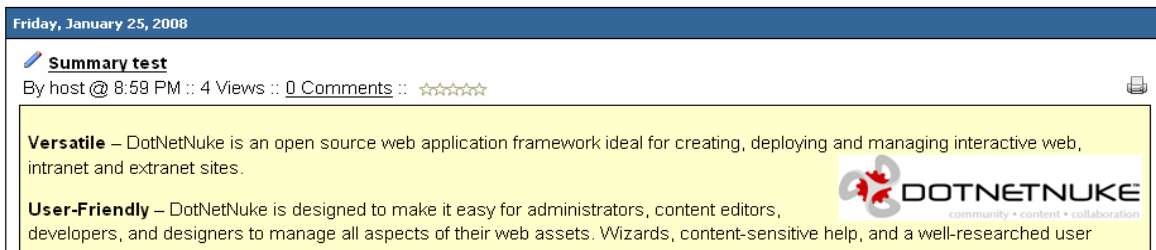
Top is summary and beginning of content
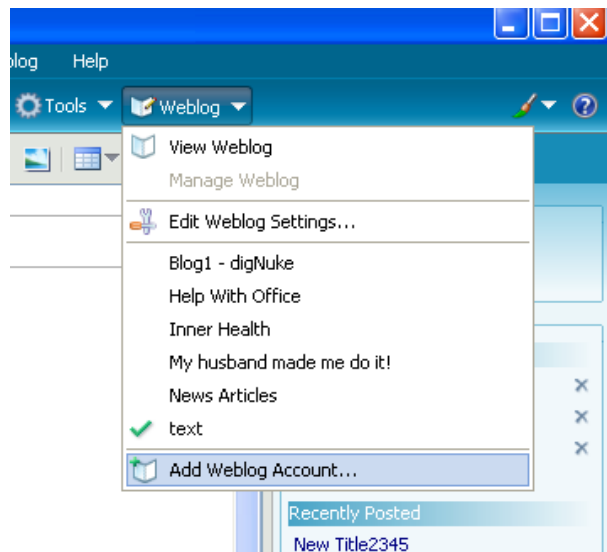
Options

The Options section will change depending on the plug in. For the standard plug ins included in digMeta, please visit dignuke.com for setup details.

Setting up Windows Live Writer

You can download Windows Live Writer from http://get.live.com/writer/overview
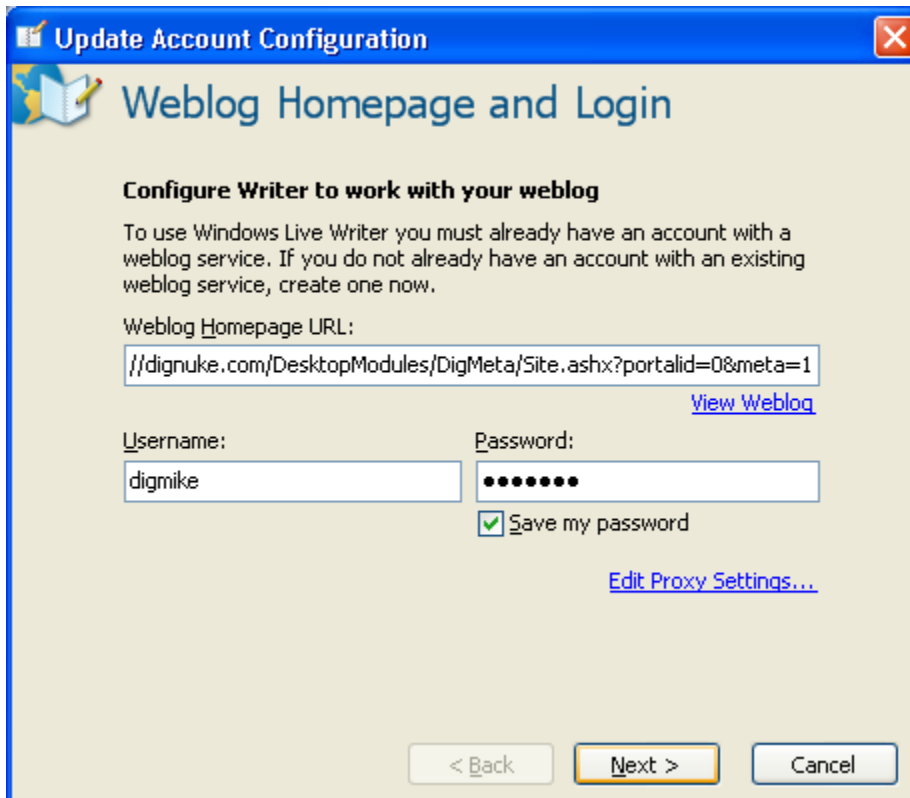
First step, you need to Add a new weblog account.

Next choose the weblog type of **Another Weblog Service**
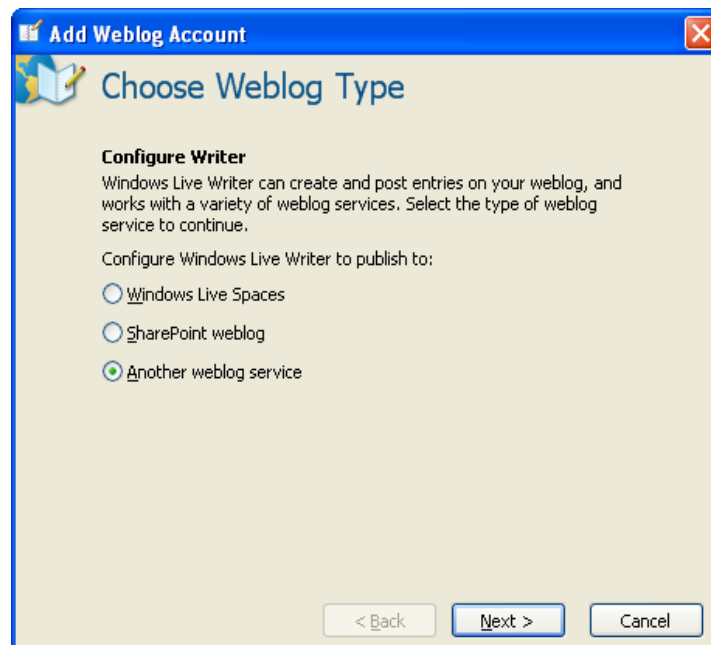
Now enter the homepage information from the digMeta admin screen.. If you set this the the actual url of your blog, Windows Live Writer will reset it back to the home url. For username and password, use your DotNetNuke username and password.

Live Writer will then prompt you with the following. Select **Yes**.
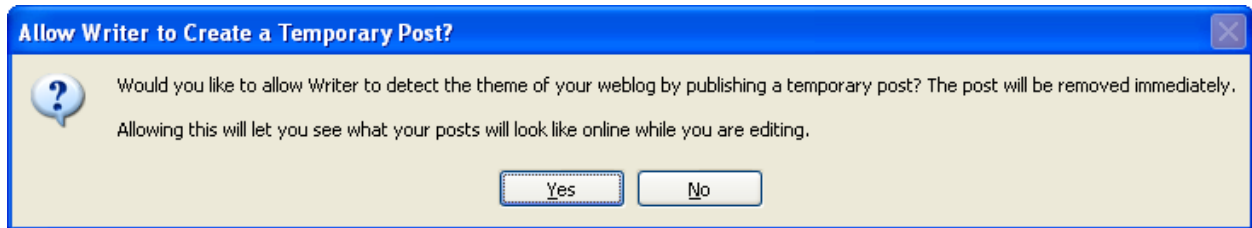
You are Done!

Don't forget to visit http://gallery.live.com/default.aspx?pl=8 to see all the plug ins available to use in LiveWriter.

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