

The system allows you to export entire websites, including settings and related objects (such as page types, workflows, web parts, page templates, etc.), into a single file archive. You can then import the archive on other Kentico instances (of the same version or up to one major version newer).

Exporting a site

1. Open the **Sites** application.
2. Click **Export site** (🔗) for the site you want to export. The Export wizard starts.
3. Fill in the name of the export package and choose the object pre-selection type:

Option	Description
File name	Sets the name of the export package. The wizard creates a zip file containing the export data in the ~/ <i>CMSSiteUtils/Export</i> folder.
Preselect all objects	Preselects all objects related to the site.
Preselect objects changed after specific date	Preselects all objects changed after the specified date.
Use previous export settings	<p>Preselects objects based on the settings of a previous export.</p> <p>Tip: To clear the history of previous exports, open the Sites applications, click View export history among the header actions and delete the items on the History tab. Deleting export history items does not remove the corresponding packages from the file system.</p>

Select an option and click **Next**.

4. Select which objects you want to export. The tree separates objects into categories according to the related functionality. These reflect the product categories to which the objects are related. The **Website** category contains objects related to the selected website. The **Global objects** category contains global objects that can be used by all sites. Selecting a category opens a set of check boxes in the right part of the screen, allowing you to select which objects will be exported.



Note: The *Pages* of a website may require other objects to work correctly (for example the *Page types* of the site's pages or shared *Page templates*). To ensure that the exported pages can be successfully imported, you need to include the required objects into the package.



See the [Export - Object selection settings](#) section for details.

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Objects selection

Please select objects which should be exported.

All objects
Website
Content management
On-line marketing
E-commerce
Social & Community
Development
Configuration
Global objects
Content management
On-line marketing
E-commerce
Social & Community
Development
Configuration

Please select the object type from the tree if you wish to change the default selection. Click **Next** to start the export of selected objects.

Global object selection

Load default selection
Select all
Deselect all

Export settings

☒ Export tasks
☒ Export files

☒ Export global folders
☐ Export custom assembly files
☒ Export site folders
☒ Export ASPX templates folder
☒ Export forum custom layouts folder

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- After making all required selections, click **Next** to proceed. A log appears, showing you the export progress. You can abort the export by clicking **Cancel** at any time. When the export finishes, a message appears above the log, showing the file system path to the exported file along with a download link.
- (Optional) Click the **download link** at the top of the the log if you wish to immediately download the export package.
- Click **Finish**.

The system returns you to the **Sites** application. You can now copy the exported package into the `~/CMSiteUtils/Import` folder of the target installation of Kentico, and use the **Import site or objects** wizard described in [Importing a site or objects](#).

Export - Object selection settings

The following options are available in the **Object selection** step of the Export wizard.

Select the root of the tree (*All objects*) to access the following general export settings:

Global selection	
Load default selection	Preselects all objects based on your selection in Step 1 of the export wizard.
Select all objects	Selects all available objects.
Deselect all objects	Unselects all objects.
Export settings	
Export tasks	If enabled, delete tasks (incremental deployment) will be included in the package.
Export files	Some database objects are linked with physical files stored on the file system inside the web project. If you select this option, such files will be exported along with the corresponding database objects.

Export global folders	<p>If enabled, all files under the following folders will be added to the export package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~/App_Code/Global/ • ~/CMSGlobalFiles/ • ~/CMSScripts/Custom/ • ~/App_Code/Controllers/ • ~/Controllers/Global/ • ~/Views/Global/ • ~/Models/Global/
Export custom assembly files	<p>If enabled, custom assembly files (dlls) that store the classes of certain custom objects will be exported together with the given objects. Applies to notification gateways, translation services, payment options, integration connectors, scheduled tasks, advanced workflow actions, marketing automation actions and smart search analyzers.</p> <p>The system considers assemblies as custom if their name does not start with the <i>CMS.</i> prefix.</p>
Export site folders	<p>This option is only available when exporting websites, not just separate objects. If enabled, all files under the following site-related folders will be added to the export package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~/App_Code/<site code name>/ • ~/App_Data/<site code name>/ • ~/<site code name>/ • ~/Controllers/<site code name>/ • ~/Views/<site code name>/ • ~/Models/<site code name>/
Export ASPX templates folder	<p>If enabled, the folder with ASPX page templates will be exported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~/CMSTemplates/
Export forum custom layouts folder	<p>If enabled, the folder with custom forum layouts will be exported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~/CMSModules/Forums/Controls/Layouts/Custom/

The following categories contain extra options to be set:

Custom tables	
Export custom table data	If selected, custom table records (the actual data stored in the tables) will be exported along with the selected custom tables.
Pages	
Export pages	If selected, pages will be exported.
Export page histories	If selected, histories of all exported pages will be exported.

Export page relationships	If selected, relationships of all exported pages will be exported.
Export page level permissions	If selected, page security settings made in the Pages application will be exported.
Export blog comments	If selected, blog comments will be exported.
Export event attendees	If selected, event attendees will be exported for all exported events.
Forms	
Export forms data	If selected, stored forms data will be exported together with the exported forms.
Export physical files	If selected, physical files saved within form records (if there are some) will also be imported.
Forums	
Export forum posts	If selected, forum posts will be exported together with the exported forums.
Groups	
Export media files	If selected, group media files stored in the database will be exported.
Export physical files	If selected, files in group media libraries that are stored in the file system will be exported. This option is not selected by default as it may result in extremely large export packages. Instead, it is recommended to transfer these physical files manually.
Message boards	
Export board messages	If selected, board messages will be exported together with particular message boards.
Media libraries	
Export media files	If selected, media files stored in the database will be exported.
Export physical files	If selected, physical media files stored in the file system will be exported. This option is not selected by default as it may result in extremely large export packages. Instead, it is recommended to transfer these physical files manually.
Modules	

Seal the selected modules	<p>If selected, the system seals the exported modules. When the modules are imported to another instance of Kentico, they will not be in development mode (i.e. it is not possible to edit the module's properties, or create new classes, UI elements, permissions and settings).</p> <p>You cannot export a module again from instances where it is sealed.</p>
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If you have the **Log export tasks** setting enabled in **Settings -> Versioning & Synchronization -> Staging**, a list of object deletion tasks may be displayed at the bottom of the list. If you leave the boxes selected, the objects will be deleted after you import the package on the target server.