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New Block:

For This Page

Name

Suggested Block Types

- Code No description available
- Html Embed No description available
- Quote No description available

Other Block Types

- Child Menu No description available
- Editorial No description available
- Html Embed No description available
- Promo Used to promote other content
- Quote No description available
- You Shows all information we know about the current user

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Admin Mode Plugin to Manage Content Type Suggestions



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If you have a site with a lot of different content types, it can be a good idea to help Episervers Automatic Content Type suggestion feature along. Here is a basic Admin mode tool - in good old webforms (yes, I washed my hands after I made it) that will let administrators / and super-editors configure exactly which content types to suggest when.

As often before, I was inspired by EMVP Alf Nilsson, who wrote a great post with examples on how to extend the suggestions as a developer. But it occurred to me, that many editors I know would love the opportunity to pimp their edit-mode by customizing the content type suggestions!

If I look at this very blog, for example, I have in the past described how it's structured - but that structure also means that by default Episerver won't suggest a "blog post" when I create a new item on the Blog Root. Until now, that is. Or - when I'm working on a new blog post and start to add blocks I usually prefer Code block, Html Embed blocks or a Quote block - which I now also can have suggested right at the top, as you can see in the top image (also notice the nice fontawesome icons thanks to GETA).

For the admin mode plugin the easiest approach was to do an oldfashioned ASPX page - so that's what I did. This is what it looks like:

Suggested Types Manager

New Custom Type Suggestion

Parent Content Type (All types)

Select specific page

Only suggest this for me

Is this a 'For This Content' folder?

Content Type to Suggest

Add

Parent Content Type	Parent	Only for user	Content Folder	Content Type to Suggest
Blog	Blog	False	False	[] BlogPostPage <input type="checkbox"/>
[] BlogPostPage		True	True	[] CodeBlock <input type="checkbox"/>
[] BlogPostPage		True	True	[] CodeEmbedBlock <input type="checkbox"/>
[] BlogPostPage		True	True	[] QuoteBlock <input type="checkbox"/>

I embedded the Gist below.

If you think this could be useful in the nuget feed, be sure to drop a comment below and let me know!

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nais! what if there is no info in DDS for that type - does it fallback to built-in?

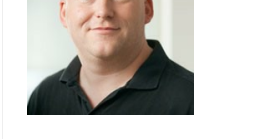
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yeah, it always just extends on the built-in. So they should still show afaiK

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Nice Idea! I like the option of adding elements to the creation proces for content.

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