

eSource - Why You Should Upgrade

Azox e-commerce platform, eSource, has undergone new changes and updates over the past several years and regardless of what release you are running, you'll want to consider upgrading to the newest version, eSource 3.4

Feature/Improvement	eSource 3	eSource 3.1	eSource 3.2	eSource 3.3	eSource 3.4	eSource 3.5
Web Parts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Skinning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Store Locator	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Web Based Settings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swatch	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Sort By	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Linked Attributes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
.NET 4.0	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
XHTML Validation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Paros Vulnerability Testing	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Shoter URLs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Edit Settings/Technical Details/Help	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Mobile Store	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Online Bill Pay Multi-Currency		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Apply Credit Memo, Return & Payments			√	√	✓	✓
Improved Admin Panel Layout		✓	√	✓	✓	✓
One Page Guest Checkout			✓	✓	✓	✓
Gift Card for B2B and B2C			✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Quicker eSource Installation			✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
Address Book			✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
SSRS Support				\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
eSource Registration				\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
GP 2013 Compatible				\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Web-Based Promo Pricing				✓	✓	\checkmark
Captcha/Forgotten Password				✓	✓	\checkmark
Guest User Checkout					\checkmark	\checkmark
New Promotions						✓
Address Confirmation						\checkmark

eSource 3.5 (Coming Third Quarter 2013)

New Promotions
Address Confirmation

eSource 3.4: The Latest Release

Guest User Checkout

Allow a user to process and order without logging in.

Guest Checkout	Returning Customers	New Customers		
You do not need an account with Ivy League to complete your order.	As a registered customer, enjoy exclusive benefits that make shopping faster and easier!	Creating an account speeds up checkout time by saving your billing, shipping and credit card information to your account. You can also view detailed order status and purchase history.		
Checkout as Guest	Username:			
	Password:			
	Did you forget your password?	Email Address:		
	Login	Confirm Address:		
		Password:		
		Confirm Password:		
		Subscribe to newsletter		
		Continue		

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SSRS Support

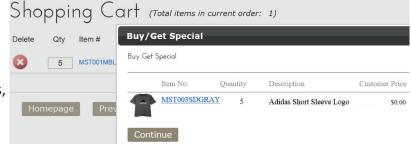
SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS) are used to gather data from analytics and allow reports to be generated that help monito the shopping habits of your customers include cart conversion and abandonment rates, commonalities across browsing, typical search results and items frequently added for purchase.

GP 2013 Compatible

This version of eSource, and all after, are now Microsoft Dynamics GP 2013 compatible.

Web-Based Promo Pricing

Customers are able to enter codes for various discounts and specials at checkout, such as multiple coupon codes, free shipping, buy one/get one specials and markdowns.



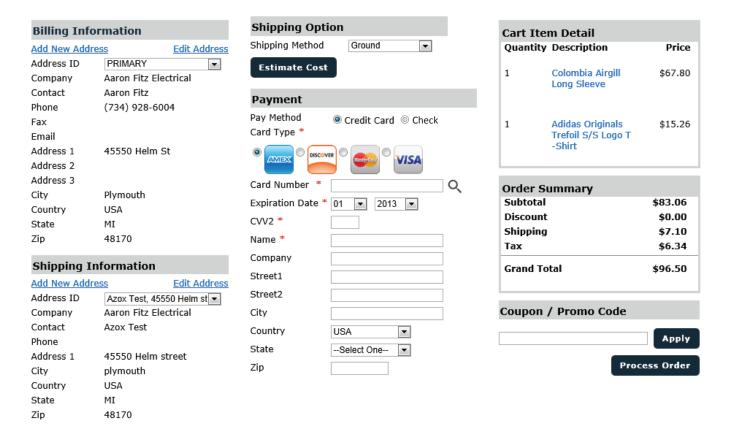
CAPTCHA/Forgotten Password

Return users who have forgotten their login credentials can complete a CAPTCHA, which is a challange-response test that ensures a user is human, to re-obtain their password or username.

eSource 3.2 Future Service Pack Upgrade

One Page Checkout

Allow users to checkout in a single page. More features in one page checkout will be available on next release.



Gift Cart for B2B and B2C

Code has been cleaned up and improved.

Quicker eSource Installation

Allow users to do eSource installation, registration and updates/upgrades via eSource site.

Address Book

New look and clean maintenance page.

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Online Bill Pay Multicurrency

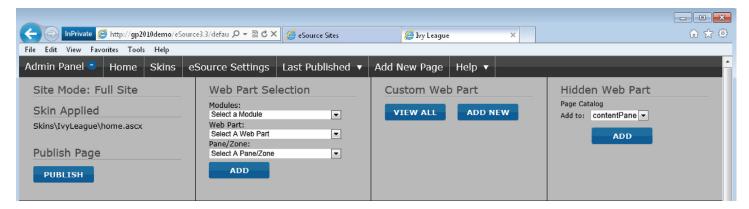
Allow users to create payments with GP originating currency by adding invoices to be applied in the Cash Recipt Note field.

Apply Credit Memo, Return and Payments

Allow users to apply Credit Memo, Returns and unapplied Payments to open invoices.

Admin Panel New Layout

The old Admin Panel has been replaced with a new one with an improved user interface that is also collapsible allowing users to have more visible room while working.



Version Number

Version number is now displayed throughout the Admin Panel and the eSource Settings page

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Web Based Settings

Having settings managed in a web based environment, creates one point of maintenance for your e-commerce site and makes it easier access from the convenience of a web browser. eSource Settings replaces eSource Manager and makes managing your catalog and displaying your items more user friendly.

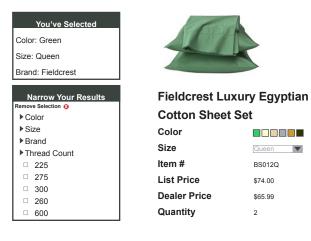
Edit Settings/Edit Technical Details/Help File

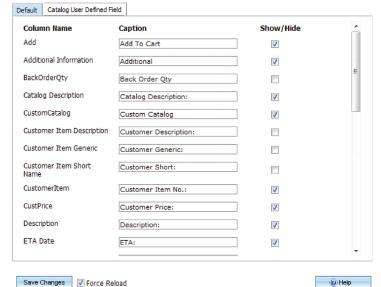
All web parts now have a menu which can be accessed for Edit Settings, Edit Technical Details, and Help Manual.

Edit Settings: Helps to apply customized settings to a specific store and the site from the web part. Provides option Activate/Dectivate for the web part, Show/Hide colomuns or reload the Default Settings. Also, provides Force Reload functionality to enforce the changed settings without logging off the site.

Edit Technical Details: Helps to change the caption of Buttons, Labels from the Resource File, manage error messages from the Static Page and adjust the spacing and look of the controls through CSS.

Help File: A detailed explanation of the Web Part functionality and set up with the help of screen shots





Swatch/Image Zoom

This introduces the ability for an image of a product to change as a different swatch is selected. In the example to the right, the dimension group contains three different shirt colors, green, blue and orange. With swatch the color/item can easily be changed at the item detail level or on a product/browse page. Images can also feature the ability to be zoomed in on to see up close detail.



Sort By

Sort By makes it easier for your shoppers to find what they want by having the ability to sort by a number of categories from alphabetical to highest to lowest price.



Best Selling
Best Match
Price Low to High
Price High to Low
Brand A-Z
Brand Z-A
Best Selling



Linked Attributes

Combining various attributes/values together in a set allows for enhanced filtering among product lines. Linked attribute sets will appear in the catalog engine and can be setup and managed there.

.NET 4.0 Compatibility, XHTML Validation and Paros Vulnerability Testing

eSource 3 brings with it .NET 4.0 compatibility ensuring no errors when tested through a site like (validator. w3.org). The new code also meets the XHTML standards set by W3C, meaning more organized and cleaner code. The code also passed Paros Vulnerability testing to block any SQL injections or hacking attempts.

URLs Shortened

eSource URLs are shorter with eSource 3 and redundant information like "eSource/ecom/eSource" will be removed, helping benefit the site's SEO practices.

Mobile Store

eSource 3 allows you the ability to expand your store to the increasing number of mobile shoppers everywhere.

E-commerce sites can be optimized and rebranded to display properly on any mobile device such as Android, Windows Phone or iPad devices while maintaining the same seamless integration to Microsoft Dynamics GP that you get with traditional Azox e-commerce sites.

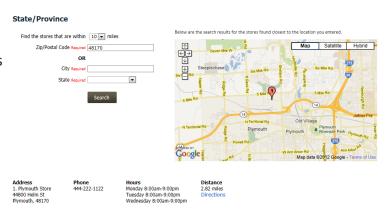


Other Standard Features

eSource II introduced several key improvements over the original eSource platform primarily coming from the design and branding aspects of the site. These features are available in eSource 3's e-commerce engine.

Store Locator

Store Locator helps customers find the stores nearest them as well as display each individual store on a map. Additional information like store hours and phone numbers can also be listed for each store.



Skinning

Skinning is an easy and flexible way to expand your web store's appearance by applying a skin to a particular webpage or group of webpages. This allows the look of a website to be changed and customized much easier. Skin creation involves two processes, designing the look and feel of your site and developing the structure of your site. Skins are ASCX files that include the basic structure of the webpage/website.

See images on next two pages.

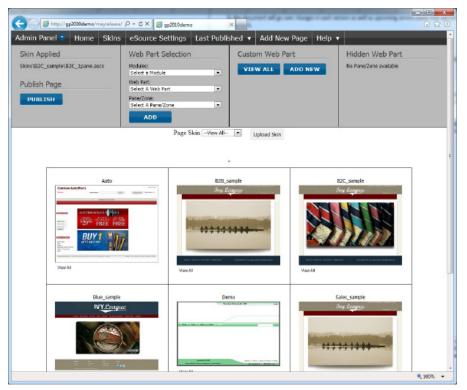


Fig. 1 - Different skins shown here allow the look and layout to be easily changed.

Web Parts

With the use of ASP.NET server controls, eSource II allows users to easily introduce dynamic content on a website that are able to move around into specific areas or panes of a webpage similar to a Microsoft SharePoint website. There are a number of webparts that come standard and allow html/text, FAQs, images, related products or specific product information to be placed on a web page. Web parts are selected from a dropdown menu at the top and are segmented into categories. (see Figure 2)

When using an HTML text web part, a built in full HTML editor makes it easy to add content or images without having extensive HTML knowledge. Similar to working in a word processing program, this allows content on a website to be more easily created, published and updated (see Figure 3).

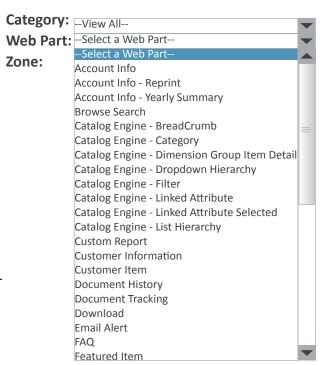


Fig. 2 - A list of selectable web parts

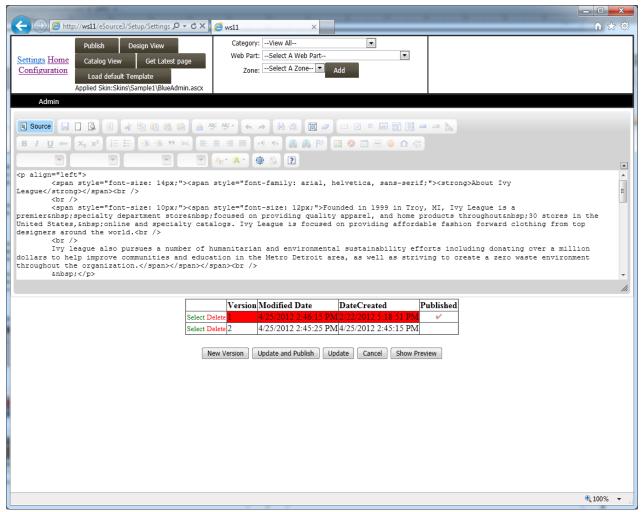
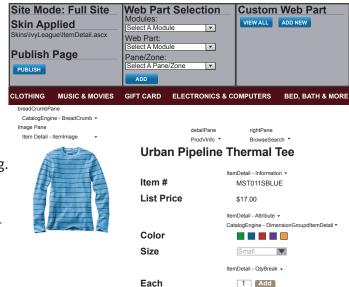


Fig. 3 - Built in HTML text editor for easy content creation and publishing

Drag and Drop Ability of Web Parts

In addition to being added to a web page, web parts can also be moved around a webpage. Web parts can be placed in areas labeled "Content Pane". Content panes serve as placeholders for any web part you would like to include on your webpage. To move web parts around users simply click the web part they want to move and drag and drop them to the content pane of their choosing.

In the example to the right you can see an image of the item that is selected and can be moved to any of the content Panes on the site.



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