Published date

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An article's **Published date** indicates when the article was first published. Some authors also update the published date when they publish significant changes, but this is entirely up to you.

Published Date allows you to specify the date that an article was published. This can be helpful:

- For compliance or audit purposes
- For blog style category displays

Historically, the **Published date** was an optional setting, but the new article editor released in 2026 automatically sets the Published date the first time you set an article to have a **Published** status. You can override or remove this if you'd like.

The published date is displayed:

- Within articles displayed in blog style categories
- In **Manage**CSV exports when the **Date Published** box is checked
- Anywhere the Article Date Published merge code is used: `[article("date_published")]`

The Published date is automatically set if you use the Schedule an article to be published feature.

The information below varies based on whether you're using our 2026 new editor or old editor.

To figure out which instructions to follow:

1. Open any article for editing.
2. If the lefthand navigation is collapsed and there's a link near the top of the page to **Switch to old editor**, follow the **New editor** documentation.
3. If the lefthand navigation is expanded and the top of the editor and the righthand column have a heavier grey background, follow the **Old editor** documentation.

Here are side-by-side examples of the new editor and the old editor:



Try out the new editor

We'd love your feedback on the new editor. To switch to the new editor, open any article for editing

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and select the **Switch to new editor** link at the top of the editor.

New editor | Old editor

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