



UpsideContract

Version 6 (V6) Highlights

Overview

A brand new look for a brand new version—UpsideContract Version 6 has arrived! After testing out new concepts and a working model to customers at Upside Software's 2007 Annual User Conference and taking their valuable feedback into consideration, V6 is a summation of user input and developer expertise. With a modern look and feel and improved configurable options, V6 is designed to reflect individual preferences.

General Enhancements

Numerous improvements have been made to the overall usability of UpsideContract V6. A more flexible application enables web browser support for both Internet Explorer and Firefox. Favorite application pages can now be bookmarked for easy reference and users may select a "skin" to customize the look of the application.

Enhanced User Interface

At first glance users will notice the creation of a new Navigation control menu on the left hand side. This feature replaces former tabsets and menus to conveniently group together commonly used commands. A Navigational Breadcrumb trail allows users to see exactly how they reached a specific area of the application. For enhanced organizational capabilities, documents and tasks have been enhanced with the ability for drag and drop support. To assist in recollecting the most current items and searches, the new Recent Items and Recent Searches mechanisms provide one-click access to the last ten objects and searches performed by the user. Users will also be able to configure what they see by setting preferred default panels and customizing or translating text on labels.

Configurable Personal Dashboard

The home page also known as the Personal Dashboard consists of moveable areas or sections which can be arranged based on each user's preference. This provides greater flexibility in how a user wishes to view his or her screen. For security purposes, the Menu Items each user has access to is controlled by User Roles. The Getting Started menu provides quick access to commonly used links such as Creating a Template, Creating a Contract, Creating an RFX, etc. This new design enables users to get a jumpstart on their contracting needs by simply clicking on links directly on the Personal Dashboard.

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- Cleaner look and feel.
- Select a "skin" to apply to the application.
- Cross-browser and platform support with Internet Explorer and Firefox.
- Bookmark favorite pages.
- Breadcrumb trails provide easier navigation throughout the system.
- New Navigation control menu provides easy access to commonly used features.
- Documents and tasks can be easily "dragged and dropped" into folders.
- Recent Items and Recent Searches pull up the last ten objects and searches for each user.
- Greater customization options available to personalize your settings.
- Panel configurations allow users to set preferred panels as a default.
- Customize or translate text on menu labels.
- Layout of the Personal Dashboard (aka Home) can be arranged to your liking.

Action Dropdown Menus

To reduce the number of buttons displayed, dropdown menus have been created to provide a more spacious working area and easier access to links at all times. Three main buttons have been created: Operations (i.e. copy, renew or terminate), Updates and Workflow Responses. Each button will retrieve the corresponding list of available operations for a selected record on the listing grid or on the current record. The dropdown menus provide enhanced performance for end-users by placing needed links within reach.

User Configurable Listing Screens

The Search Panel on listing screens has been replaced with a new View mechanism which allows users to customize search parameters and also determine how search results will be displayed. Users may specify the fields to be displayed as well as the order in which they appear. Listing screens allow for more complex queries such as AND, OR and NOT logical operations as well as expression grouping.

Global Search

This powerful feature enables searches to be performed across multiple objects in the application. For example if specific key words are entered, the results would display corresponding objects such as Business entity records, contracts and any other object related to the search term. The Global Search feature allows users to efficiently retrieve documents and access relevant data in the application.

Performance Enhancements

UpsideContract V6 offers several back-end improvements that augment navigation and application response time. Enhanced AJAX support, a more lightweight footprint and better support for ASP.NET themes help to improve overall performance.

Conclusion

The slick new look of UpsideContract V6 along with its user-friendly and customizable interface propels the Upside Software solution suite into a new class. Upside is proud to count numerous industry-leading companies as part of its extensive customer base (over 200). With its dedication to ongoing Research & Development, Upside Software is poised for long-term success in the contract lifecycle management industry.

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- Getting Started menu provides quick access to links such as Creating a Template, Creating a Contract, etc.
- Reduction in number of buttons for larger working space.
- Dropdown menus provide easy access to links at all times.
- Search parameters can be customized by specifying fields to be displayed and order they appear in.
- More complex query capabilities.
- Global Search feature enables users to search for key objects in the application.
- Creation of Operations, Update and Workflow Responses buttons to quickly retrieve a list of available options for a selected record.
- Improved overall performance.

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