

# Exploring a Piranha CMS website

Let's explore a Piranha CMS website:

1. In **TERMINAL**, build and start the website, as shown in the following command:

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dotnet run
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2. Start Chrome and navigate to the following URL: <https://localhost:5001/>.
3. Note the default home page for a Piranha CMS website that welcomes you and explains, "You can log into the admin panel at ~/manager with the default credentials admin/password. If you want, we can seed some data for you which will give you an example of how to create and structure with Piranha CMS. After you're done with the setup, you can delete the SetupController and the ~/seed directory from your project."
4. At the bottom of the page, click **Seed some data**, and note the following:
  - The home page for the website has blocks of content arranged in pleasing ways that leads a visitor deeper into the website using page links that can show some of the page content, like a primary image and description.
  - The website has a blog archive that shows the latest posts. Each blog post has an image, title, category, some hashtags, comments, and a publish date, as well as summary text with a button to **Read more**, as shown in the following screenshot:

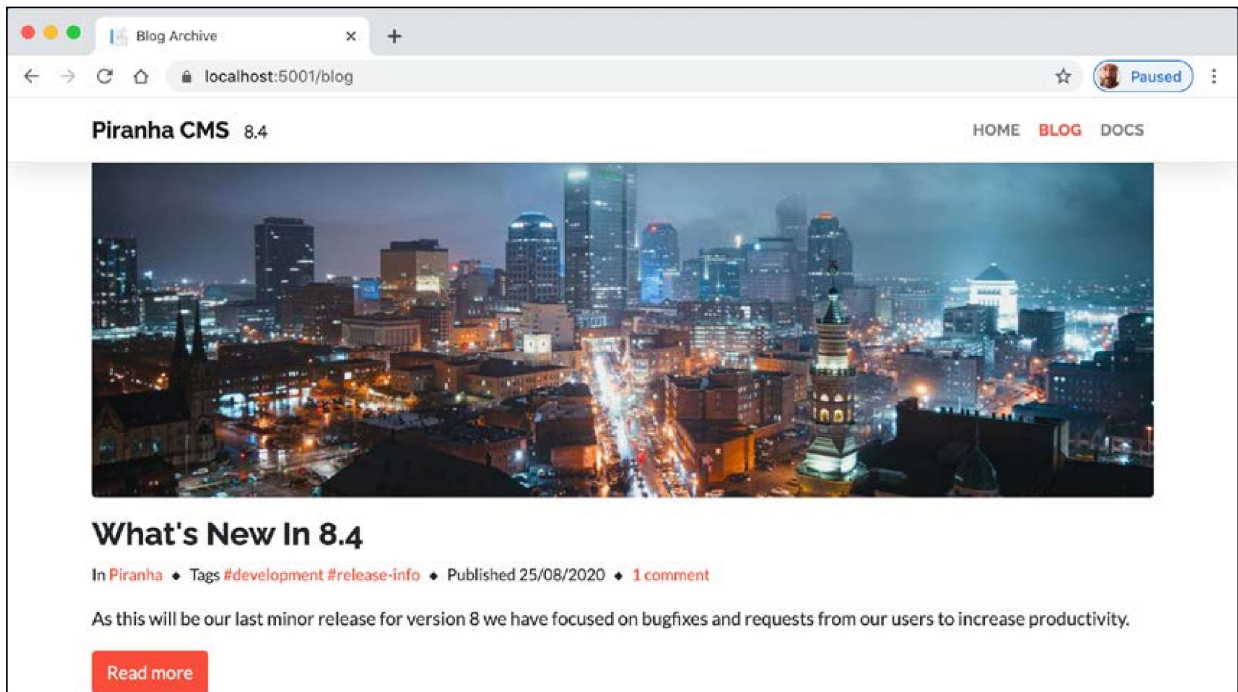


Figure 17.1: A Piranha CMS website

# Editing site and page content

Let's log in as if we are the content owner for the website and manage some of the content:

1. In your browser's address box, enter the following URL: `https://localhost:5001/manager`.
2. Enter a username of `admin` and a password of `password`.
3. In the manager, note the existing pages named **Home** (which is an example of the **Standard page** type), **Blog** (which is an example of the **Standard archive** type), and **Docs** (which is another example of the **Standard page** type), and then at the root of the page structure, click **Default Site**, as shown in the following screenshot:



Figure 17.2: The Default Site and its pages

4. In the **Edit site** dialog box, on the **Settings** tab, change the **Title** to **Northwind CMS** and **Description** to **Providing fresh tasty food to restaurants for three generations**, and then click the **Save** button, as shown in the following screenshot:

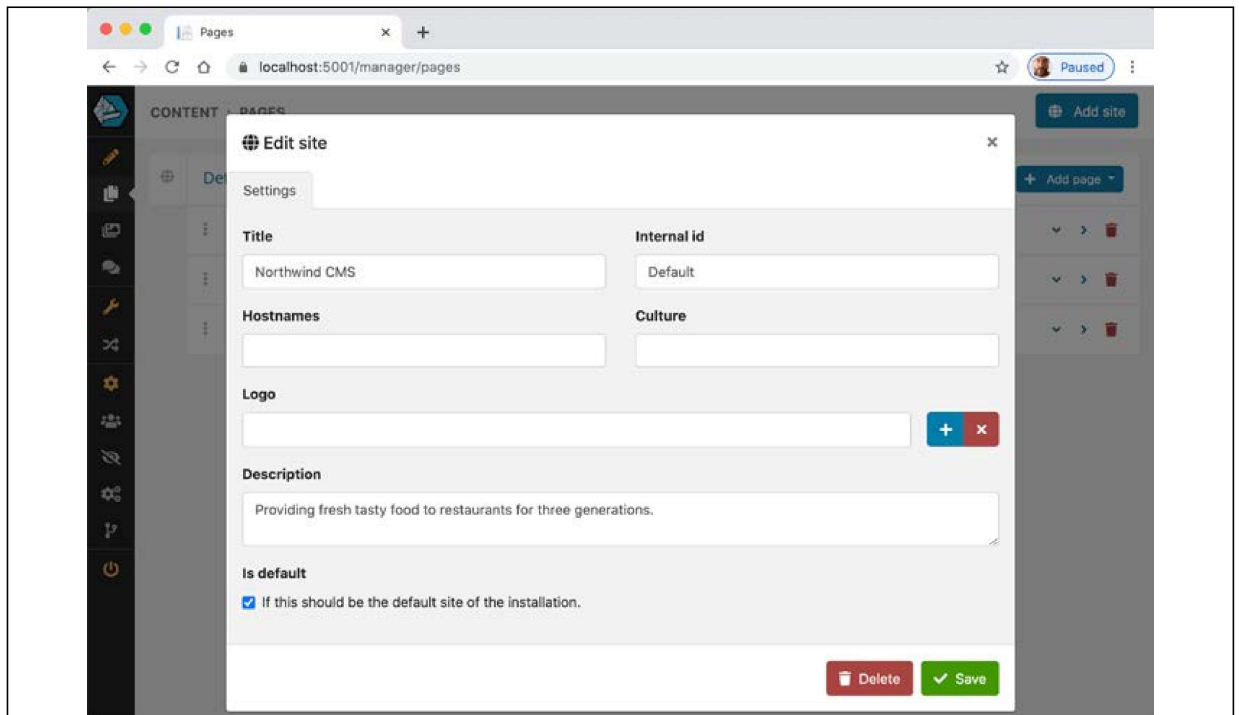


Figure 17.3: Editing site settings

5. If you are not already in the **CONTENT : PAGES** section, then in the menu navigation bar on the left, click **Pages**, and then click **Home** to edit that page.
6. Change the page title to **Welcome To Northwind CMS**, and note that beneath it the content owner can set a primary image and some text, and then beneath that they can add any number of blocks to the page, as shown in the following screenshot, including:
  - Horizontal dividers between each block with a circular button to insert a new block.
  - When a block has the focus, it has buttons to collapse, expand, and delete the block, and a menu of additional actions.
  - A **CONTENT** block with rich text, images, and links, easily styled with a toolbar when it has the focus.
  - A **COLUMNS** block that can have multiple columns of rich text, with a + button to add columns and trash can icon buttons to remove columns or the whole block.
  - A **GALLERY** block that can have multiple images and rotate them in a carousel-style animation:

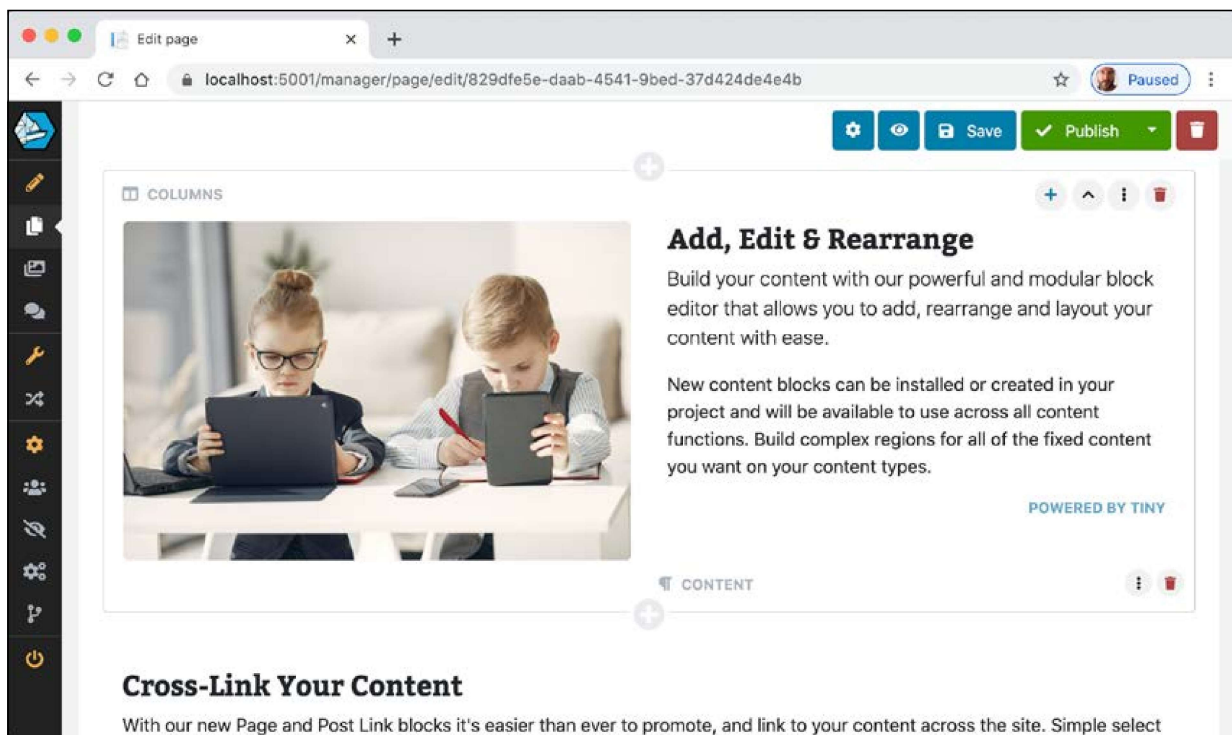


Figure 17.4: Changing your page