

# Flash News Ticker

## User Guide

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The “Flash News Ticker” module allows you to scroll through news items in a horizontal or vertical direction with administrative features that allow you to easily customize the look of your news ticker.

Each module of “Flash News Ticker” can be setup to have different sizes, scroll directions, scroll speeds, and many other options! Check out all of the features below:

- Define the scrolling direction and default speed
- Optionally allow the ticker to show 'Forward' and 'Back' buttons to allow the user to modify the current speed of the news ticker
- Select the colors for the news ticker including the background color, forecolor, and border color
- Easily preview the module directly within admin settings to easily adjust settings. No need to exist/re-enter to make modifications!
- Option to pause the news ticker on mouse click
- Option to pause the news ticker on mouse hover
- Easily add news items in the administration page. Each news item can optionally include a link that the user will be navigated to if they click on the news item.
- IPORABLE Support, easily export/import your module settings
- Initial Template - Easily start with an initial template to get started

## 2 INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

Included in your download are either one (If you only purchased the PA) or two (If you purchased the PA and Source Code) zip files. One zip file is the source code to the application, and the other zip file is the module which you can upload to your site.

When you extract the files, you will notice that it extracts two zip files (**note:** only one if you just purchased the PA).

- **DataSprings\_FlashNewsTicker\_ModulePA.zip** - file for installing “Flash News Ticker” with your DNN
- **DataSprings\_FlashNewsTicker\_Source.zip** - source zip file you can use in order to make any changes to the application (**note:** meant for advanced users)

In order to install your “Flash News Ticker” module, login with an account to your DNN site as a host or administrator account. Once logged in, Navigate to the Host menu item, and click on the “Module Definition”.

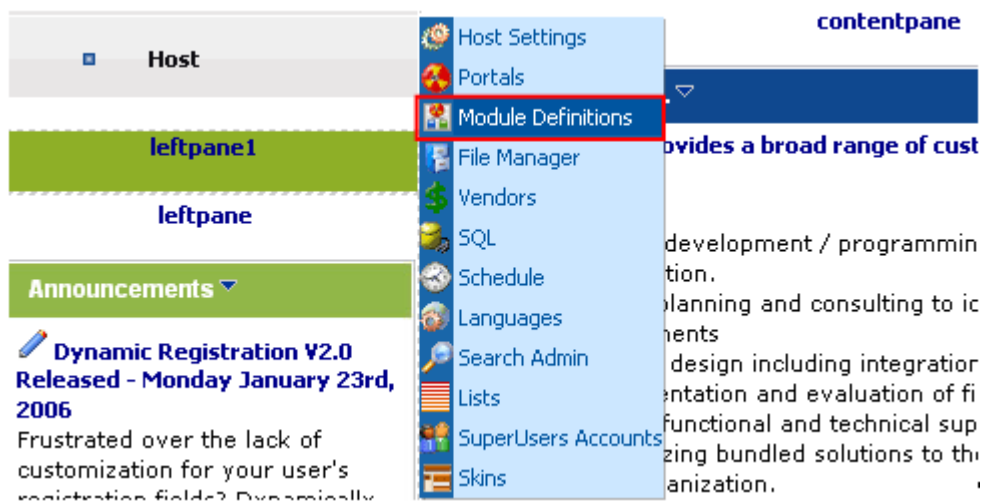


Figure 1: Installation procedure (step 1/6)

The following screen will be displayed.

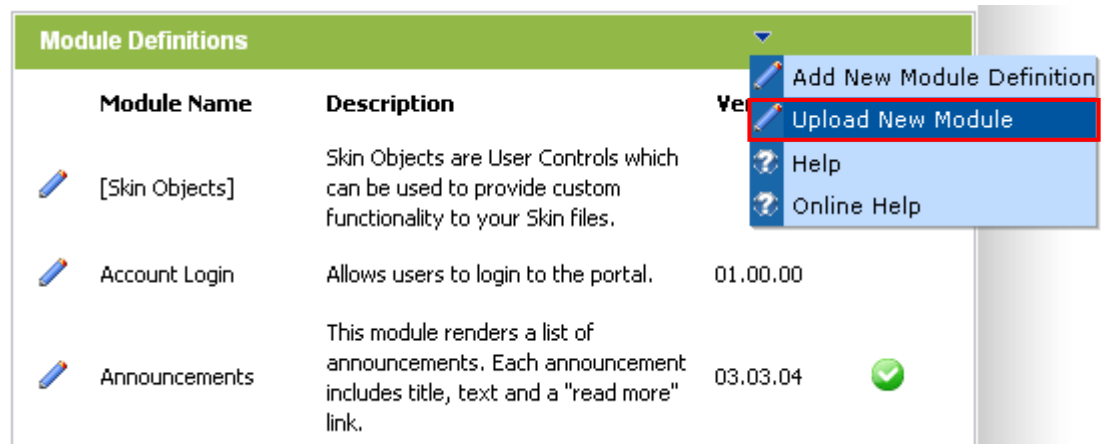


Figure 2: Installation procedure (step 2/6)

Click on the “Upload New Module” to continue installing “Flash News Ticker” and the following screen will be displayed.

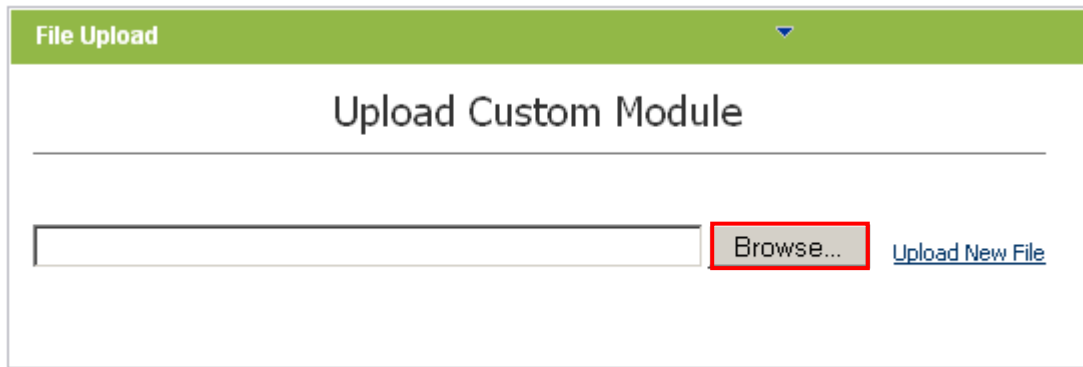


Figure 3: Installation procedure (step 3/6)

Click on the “Browse” button and the dialog window for locating the installation file “DataSprings\_FlashNewsTicker\_ModulePA.zip” will be displayed.

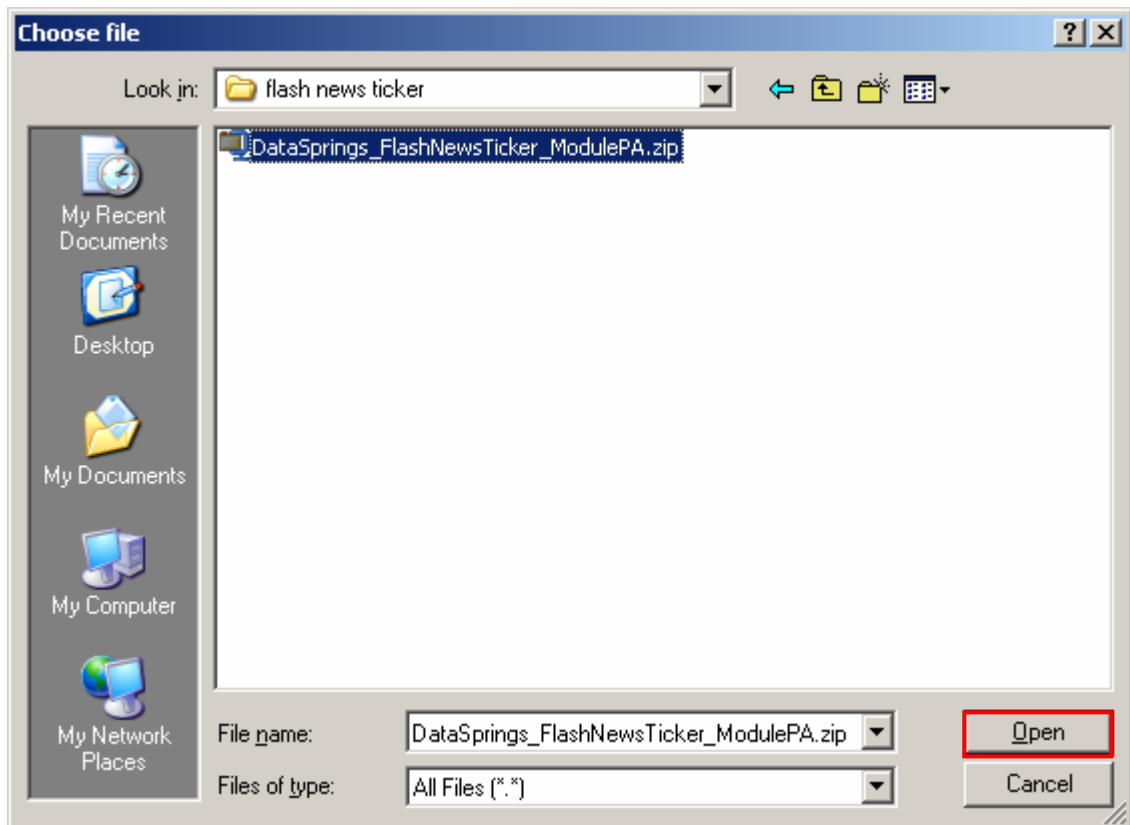
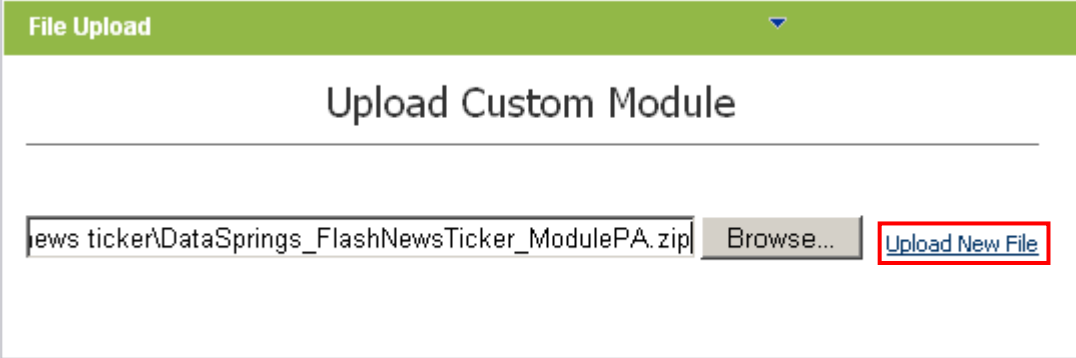


Figure 4: Installation procedure (step 4/6)

Locate the “DataSprings\_FlashNewsTicker\_ModulePA.zip” and click on the “Open” button. The following screen will be displayed.



The screenshot shows a web interface for uploading a custom module. At the top, there is a green header with the text 'File Upload' and a dropdown arrow. Below this, the main heading is 'Upload Custom Module'. A horizontal line separates the heading from the input area. In the input area, there is a text field containing the file path 'ews ticker\DataSprings\_FlashNewsTicker\_ModulePA.zip'. To the right of the text field is a 'Browse...' button, which is disabled. Further to the right is a link labeled 'Upload New File', which is highlighted with a red rectangular border.

Figure 5: Installation procedure (step 5/6)

Select the “**DataSprings\_FlashNewsTicker\_ModulePA.zip**” file and click on the “Upload New File” link. The installation will begin and in couple of moments the screen informing you on successful completion will be displayed.

**StartJob Registering DesktopModule**

Info Registering Definitions

Info Registering Controls

**EndJob Registering finished**

**EndJob Installation successfull.**


[Return](#)

Figure 6: Installation procedure (step 6/6)

**Note:** please keep track of any errors that appear during the installation. These errors can be helpful if your module has problems.

### 3 ADDING FLASH NEWS TICKER MODULE TO A PAGE

In order to add “Flash News Ticker” module to a desired page follow these steps:

1. Select the “Add New Module” radio button
2. Choose “Flash News Ticker” from the “Module” pull down menu
3. Click on the “Add” link (or the arrow icon .

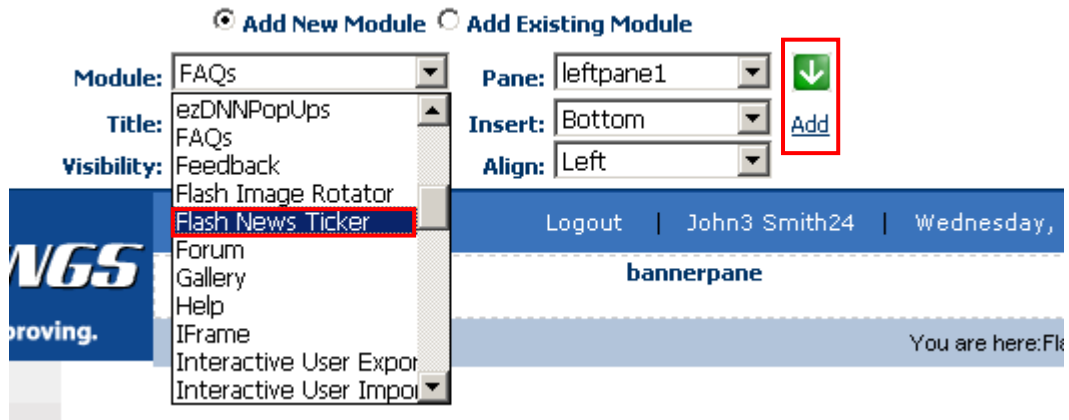


Figure 7: Adding a module to a page

The “Flash News Ticker” module will be added to the page. Click on the arrow next to the title of the module in order to open the main menu.



Figure 8: Opening the module main menu

**Note:** see section 4 for further information on main menu options.

## 4 FLASH NEWS TICKER MAIN MENU

This section of the document will give the definition of the “Flash News Ticker” main menu options. In order to start using the main menu, click on the arrow next to the title “Flash News Ticker”.

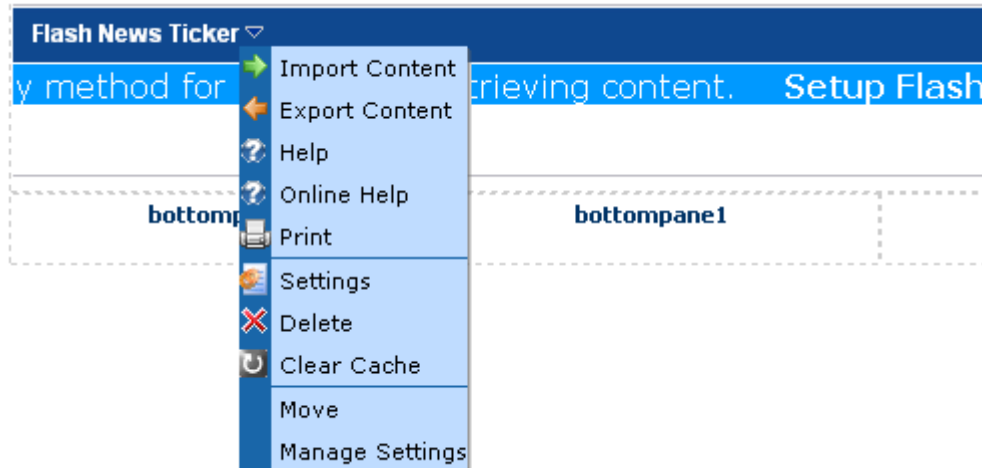


Figure 9: Opening the main menu

The following options are available inside this screen:

- **Import Content** – option for importing content (see section 6)
- **Export Content** – option for exporting content (see section 6.1)
- **Help** – this user guide
- **Print** – option for printing the contents of the page
- **Settings** – option for managing standard module settings
- **Delete** – option for deleting a module (see section 7)
- **Move** – option for placing the module in the desired part of the page:
  - Move To leftpane
  - Move To bannerpane
  - Move To contentpane
  - Move To rightpane
  - Move To bottompane
  - Move To bottompane1
  - Move To bottompane2
- **Manage Settings** – option for managing the news ticker settings (see section 5)



## 5 MANAGING THE FLASH NEWS TICKER SETTINGS

In order to start managing the “Flash News Ticker” settings, choose option “Manage Settings” from the main menu.

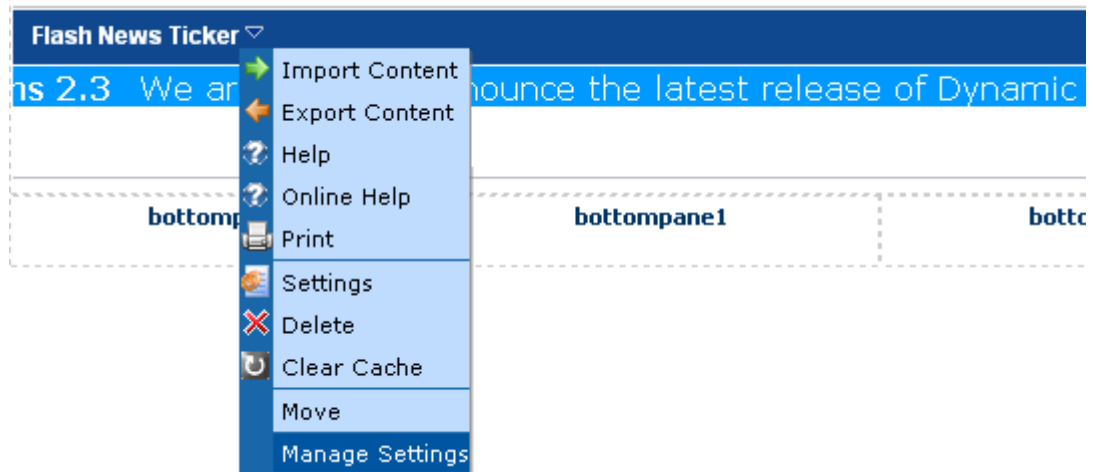


Figure 10: Managing the News Ticker Settings

The following screen will be displayed.

### Flash News Ticker Module Settings

Scroll Direction:

Enable Speed Control:

Default Speed (can include decimals):

Flash Ticker Width:

Flash Ticker Height:

Set object as transparent:

Background HTML Color:

Foreground HTML Color:

Border HTML Color:

Border Size:

Font Name:

Font Size:

Pause on Mouse Click:

Pause on Mouse Hover:

News Items:




News Title	News Item	URL (Web Site Link)	URL Target	Sort Order	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="_Blank (Pop up)"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="+"/>

[Exit / Cancel](#) [Update](#) [Preview](#)

Figure 11: Available Flash News Ticker Module Settings

The following parameters are available inside this screen:

- **Scroll Direction** - select the direction you would like to have the news ticker scroll (vertical or horizontal)
- **Enable Speed Control** - select if you would like to enable the speed control feature for this module; the speed control allows users to click on forward/back arrow buttons to speed up or slow down the ticker
- **Default Speed (can include decimals)** - select the default speed (**note:** the use of decimal numbers is allowed)
- **Flash Ticker Width** - enter the width (in pixels) for the Flash Ticker
- **Flash Ticker Height** - enter the height (in pixels) for the Flash Ticker
- **Set object as transparent** - select if the news ticker should be transparent

- **Background HTML Color** - select the background color for the news ticker (**note:** you can either enter the hexadecimal color value or click on this icon  to open a color menu for choosing the desired color – see Figure 12)
- **Foreground HTML Color** - select the foreground color for the news ticker (**note:** you can either enter the hexadecimal color value or click on this icon  to open a color menu for choosing the desired color – see Figure 12)
- **Border HTML Color** - select the border color for the news ticker (**note:** you can either enter the hexadecimal color value or click on this icon  to open a color menu for choosing the desired color – see Figure 12)
- **Border Size** - select the size (in pixels) of the border for the flash news ticker
- **Font Name** - enter the font name for the news ticker
- **Font Size** - enter the font size for the news ticker
- **Pause on Mouse Click** - select if you would like to have the ticker paused if the user clicks the mouse
- **Pause on Mouse Hover** - select if you would like to have the ticker paused if the user places the mouse over the ticker
- **News items** – part of the screen used for managing the news items (see section 5.1)

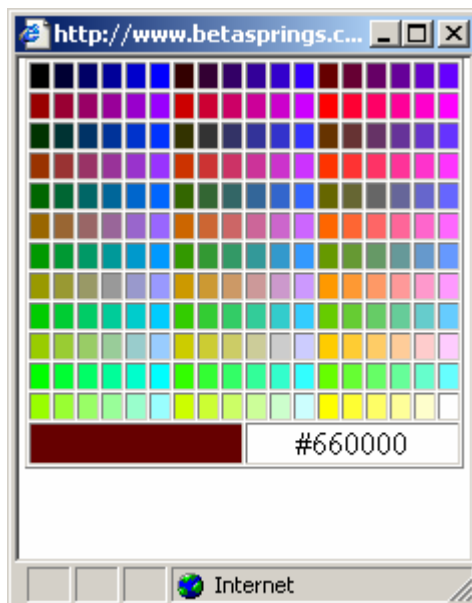


Figure 12: Color menu

## 5.1 Managing the News Items

In order to start managing the news items, choose option “Manage Settings” from the main menu (see Figure 10). The following screen will be displayed.

**Flash News Ticker Module Settings**

Scroll Direction:

Enable Speed Control:

Default Speed (can include decimals):

Flash Ticker Width:

Flash Ticker Height:

Set object as transparent:

Background HTML Color:

Foreground HTML Color:

Border HTML Color:

Border Size:

Font Name:

Font Size:

Pause on Mouse Click:

Pause on Mouse Hover:

News Items:

News Title	News Item	URL (Web Site Link)	URL Target	Sort Order		
New product	Our new product available.	www.address.com	_Blank	1		
Discount coupon	As of this month, discount coupons will be available for purchasing the products with the discount.	www.address.com	_Blank	2		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="_Blank (Pop up)"/>	<input type="text"/>		

Exit / Cancel Update Preview

Figure 13: Options for managing the news items

The following parameters for managing the news items are available:

- - option for deleting a news item (see section 5.4)
- - option for edit news item (see section 5.3)
- - option for adding a news item (see section 5.2)
- **Exit/Cancel** – option for leaving this page without applying any changes
- **Update** – option for applying the changes
- **Preview** – option for viewing the layout of the news item prior to applying the changes to the live site

## 5.2 Adding a new news item

In order to start adding a new news item, choose option “Manage Settings” from the main menu (see Figure 10). The following screen will be displayed.

Flash News Ticker Module Settings ▼

Scroll Direction:

Enable Speed Control:

Default Speed (can include decimals):

Flash Ticker Width:

Flash Ticker Height:

Set object as transparent:

Background HTML Color:

Foreground HTML Color:

Border HTML Color:

Border Size:

Font Name:

Font Size:

Pause on Mouse Click:

Pause on Mouse Hover:

News Items:

News Title	News Item	URL (Web Site Link)	URL Target	Sort Order	
New produc	Our new product	www.address.com	_Blank (Pop up)	1	+


[Exit / Cancel](#) [Update](#) [Preview](#)

Figure 14: Adding a news item

The following parameters for adding a new news item are available:

- **News Title** – input field for entering the news title; this title will appear in the ticker and will also be a hyperlink to the page with further information (whole news) – the URL is set under “URL (Web Site Link)”
- **News Item** – text area for defining the content/description of the news item; this part of the news item is also a link to the whole news in case you enter URL under “URL (Web Site Link)”
- **URL (Web Site Link)** – input field for entering the URL the visitors will visit upon clicking on the title or news item description (**note:** this can either be a page on your website or any other page on the internet)
- **URL Target** – select the desired behavior for the URL target

- **\_Blank (Pop up)** – if you choose this option the news item will be displayed within the pop up window
- **\_Self (Same Window)** - if you choose this option the news item will be displayed within the same window
- **\_Parent (Parent Window)** - if you choose this option the news item will be displayed within the parent window
- **Sort Order** – enter the desired sort order for the news item (**note:** you can use a sequence of non consecutive numbers 10,20,30, so you could add additional news items in between afterwards (e.g. 12, 13)

After setting the desired parameters, click on the add icon  and the new news item will be added to the list. You can repeat this procedure for the desired amount of news items. In order to complete the procedure of defining the news items, click on the “Update” link in the bottom of the screen.

The “Flash News Ticker” will be displayed containing the newly added news item.

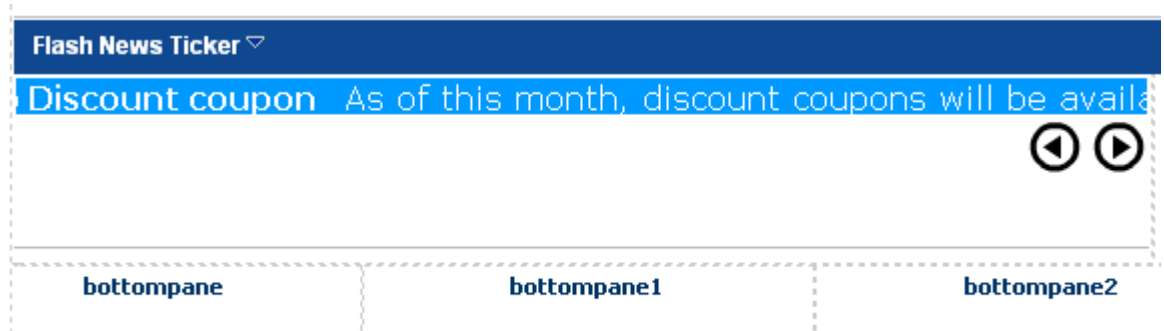









Figure 15: Newly added news item

### 5.3 Editing a news item


In order to edit a news item, choose option “Manage Settings” from the main menu (see Figure 10). The following screen will be displayed.

 News Items:

News Title	News Item	URL (Web Site Link)	URL Target	Sort Order		
New product	Our new product available.	www.address.com	_Blank	1		
Discount coupon	As of this month, discount coupons will be available for purchasing the products with the discount.	www.address.com	_Blank	2		
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

[Exit / Cancel](#) [Update](#) [Preview](#)

Figure 16: Editing a news item (step 1/2)

Click on the edit  icon next to the desired news item. The screen will be refreshed allowing you to modify the desired parameters.

News Items:

News Title	News Item	URL (Web Site Link)	URL Target	Sort Order	
New product	Our new product available.	www.address.com	_Blank	1	✕ ✎
Discount coupon	As of this month, discount coupons will be available for purchasing the products with the discount.	www.address.com	_Blank (Pop up)	2	✕ ✎ Update Cancel

Exit / Cancel Update Preview

Figure 17: Editing a news item (step 2/2)

Make the desired changes and click on the “Update” link in order to save them.

## 5.4 Deleting a news item

In order to delete a news item, choose option “Manage Settings” from the main menu (see Figure 10). The following screen will be displayed.

News Items:

News Title	News Item	URL (Web Site Link)	URL Target	Sort Order	
New product	Our new product available.	www.address.com	_Blank	1	✕ ✎
Discount coupon	As of this month, discount coupons will be available for purchasing the products with the discount.	www.address.com	_Blank	2	✕ ✎
			_Blank (Pop up)		+

Exit / Cancel Update Preview

Figure 18: Deleting a news item

Click on the delete ✕ icon next to the desired news item. The news item will be deleted.

## 5.5 Examples for the “Flash News Ticker” scroll direction

This section of the document will give the examples for setting the desired scroll direction for the news items. In order to set the desired direction (**vertical** or **horizontal**), choose option “Manage Settings” from the main menu and then select the desired option from the “Scroll Direction” pull down menu.

### 5.5.1 Example of the vertical scroll

The 2 screenshots below demonstrate the page for choosing the desired setting as well as the layout as seen by the end users.

Flash News Ticker Module Settings

Refresh

? Preview:

**Open vacancies**

Our company is glad to announce that we now have open vacancies. Further information available upon clicking on this text.

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**Product discount**

As of this month, discount coupons will be available for purchasing the products with the discount.

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**New product**

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? Scroll Direction: Vertical

? Enable Speed Control:

? Default Speed (can include decimals): 1.4

? Flash Ticker Width: 500

? Flash Ticker Height: 160

Figure 19: Setting the vertical scroll direction

Choose option “Vertical” from the pull down menu and click on the “Update” link to save the changes.

**Note:**

- You can use the “**Preview**” (utilized in the screenshot above) instead of “**Update**” link and view the changes immediately without affecting the layout in the front end. This will allow you to fine tune the layout without disturbing your visitors.
- When using the vertical scroll you can increase the height (parameter: **Flash Ticker Height**) of the “Flash News Ticker” and thus enlarge the visible area for the scrolling news items

The screenshot below demonstrates the “Flash News Ticker” as seen by the end users.



Figure 20: Vertical scroll as seen by the end users



### 5.5.2 Example of the horizontal scroll

The 2 screenshots below demonstrate the page for choosing the desired setting as well as the layout as seen by the end users.

Figure 21: Setting the horizontal scroll direction

Choose option “Horizontal” from the pull down menu and click on the “Update” link to save the changes.

**Note:**

- You can use the “**Preview**” (utilized in the screenshot above) instead of “**Update**” link and view the changes immediately without affecting the layout in the front end. This will allow you to fine tune the layout without disturbing your visitors.

The screenshot below demonstrates the “Flash News Ticker” as seen by the end users.



Figure 22: Horizontal scroll as seen by the end users

## 5.6 Examples for Speed control Commands

The “Flash News Ticker” gives you the opportunity to allow your users to modify the scrolling speed. This is controlled by using the “Enable Speed Control” parameter.

In order to turn **on/off** this feature, choose option "Manage Settings" from the main menu. The following screen will be displayed.

Flash News Ticker Module Settings

? Scroll Direction:	Horizontal ▾
? Enable Speed Control:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
? Default Speed (can include decimals):	<input type="text" value="1.4"/>
? Flash Ticker Width:	<input type="text" value="500"/>
? Flash Ticker Height:	<input type="text" value="20"/>

Figure 23: Using the "Enable Speed Control" parameter

Select this parameter if you wish to allow your users to control the speed i.e. display the commands and enable them.



Figure 24: Example of the "Flash News Ticker" with the speed control

Alternatively, you can decide to turn off the "Enable Speed Control" parameter and the speed commands will not be visible anymore.

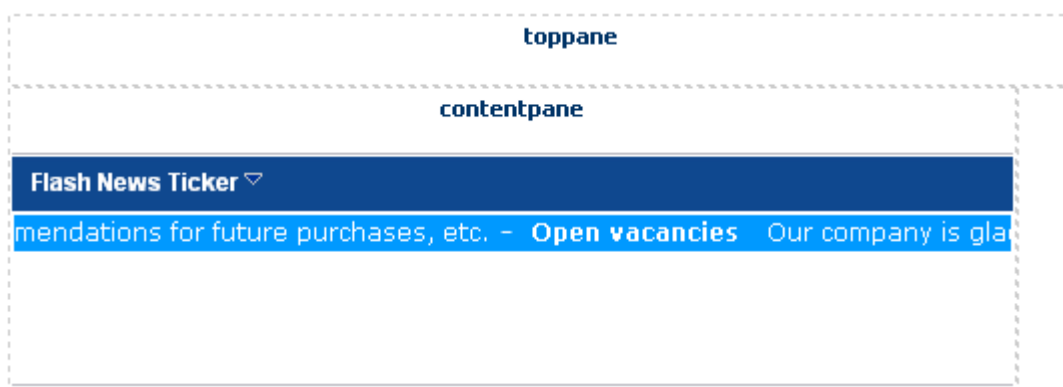


Figure 25: Example of the "Flash News Ticker" without the speed control

## 5.7 Example for a combination of various parameters

This section will demonstrate the layout of the “Flash News Ticker” when a combination of various parameters has been used.

### Flash News Ticker Module Settings

Refresh

Preview:

#### New product

Our new product available.

#### Member's area

We have added a new section on the website called "Member's area" where you can now login and check your status, edit your profile, see recommendations for future purchases, etc.

#### Open vacancies

Our company is glad to announce that we now have open vacancies. Further information available upon clicking on this text.

Scroll Direction:	Vertical
Enable Speed Control:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Default Speed (can include decimals):	1.4
Flash Ticker Width:	400
Flash Ticker Height:	300
Set object as transparent:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Background HTML Color:	#000000
Foreground HTML Color:	#FFFF33
Border HTML Color:	#FF0000
Border Size:	5
Font Name:	Verdana
Font Size:	16

Figure 26: Combination of parameters

Settings:

- **Border and HR ruler colors** - in order to display the border and horizontal rulers in red, the “**Border HTML Color**” parameter has been set to “**#FF0000**” i.e. the red color has been chosen from the color menu (see Figure 12)
- **Font Color** - in order to display the text as yellow, the “**Foreground HTML Color**” parameter has been set to “**#FFFF33**” i.e. the yellow color has been chosen from the color menu (see Figure 12)
- **Background Color** - in order to display the background as black, the “**Foreground HTML Color**” parameter has been set to “**#000000**” i.e. the black color has been chosen from the color menu (see Figure 12)
- **Font size** – the font size has been set to 16 (**note:** you should make sure to adjust the height of the “Flash News Ticker” according to the font size)
- **Border size** – for the purpose of this demonstration, the border size has been set to 5 so it is made clearly visible (**note** this setting also applies to the width of the horizontal ruler between the news items)
- **Height/Width** – the height and width of the “Flash News Ticker” can be adjusted according to the scroll direction, font size, border size or any other criteria; you can set it to be a thin line or a box like part of your website displaying news about your company

## 6 EXPORTING AND IMPORTING NEWS ITEMS

The purpose of the export and import options is to allow you to easily copy the created news items to multiple instances of “Flash News Ticker” on the website.

The first step is to export the content i.e. export the already created news items. Once the content has been exported, you can add the “Flash News Ticker” module to a different page on the website and use the “Import Content” option to add the created news items to this page.

### 6.1 Exporting Content

In order to export the content, choose option “Export Content” from the main menu.

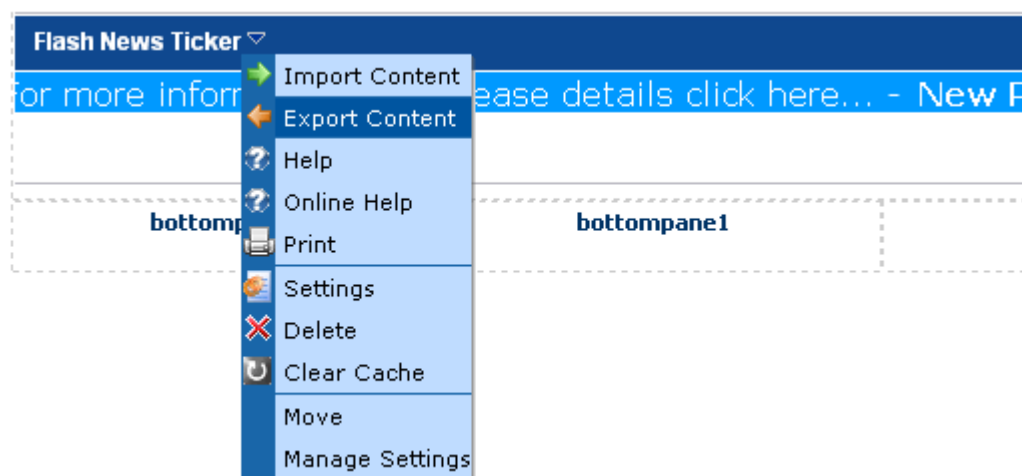


Figure 27: Exporting content (step 1/2)

The following screen will be displayed.

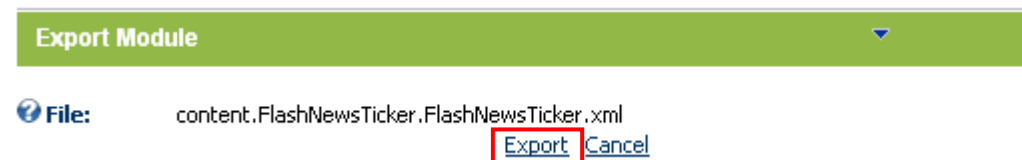


Figure 28: Exporting content (step 2/2)

Click on the “Export” link and the information about the created form will be exported. The next step is importing the content i.e. form into the desired page (see section 6.2).

### 6.2 Importing Content

#### Notes:

- Before you import the content, use the “Export Content” option to export the form first
- After exporting the content, add the “Flash News Ticker” module to a desired page and use the “Import Content” option to add the created news items to that page

In order to import the content, i.e. add an already created news items to a different page on the website choose option "Import Content" from the main menu.

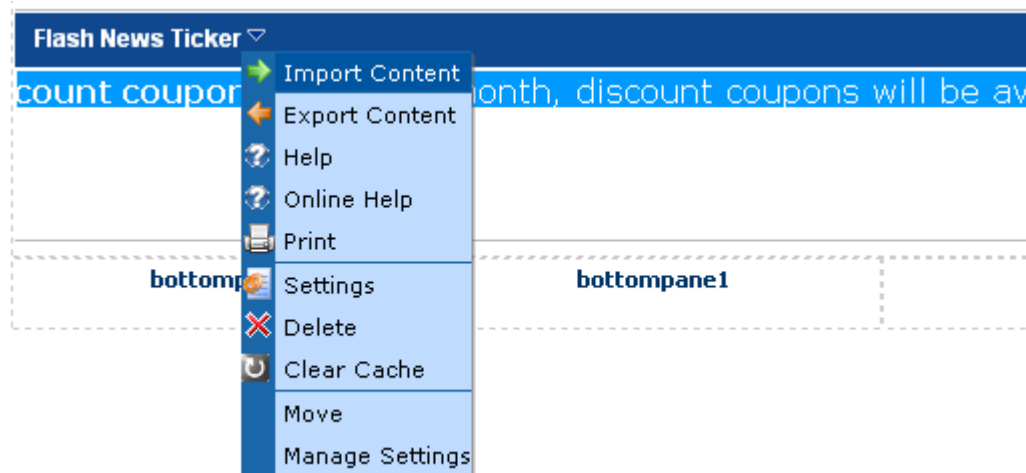


Figure 29: Importing content (step 1/2)

The following screen will be displayed.



Figure 30: Importing content (step 2/2)

Choose the form from the pull down menu and click on the "Import" button. The news items will be added.

## 7 DELETING FLASH NEWS TICKER MODULE

In order to delete “Flash News Ticker” module, choose option “Delete” from the main menu.

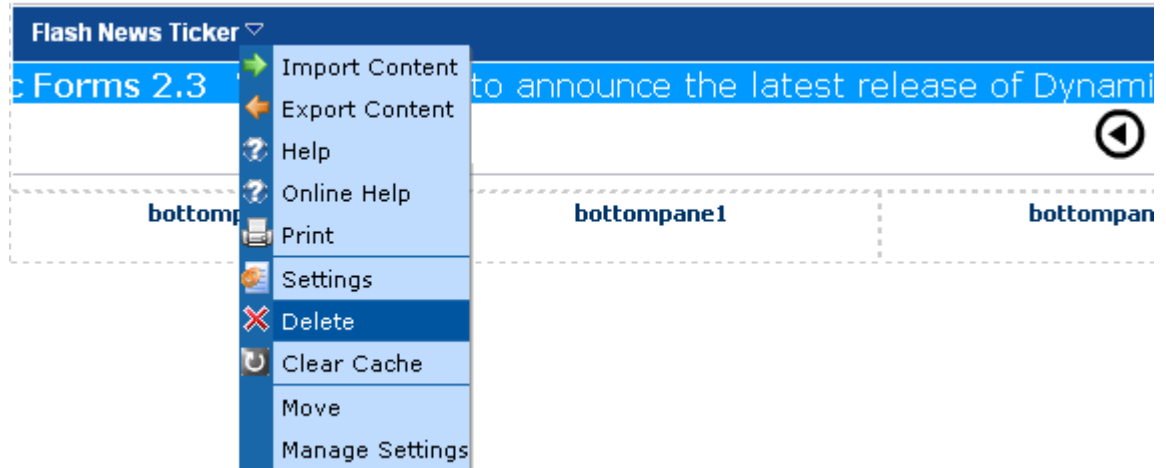


Figure 31: Deleting Flash News Ticker Module (step 1/2)

The following screen will be displayed.

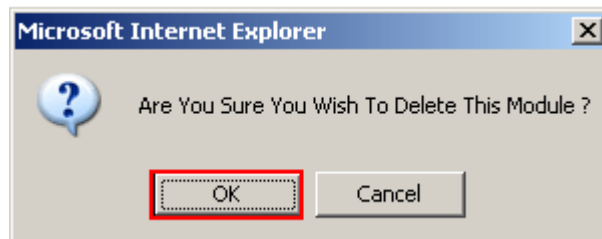


Figure 32: Deleting Flash News Ticker Module (step 2/2)

Click on the “OK” button and the module will be deleted.