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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Overview

QuikLinc is designed to make daily/weekly changes to a webpage easy and quick.

QuikLinc gives you the ability to update pages with content such as ....

- file downloads
- links to other websites
- diary / blog type pages
- faq pages
- restaurant menus
- latest news / tip of the day
- timetables / agendas

... without the need to have a web publishing program, making QuikLinc especially useful where the content changes are best done by someone other than the webmaster.  
e.g. Club secretary uploading the agenda of a meeting or the software team putting a new update on the web for their users.

### How does it work ?

QuikLinc does its job by altering the static page content between predefined markers in the original web page.

QuikLinc will get the existing page from the website, alter it as required, and then upload the changed page back to the website again.

This means it doesn't require a dynamic site that uses database access, PHP, ASP, scripts etc and because it simply replaces content, the page being updated can use different technologies such as html or aspx and QuikLinc will still work.

Markers are placed within the web page to indicate where the content should start and stop.

This can usually be done by placing html comments within the page such as

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<!-- LINKSTART -->
<!-- LINKEND -->
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... although any other unique text within the page will also work.

The content information is stored in a local XML file, but an option within QuikLinc allows this file to be stored on the website so the content can be updated by different users and/or from different computers without losing previously entered information.

### Which Version ?

The free version of QuikLinc allows you to try it out and use for simple tasks such as tip of the day. The Pro version is sold as shareware and offers the following benefits over the shareware version...

Feature Matrix	Free Version	Pro Version
Maximum number of Items	5	Unlimited
Save and load multiple settings / webpages	No	Yes
FTP upload page for uploading additional files	No	Yes
Maximum number of lines of notes per item	7	To Max Text

## 1.2 Installation

**Use the following procedure to install QuikLinc.**

1. Double click the QLSetup.exe install file.

The default installation location is to a Program Files/QuikLinc directory and a QuikLinc section and

shortcut is added to your start menu

## 1.3 Licensing QuikLinc

QuikLinc is distributed as a free version capable of working with a single webpage with a limited number of items.

To use the extended features of QuikLinc a license code must be entered.

See our website for registration details at <http://www.tascsoft.com/navigation/Software/QuikLinc.html>

Enter your software license registration key in the "Help", "Register" window.

Simply enter the user name you used to register the software along with the supplied registration key. When you press the "Register" button the status should change to ... QuikLinc Pro : Unlocked.

If you have lost your registration key, please email us with your details to [quiklinc@tascsoft.com](mailto:quiklinc@tascsoft.com)

## 2 Using QuikLinc

### 2.1 Gettings Started

Step 1. Setup and test FTP access to the web site you will be connecting to.

- Fill out the "FTP Setup" part of the settings page. This information should have been supplied by your web hosting companies server administrator, and consists of your FTP User name, password and Host URL and possibly the Port ( although if you have not been given this, stay with the default port of 21, which is the usual Port for FTP access )
- Now go back to the Actions tab and try pressing the "Log On" button. QuikLinc should connect and download a directory listing. If it doesn't, hit the "Log off" button, then try toggling the 'Passive Mode' tick box and trying again. If this doesn't work still, and you are using Windows XP, try connecting with windows explorer or internet explorer by typing ftp:// followed by your host name e.g. ftp://mysite.com.

Step 2. Getting the web page access set up correctly.

- The web page you will be updating is setup in the "Web File Setup" section of the webpage.
- The Filename and Server Directory where the file is kept, are the most important settings. If you have any doubts about these values, browse your website using Windows or Internet explorer as mentioned above to check the directory path and file location.
- The Start Flag and End Flag should match the text within the webpage the you have set up separately.
- The Preview URL can be filled out simply by copying the Address bar URL that you used in your internet browser to view the web page.

The File / Link Setup can be left until you start using links within your items. Also leave the "Tags" setup initially at their default values.

Now you just need an article or item. Click the items tab, followed by the New button. Enter some text in the Title box then "Finish" to create one simple item.

You should now be able to follow the Actions ... "1.Log On" .to ... " 6. Test" and end up with a

webpage with the text you typed in the title inserted into it.

## 2.2 Settings

### Web File Setup:

These settings relate to web page that you wish to update the content of.

**Filename** : the actual file name of the webpage that will be updated e.g. Breakfastmenu.html

**Server Directory** : the directory on the server that your web page resides in. e.g. menus/

**Start Flag** : the text on your web page that marks the line from which the content will be updated. The default is <!-- LINKSTART --> which is regarded by web browsers as simply a comment and so does not show up to those reading your site. Any alternative text may also be used as long as its unique. e.g. you could also use text like "Software Updates" if this was one line above where you wanted to start the new content.

**End Flag** : like Start Flag, this is simply text within the web page that QuikLinc uses to work out where to end the new or changed content.

**Preview URL** : The full URL to the web page on the internet. Used by the Test button to display the page.

**Store Items on server** : If this box is ticked the Items file will be downloaded from the website during the "Get File" operation and then uploaded again when the "Send File" button is pushed. This is to allow the Items to be accessed from different computers in different locations without losing what has already been entered. Note however that it means if you are using this feature you need to ensure you do a "Get File" before you start editing the items.

### File / Link Setup:

Settings which to the "File / Link" value for items

**URL Prefix** : the prefix to place in front of the File / link name. i.e. If you are filling out the "File / Link" value for an item, then the prefix specified here is added to the File / Link text. ( If the link is not specified as being a full link by ticking the "Full URL" box when editing an item.) e.g. URL Prefix = /Files, File / Link = Version1.exe, then the link will be to /Files/Version.exe relative to the current directory.

A full URL can be specified by setting up the URL to start with "http". e.g. URL Prefix = http://tascsoft.com/Downloads, File / Link = Version2.exe then the link will be to http://tascsoft.com/Downloads/Version2.exe

**Alt. Link Text** : This allows you to specify some alternative text to use instead of the File / Link name. e.g. instead of showing a link that says "Version2.exe" you may prefer that the links all showed "Download Now" as the actual link text. Another example would be for linked articles where you used "[more]" as the link the site visitor presses. To use this feature, the "use" box must be ticked.

### FTP Setup:

The details required to allow you ftp access to the chosen website.

**UserName** : UserName as specified by your hosting provider

**Password** : The password for this username

**Host** : the web address of the ftp site

**Passive Mode** : Some web sites require this to be set to allow reliable access to the site

**Port** : The Port to connect to on the websites server. For most servers this should be 21, however you may edit this to a different value if a non-standard port has allocated by the servers administrator.

## 2.3 Tags

The tags page allows html tags to be set up to format the web pages content. The default vaules are suitable for a download list type of web page and other examples are available via our [webpage](#).

The tags have Start and End values to allow the html tags to wrap the Items text. A checkbox allows the individual value to be skipped.

**Pre** : Tags that will be added before the items start being listed.

**Section Title** : The Items can have an optinal Section Title e.g. to seperate Entrees and Mains in a menu.

**Title, Version, Date, Notes, File/Link, Size** : all text fields for each item

**Post** : Any Tags to be used after all Items have been shown.

A good place to easily learn more about html tags is to visit <http://www.w3schools.com/html/default.asp>

## 2.4 Items

The Items page lists the various item details. A web page may be updated with one item or many. Each Item consists of various text fields that can be used to anything you wish to display as part of your web page. You dont have to use the Date field to hold a date as it can hold any text value. All fields except Notes will display as a single line.

If you wish to include html tags within the text you may do so, although the preference is to use the Tags settings for these and hold only content in the Items.

Use the New or Edit buttons or double click on an existing item to be taken into the Item Wizard when the Items details are entered.

**Order** : The number index of this item which is used in combination with the ascending / decending buttons to specify the order items are displayed on the web page.

**Section** : Used to break the items up into sections. e.g. Breakfast menu / Lunch menu

**Title** : Usually the heading for the Item.

**Version, Date, Size** : Text fields that can be used how you wish

**Notes** : multi-line text for the item.

**File / Link** : Used for links to other web pages or files. The link entered here can also be used to make a link out of the Title.

**Full URL** : Indicates the the File / Link is the full URL to the item so that teh setting "URL Prefix" is not

added on to it.

**Browse** : allows you to browse your computer for the filename. Also note that using the browse button and selecting a file will also fill out the Date and Size fields automatically.

On the main Items screen you also have the following option

**Bullet Items** : This sets the Items to be delivered as a bulleted list.

## 2.5 File Upload

This is a simple FTP uploading facility that can be useful for uploading files to you website. The log-on / log-off buttons are separate to those on the main page. Specify the paths in the boxes above each file list.

To select multiple files, hold down the Ctrl key while you select each file.

## 2.6 Using with Citydesk

If you are using QuikLinc with Fog Creeks Citydesk program, it is very easy to set up the Start Flag and End Flag using variables.

Firstly, with Citydesk in Designer Mode (Ctrl M), click on the variables Toolbar button.

Then in the variables window click add.

Set the variable Name to "LinkStart" and the Value to "<!-- LINKSTART -->" ( all without the speech marks )

Then click OK.

Now do the same by pressing Add again and set the Name to "LinkEnd" and the Value to "<!-- LINKEND -->"

Press OK again and press "Done" in the variables dialog.

Now go to the web page which QuikLinc will be updating. Move the cursor to the position for the LinkStart and from the menu select "Insert" "Variable". Select the LinkStart variable by double clicking it. Repeat for LinkEnd.

One other thing to watch is that Citydesk webpages can have quite long web addresses due to the folder structure so in order to set up the directories and folders settings for QuikLinc, the best method is to publish the site, then browse to the page and copy and paste from the browser's Address bar.

## 2.7 QuikLinc Files

QuikLinc uses the following files to store information

.qlk ... holds all the settings, including the tag setup. You must manually distribute this file to any others that will be updating this web page. Note: Although the ftp password is held in this file, the

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password is encrypted to limit access to the site from only within QuikLinc.

.qit ... the file used to hold the items text. An option in the settings allows this file to be uploaded to the website so content can be shared among those required to update the web page.

.qap ... application file to hold the last sessions settings.

All QuikLinc files are stored in xml format.