

dotCMS Upgrade Memo

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Edit a Page in dotCMS

Upgrades made to dotCMS in December 2025 resulted in a few changes in the dotCMS **Pages** environment. Please note the following changes as you edit your web page in dotCMS.

What has changed since the December 2025 dotCMS upgrade?

1. Once you select/click on a page to edit from the Pages Browser dashboard, you will land on a **DRAFT** view of the page instead of the **PREVIEW** of that page.
2. The **EDIT**, **PREVIEW**, AND **LIVE** tabs/buttons in the previous dotCMS environment (**FIGURE 1**) have been replaced with new options in a dropdown menu labeled as **DRAFT**, **PREVIEW**, and **PUBLISHED** (**FIGURE 2**).
 - a. The new **DRAFT** view replaces the former **EDIT** tab/button. The **DRAFT** view must be selected to make edits to your page. To make edits to a page, you must first **LOCK** the page to enable the editing mode by clicking on the **LOCK** icon button near the top right side of your page (**FIGURE 3**). The page does not automatically lock when you select the page like in the previous dotCMS version. With this current upgrade, you will have to manually lock the Page to enable the editing mode. If you hover your mouse over the content area of the page, instructions to “*Lock the Page to start editing*” will appear on the screen.
 - b. The **PREVIEW** tab/button stayed the same. In this view, you can check or preview your latest edits you saved or published.
 - c. The new **PUBLISHED** view replaces the former **LIVE** tab/button. The **PUBLISHED** view allows you to view a live or future page.

FIGURE 1: Previous dotCMS Environment

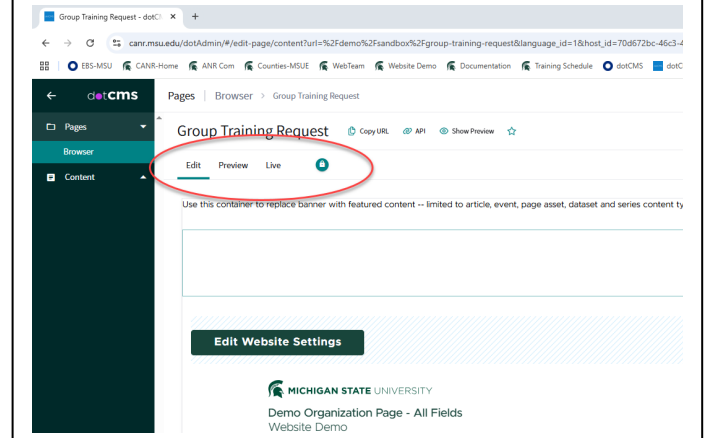


FIGURE 2: View Modes – Dropdown Menu in New dotCMS (December 2025 upgrade)

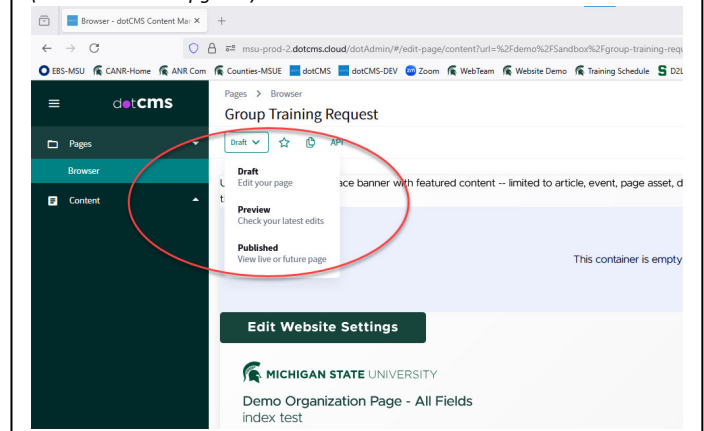


FIGURE 3: Lock Button in New dotCMS (December 2025 upgrade)

