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CHAPTER 1

Preface

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About This Guide

This Guide provides detailed instructions on how to use the Plesk™ Site Builder Remote Administration module, a module that allows remote administration of a Site Builder server, and helps you enable users to publish on Plesk servers their sites created in Site Builder.

If you spot a typo in this guide, or if you have thought of a way to make this guide better, please let us know by sending an e-mail to userdocs@sw-soft.com.

Documentation Conventions

Before you start using this guide, it is important to understand the documentation conventions used in it.

Typographical Conventions

The following kinds of formatting in the text identify special information.

Formatting convention	Type of Information	Example
Special Bold	Items you must select, such as menu options, command buttons, or items in a list.	Go to the QoS tab.
	Titles of chapters, sections, and subsections.	Read the Basic Administration chapter.

<i>Italics</i>	Used to emphasize the importance of a point, to introduce a term or to designate a command line placeholder, which is to be replaced with a real name or value.	The system supports the so called <i>wildcard character</i> search.
Monospace	The names of commands, files, and directories.	The license file is located in the <code>httpdocs/common/licenses</code> directory.
Preformatted	On-screen computer output in your command-line sessions; source code in XML, C++, or other programming languages.	<pre># ls -al /files total 14470</pre>
Preformatted Bold	What you type, contrasted with on-screen computer output.	<pre># cd /root/rpms/php</pre>
CAPITALS	Names of keys on the keyboard.	SHIFT, CTRL, ALT
KEY+KEY	Key combinations for which the user must press and hold down one key and then press another.	CTRL+P, ALT+F4

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CHAPTER 2

Post-installation Configuration of the Module

Once you have installed the Site Builder Remote Administration module on your Plesk server, you should specify the address of the server where the Site Builder program is installed and the administrator's credentials that should be used for authorization on the server. To do this, go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder**, type the server name or IP address of the remote server and click **Apply**.

If you have Site Builder installed on the same server as Plesk, click the link **Check for local Site Builder installation**.

Note: the Login name and Password fields are prefilled with the default values used for authorization on the Site Builder server. You do not need to change these values, unless the login name and password were changed on the Site Builder server. If you want to set up a new password for access to SiteBuilder, you should first specify it in the file `/usr/local/sitebuilder/remote_admin/.htpasswd` on the SiteBuilder server, and then return to the main screen of the SiteBuilder Remote Administration Module (**Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder**), and type your new password into the Password input box.

Setting Site Builder Interface Language and Skin

To set the Site Builder interface language and skin, go to the **Preferences** screen (**Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Preferences** tab) select the desired interface language and skin that will be used for all user sessions. Click **Save**.

Enabling and Disabling Site Builder Demo Mode

In the demo mode, any user can enter the Site Builder system and perform any operations except for site publishing.

If you wish to provide the Site Builder demo, go to the Preferences screen (Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Preferences tab) select the Allow guest access to Site Builder check box and click Save.

To turn the demo mode off, go to the Preferences screen (Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Preferences tab) deselect the Allow guest access to Site Builder check box and click Save.

Enabling and Disabling Site Publishing System-wide

Only logged on and authorized users can publish sites from Site Builder. However, you can prohibit all users from publishing sites, thus overriding the individually granted publishing permissions.

To disable publishing system-wide, go to the Preferences screen (Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Preferences tab) deselect the Allow publishing sites check box and click Save.

To enable publishing system-wide, go to the Preferences screen (Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Preferences tab) select the Allow publishing sites check box and click Save. The users who were individually granted publishing permissions will be able to publish sites again.

Specifying Publishing Servers

Before creating any user accounts in the Site Builder Remote Administration module, you should specify the servers on which users will be able to publish their sites.

To access the list of publishing servers, go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Publishing servers** tab. A page will open displaying the list of FTP servers.

- To add a server, click **Add IP**. Then enter the FTP server name or IP address, and specify whether active or passive mode should be used for this connection. Then click **Update IP**. After you add a server entry to the module, you can further assign it to users for publishing their sites.

Note: Publishing servers are assigned during creation of user accounts.

- To remove a server from the list, select a check box corresponding to the entry that you wish to remove and click the **Delete** icon.
- To temporarily disallow users to publish sites on a server, select the corresponding checkbox and click **Deactivate**.
- To allow publishing sites on a server, select the respective check box and click **Activate**.

Creating User Accounts

To create a new user account, go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Users** tab, and click the **Add User Account** icon. Specify the user's details, FTP server for publishing, FTP server operation mode, and grant the ability to publish sites. Then click **Update User Account**.

Note: before you specify the FTP user account to be used by Site Builder for publishing, you should make sure that this FTP user account exists on the publishing server.

Assigning Permissions

To allow a user to publish sites on the selected server, go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Users** tab, select the respective check box and click **Allow publishing**.

To forbid a user to publish sites, go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Users** tab, select the respective check box and click **Forbid publishing**.

Modifying Account Properties

Whenever you need to reassign a publishing server, or modify some other property of a user account, go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Users** tab, and click the respective link under the **Login** column. The account properties will be displayed. Adjust the necessary settings as desired and click **Update User Account**.

Blocking and Unblocking User Accounts

To temporarily disallow a user to perform any operations in the Site Builder system, go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Users** tab, select the respective check box and click **Deactivate**.

To unblock a user account, go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Users** tab, select the respective check box and click **Activate**.

Deleting User Accounts

To delete a user account from the Site Builder system, go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Users** tab, select the respective check box and click **Delete**.

Associating Plesk Domain Administrator Accounts with Site Builder

If you wish to allow Plesk domain administrators to login to Site Builder for creating and publishing their web sites, follow these steps:

- 1** Go to **Modules > Remote Admin for Site Builder > Domain Administrator Accounts** tab. A list of domains served by your Plesk server will be displayed.
- 2** Select a check box corresponding to the domain name, whose administrator should have access to Site Builder.
- 3** Click the **Allow access** button. A new user account will be created in Site Builder with the following credentials: FTP user login name and FTP password set through Plesk. A button referring to Site Builder will be put to the Plesk control panel of the respective domain administrator.