

LiveContent 6.0 Release.

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We are excited to announce the release of LiveContent 6.0, the next generation of RWS' LiveContent Interactive Electronic Technical Publication (IETP) platform. This release represents a significant rearchitecting of LiveContent, providing a more flexible, secure, scalable, and extensible solution for delivering market-leading technical publications.

What's New?

Please see <u>LiveContent 6.0 Release Notes</u> for full details. Our new architecture brings several enhancements as described in our:

RESTful API: The API is now implemented as a set of RESTful services, enabling future containerization and cloud deployment possibilities.

Centralized Publication Storage: Publications are now stored in a central library, streamlining access to your organization's technical content.

Improved Performance and Scalability: We've migrated to a microservices architecture with publication data stored in a PostgreSQL database, resulting in better performance and virtually limitless vertical and horizontal scalability. Version 6.0 also offers:

Faster Search Speeds: Based on user feedback, search queries now return results in approximately one second.

Enhanced Publishing Times: Publishing is as fast, if not faster, than before, with ongoing performance improvements planned for future releases.

Security Enhancements:

We rigorously employ third-party tools and libraries, conducting both Static and Dynamic code analysis to ensure maximum security.

JWT Token Integration: Secure integration via JWT tokens allows third-party systems to manage authentication, eliminating the need to create LiveContent users during publishing.

In the upcoming 6.0.1 release, we'll introduce **Transparent Data Encryption** using the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) with a 256-bit key.

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Deployment Flexibility: While traditional distributions containing both the application and publications remain an option, LiveContent can now be installed as a service.

Expanded Collection Support: Previous versions were limited to a single collection of publications. With improved scalability, one LiveContent service can now accommodate all your collections.

Backward Compatibility

For our valued customers who have customized and extended LiveContent using our UI framework, rest assured that your customizations will continue to work seamlessly. While migrating to version 6.0 will require rebuilding your publications, this release maintains backward compatibility with the 5.12 application. Please see Upgrading from LiveContent S1000D 5.12 to LiveContent Central 6.0 for more detail.

What's Next?

Following the initial Windows-focused release, we're committed to enhancing less widely used features. Expect LiveContent 6.0.1 later this year, featuring improved support for:

Linux

iOS

Large Tables

CAC (Common Access Card) Support

Subsequent regular releases will enhance this new platform, providing capabilities to improve your maintenance operations. These enhancements will include aggregating user-generated data for operational reporting and automated publication distribution.

Get Started Today!

LiveContent 6.0 is available to all our existing customers. We encourage you to download the new version promptly and share your feedback. To initiate software upgrades, please open a support ticket via the RWS Customer Support Web Portal.

LiveContent 6.0 represents a significant leap forward, providing a robust platform for future capabilities. We eagerly anticipate engaging with all of you!

Yours sincerely,

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