

# 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 News Editor web application. The main content area shows a table of news items with columns for Name, Author, Modified, Depth, Chars, Comment, and Alloc. The selected item is 'Boat crash' by 'DBA1', modified on 2008-02-05 07:48:44. Below the table is a thumbnail image of a boat on rocks. A 'PHOTO Editing' dialog box is open in the foreground, showing a photo of a woman with two puppies and a text area for a caption: 'Name game ... Michelle Sahyoun with the new recruits yesterday'.

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## Requirements

### Server

- Windows 2000 or 2003 with Sybase ASA or Microsoft SQL Server 2005.

### Client

- IE7, Firefox or Safari on Windows XP, Vista or 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.
- Data Warehouse

## 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 within a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The main workspace is a grid of 15 pages (PAGE1 to PAGE15). Each page contains various content blocks, some with titles like 'Michael Sullivan' and 'Australian Government'. A 'Select Issue' dialog box is open, showing a calendar for February 2008. Below the grid, there is a table of articles with columns for Type, Name, Abstract, Comments, and Author. 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)	DBA1
S	Jessica	HOLLYWOOD star Jessica Alba has confirmed through her publicist that	(DBA1 2008-01-30 11:15)	DBA1
S	Kath & Kim	TO be Kath and Kim or not to be? That's the 18-month answer to a quest!		DBA1
S	Dickinson	ITS unforgivable - genetic model Janice Dickinson has attacked Tyra B.		DBA1
S	Pugh	DAVID Beckham and wife Victoria were spicing it up during a recent stop	(DBA1 2008-01-29 11:20)	DBA1
S	Through	The quick silver fox jumped over the lazy brown dog. This is a dog and a bit		DBA1
S	manning	the quick silver fox jumps over the lazy brown dog		DBA1
S	night	The quick silver fox jumped over the lazy brown dog.		DBA1

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