

# Contact Us Widget - Release Notes

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**Module:** Cms

**Widget:** Contact Us

## Summary

The Contact Us widget has been expanded from a basic contact form into a configurable form builder-style widget with richer field control, layout control, design options, email customization, captcha support, and improved admin review/export capabilities.

**Main outcome: editors can configure and style Contact Us forms directly in CMS while preserving stored submissions and optional email workflows.**

## New Editor Capabilities

- Added Properties, Form Design, Form Layout, Custom CSS, and Documentation workflows for the Contact Us widget.
- Added configurable fields, including optional Subject, address fields, marketing email opt-in, and SMS marketing opt-in.
- Added label/placeholder display modes.
- Added one-, two-, and three-column responsive layout options.
- Added drag-and-drop field ordering in the Form Layout tab.
- Added form width, padding, margin, background, label, input, border, field height, field radius, and submit button styling controls.
- Added CSS Selector support for targeting the widget from Custom CSS.
- Added right-most widget Documentation tab with detailed editor guidance.

## Submission and Spam Protection

- Added optional captcha with refreshed image behavior and verification-code validation.
- Added frontend red validation styling for invalid fields and captcha errors.
- Added lightweight server-side submission throttling.
- Improved AJAX error handling so server errors are shown in the form message area instead of alerting [object Object].
- Hardened server-controlled metadata and timestamps so client submissions cannot forge site/type/date values.

## Email Workflow Updates

- Admin notification emails are now controlled by an explicit Send Admin Notification toggle.
- Customer confirmation emails are optional and disabled by default.
- Both admin and customer emails support default plain text field/value output or customized text/HTML bodies.
- Added Add Personalization controls for inserting enabled form-field variables into customized email bodies.
- Removed dependency on email template dropdowns for Contact Us email body configuration.
- Improved plain text email handling through the shared Xpress xmail utility.

## **Admin Grid Updates**

- Updated the Contact Us admin grid to use the shared AdminGridToolkit pattern.
- Enabled export for Contact Us submissions.
- Kept action buttons while improving the Read Message modal for full-record review.
- Added storage and admin display/export support for marketing email and SMS opt-in fields.

## **Documentation Pack**

- [ContactUs\\_Widget\\_Feature\\_Technical\\_Documentation.html](#) / .pdf / .docx
- [ContactUs\\_Widget\\_Feature\\_Release\\_Notes.html](#) / .pdf / .docx
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