

# news editor V6

The Thin Client News Editing Solution

The next generation of news editing software is here with Version 6 of the Pongrass News Editor.

Using a standard web browser, News Editor is the optimum solution for the newsroom or remote reporting world wide.

## Thin Client

News Editor uses a standard web browser with no local program required. News Editor is fully featured and enables the same program to be used in the newsroom or remotely from any location with Internet access. User preferences are stored on the server, allowing journalists to use any available terminal.

## Version 6 Database

Like other components in the Pongrass Newspaper System, News Editor fully integrates with the V6 Newspaper Database.

## Remote News Desk

Remote users with available Internet connection have the same feature-set as the newsroom. Version 6 uses advanced AJAX technologies to reduce communication overheads across the network. Typical broadband users will notice no difference between remote and newsroom response times.

## Advanced User Interface

A tree view displaying all newsroom desks across the enterprise is supported. User desktop settings can be extremely customised for maximum productivity, and these settings are held in the user's login preference. News Editor styles integrate with Pongrass InDesign and Quark Plug-ins/XTensions.

The screenshot displays the Pongrass News Editor interface within a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The main content area shows a news article with a table of news items. The table has columns for Name, Slug, Depth, Author, and Modified. The 'Waves' article is selected, showing a photo of surfers. An 'IXPhoto - Waves\_P1' window is open in the foreground, displaying a photo of surfers and a caption: 'Heavy traffic ... Surfers compete for a wave at Manly yesterday. Photo: Dallas Kilponen'. The photo editing window includes fields for Name, ID, Created, Allocation, Status, Assigned To, and Cropping. The main article text includes: 'ANTI-SMOKING groups have called on the State Gover...', 'LAX security at home, a spate of gun thefts from a...', 'THE long hot days and warm nights of Sydney's summ...', 'VISITORS to Manly Beach will notice a new arrival...', '... has less imp...', '... a logging op...', '... allow some of the...', '... has described...', '... in justificatio...', '... icked up by the...', '... obiles and wires...', '... of signs scattered along the esplanade this week. ... ill be large surfboard-shaped placards outlining the proper etiquette for ... ed local crowd, Manly Council will become the first Sydney council to ... de the flags. ... t those waiting longest have first dibs, and reminded to tell their fellow ... ft or right. ... ' action group, Neil Ohlback, said the signs were necessary because beginners and tourists were constantly ... ngerous and occasionally led to instances of violent "surf rage". ... en muscle," Mr Ohlback said yesterday. "Some of the guys were saying, "if it doesn't improve we're going ... es". There was definitely tension with the [Manly] surf school. This way if someone paddles up the inside

## Requirements

### Server

- Windows 2003 or 2008 with Sybase ASA or Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or 2008.

### Client

- IE8, Firefox or Safari on Windows Vista or 7 and Mac OSX.

### Features

- Full featured browser based client, cross platform.
- On Screen layout
- Low communication overhead.

### Options

- Pongrass Classified Pagination.
- Classified Booking
- Display Ad Booking
- Editorial Pagination
- Display Ad Tracking
- Management Console
- Billing/Accounts Receivable.

## Spell Check/Thesaurus

Along with the server based spell-check/thesaurus, News Editor enables browser based spell-check as you type facility by downloading custom dictionaries.

## Picture Integration

Pictures can be attached to the article, along with captions and notes with the click of a button. Uploads take place in the background, useful when available Internet connections are slow.

## Layout Aware

With the appropriate security login, users can allocate stories, pictures and story elements directly to the page.

Previewing capabilities allow the user to check other page elements, ads and stories already attached to the page in real time.

The screenshot displays the Pongrass News Allocator interface. At the top, there's a 'Select Issue' dialog box with 'Region' set to 'Dailys' and 'Edition' to 'DT'. Below it, a calendar for February 2008 is shown. The main workspace is a grid of 15 pages (PAGE1 to PAGE15). Each page contains various story and image thumbnails, such as 'ZZ104 Michael Sullivan', 'ZZ110 Telfords Building System', 'ZZ116 Australian Government', 'ZZ118 The Land', 'ZZ117 Bayer Crop Science', 'ZZ115 Stella Reso', and 'ZZ119 Aprilia Stosa Gr'. At the bottom, there's a table with columns: Business, Entertainment, Features, Letters, Local, National, Opinion, Sport, World. The table lists several stories with their respective abstracts and authors. A small photo of a couple is visible in the bottom right corner of the interface.

Type	Name	Abstract	Comments	Author
S	Love rat	A FRENCH model is claiming she had a two month affair with Eva Longoria (DBA1: 2008-01-30 11:15)	IDBA1	
S	Jessica	HOLLYWOOD star Jessica Alba has confirmed through her publicist that (DBA1: 2008-01-30 11:15)	IDBA1	
S	Kath & Kim	To be Kath and Kim or not to be? That's the 18-month answer to a quest!	IDBA1	
S	Dickinson	IT'S unforgivable - geriatric model Janice Dickinson has attacked Tyra B!	IDBA1	
S	Posh	DAVID Beckham and wife Victoria were spicing it up during a recent stop!	IDBA1: 2008-01-29 11:20	IDBA1
S	Through	The quick silver fox jumped over the lazy brown dog, this is a dog and a bi	IDBA1	
S	moming	the quick silver fox jumps over the3 lazy brown dog	IDBA1	
S	night	The quick silver fox jumped over the lazy brown dog.	IDBA1	

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