

Getting started

Starting the Rich Text Document (RTD) editor

The RTD Editor is part of the Publisher application. To start the application double click on a rich text (.rtd) document or select a document and choose "Open" from the "File" option in the Publisher menu.

Button and menu bar








The top button and menu bar contains buttons for the most often used actions on the left, and the RTD editor menu on the far right. The menu contains all actions available in the application. The menu also displays shortcut key combinations. Greyed-out options are (temporarily) unavailable, for example when a selection is needed before performing an action.






Toolbar

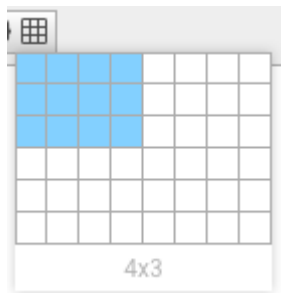
Directly below the button bar the toolbar is displayed, containing all options to style and format the contents of the document.



Formatting options




-  Text style - this offers all pre-defined styles for the website. Usually several headings, normal and some lists may be available. Extra styles depend on the website design.
-  Bullets and numbering, and, to the right 'level up' and 'level down' for these bullets and numbering.

-  The properties button is only available when an image, hyperlink, video or other inserted object is selected and can be used to change the properties of the selected item.
-  Bold, italic, underline, strikethrough. Some styles may be disabled for your website.

-  Subscript and superscript.
-  The hyperlink button allows you to add an internal or external link.
-  Insert image from your computer..
-  Insertable objects: this button is used to components to your websites. Most of these will be custom built for your website.
-  Adding a website is not enabled by default. When available you can click the table button and choose the desired amount of columns and rows.



Status

The document status is always displayed at the bottom of the screen:

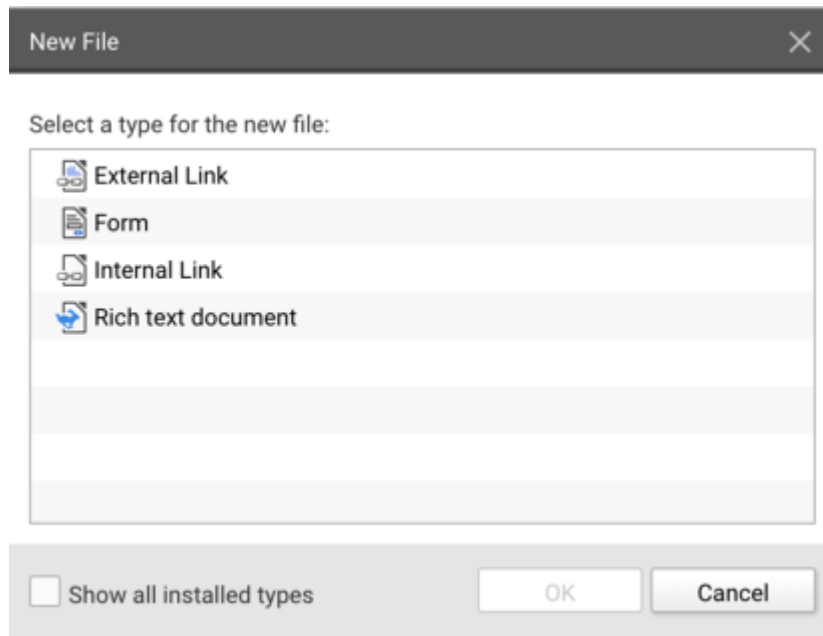
-  This document has unsaved changes.
-  This document has changes that haven't been published yet.
-  The file has been published at 02-05-2019 16:50

Actions

Creating a document

A new document can be created from the publisher:

1. Go to the website or folder where you want to place the document.
2. Click the "New file" button and choose "Rich Text document"



3. Click "OK" to continue.
4. The file properties are displayed. You can change the file name (used for the URL) and choose a title (used for navigation).
5. Do not check the "Publish this file" option yet - if you do, the (empty) file will be published straight away.
6. Click "OK" to create the file.
7. Double click on the file and or choose "Open" from the context menu.

The Rich Text editor will be opened and you can start editing the document.

Saving and Publishing




A newly added Rich Text Document (RTD) file is not automatically published. You can change the contents and use "Save" to store the changed document, but then the document is still not published. Other Publisher users can see and edit the saved document.

When the document is ready to be placed online the "Publish" action is used; this action saves and publishes the document.

Changing a published document

Once a document is published you can still change the contents of the document. When you save these changes, the published version of the document (the online version) remains unchanged. Other Publisher users can see and edit the saved changes. When you another user chooses to *publish* the document, the changes are published.

The publisher file list shows the possible states the document is in:

-  The file is not (yet) published. Nothing is visible online. Changes can be saved.
-  The file is published and is visible online.
-  The file is published, but additional changes have been saved for this document. The published version is visible online, the changes are not visible until the file is published again.

(These are the most often occurring states the files can be in. For a full list, [see the Publisher manual](#)).

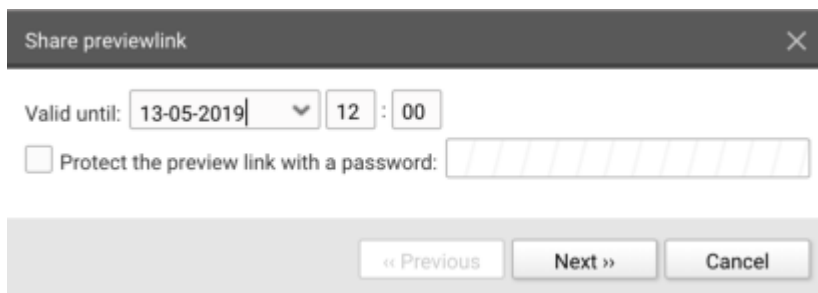
Auto-save

When the editor is closed or terminated unexpectedly unsaved changes will be stored. When you or another user re-opens the document the editor will ask if the auto-saved changes should be loaded. Please note - if you choose 'no', the changes will be deleted.

Sending a preview link

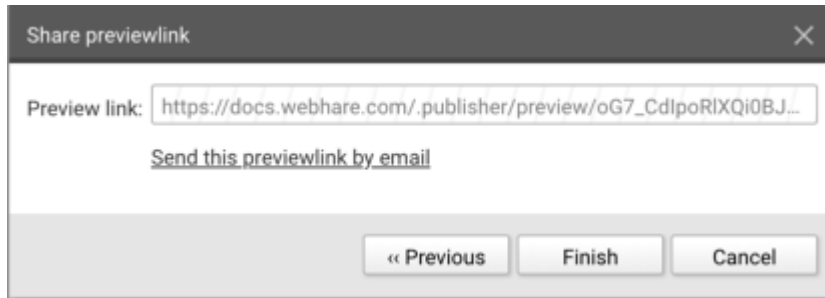
You can use a preview link to show someone what the page is going to be when it's published.

- Make sure you have *saved, unpublished* changes.
- Choose "Previewlink" from the "View" button menu.



- Choose until what moment this page is available.
- You can set a password protection - the visitor who visits the link will have to provide this password.

- Click "Next" to continue.




- You can copy the preview link and send it to whom you want. Make sure you also communicate the password if you have set this.
- Click Finish to enable the link.


You can keep working on the document after you have sent the preview link. When you save changes these will be visible until the expiration date - however, if the document is *published* the link will no longer work.

✓ Publication tips

- A newly created document is not automatically published and therefore not visible online.
- Changes made to the document can be saved, but the document will remain unpublished.
- When the "Publish" button or menu action is used the document is saved and published, making it available online.

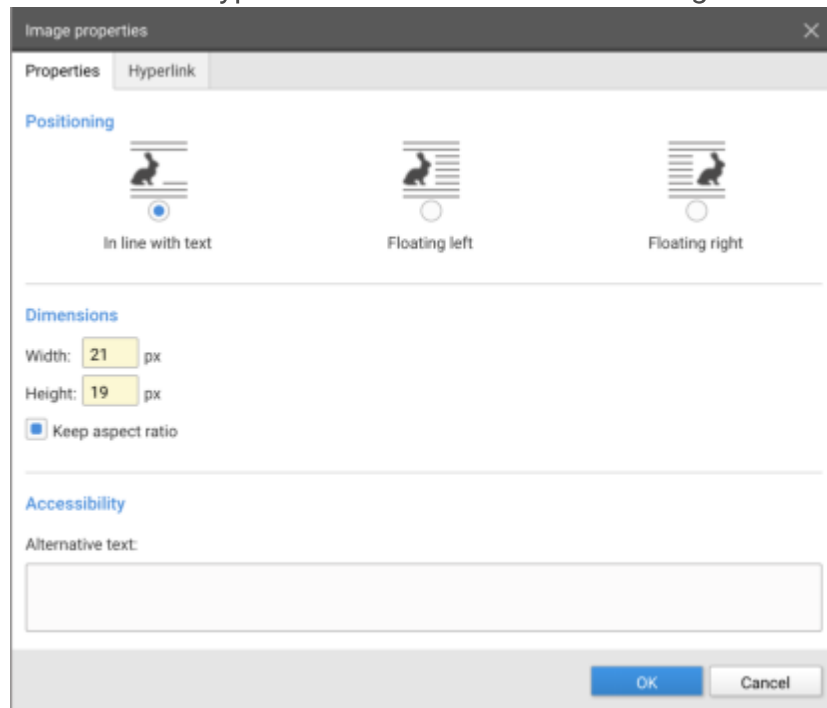
Images

You can use insert an image using the "Image"  button in the toolbar. Choose an image to upload from your computer. The image placed directly in to the document.


After placing the document you can edit the properties by either double clicking the image or selecting the image and clicking the "properties" button in the toolbar. .

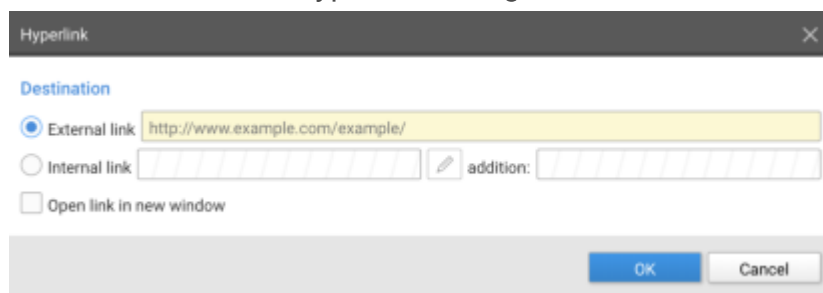
The image properties allow you to set the image positioning and size. For accessibility reasons an alternative text (used for visually impaired browsers for example) can be added. On the

second tab a hyperlink can be added for the image.



Hyperlink

1. To add a hyperlink, select the text you want to turn into a link: this can be a word, sentence or an entire paragraph.
2. The "hyperlink" button in the toolbar is now enabled: .
3. Press it to show the hyperlink dialog:



4. When you choose to add an external link you need to enter the *entire* address, including https:// or http://
5. When you choose to add an internal link you first choose "internal link", after which the "edit" button is enabled. This opens a browse dialog in which you can choose the link destination.
6. If needed you can add an addition to the link - for instance to add an "anchor" (#anchor).
7. When you check the "Open link in new window" option the link will be opened in a new browser window or tab, depending on the visitors preference.

8. Press "OK" to add the link.

✓ Internal links are better!

If you want to link to another page within your website (or within another site in the same Publisher) we recommend using internal links - there is no chance of errors and when the destination file is moved, the link is automatically updated!


Insertable objects

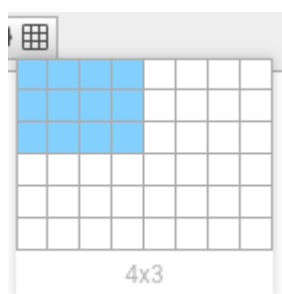
Depending on your website different object types can be inserted. These can range from videos to text in columns, contact information or slideshows. Use the "Insert option" button and choose from the available options. What you can set for the object depends on the object type you are adding.

After you have added the insertable object you can hover your mouse over the object to display a hovering buttonbar, featuring an 'insert line above object', 'insert line below object', 'edit' and a 'delete' button.



Tables

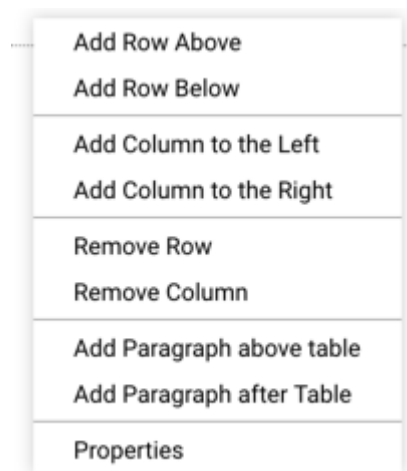
The "Tables" button  can be used to create tables: click the button and select the desired height and width.



⚠ Avoid the use of tables

When your website is displayed on (desktop and) mobiles screens the use of tables is not recommended - they do not fit on smaller screen sizes and often do not work well with so-called websites that are 'responsive' (optimized for viewing on different devices).

When you have placed your cursor inside of a table you can use the context menu (right mouse button) for available actions:



To delete the entire table, choose "Properties" from the context menu and use the "Remove table" button:

