CASE STUDY

Sitefinity Hub – How Falafel Software leveraged Telerik's RadControls for Windows 8 to create the ultimate on-the-go tool for Sitefinity administrators

Sitefinity Hub provides at-a-glance site stats for busy Sitefinity administrators. Leveraging the Sitefinity API, the app enables users to see what's going on – and even approve items for publication – without having to fire up a browser.

OVERVIEW

COUNTRY
USA

INDUSTRY
Technology

TELERIK PARTNER PROFILE
Falafel Software is a Microsoft Gold Partner, Sitefinity Platinum Partner and official Sitefinity Training Partner.

THE PROJECT
Knowing that busy site managers need to see what's happening wherever they are, Falafel Software set out to create a rich dashboard application for Sitefinity by Telerik users on Windows 8.

THE RESULT
Using RadControls for Windows 8, Falafel Software was able to deliver the app quickly, making it the first app in the Windows Store to feature Telerik's RadControls.

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Architect, Falafel Software

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BACKGROUND

For any busy website administrator, staying on top of site activity is an ongoing headache. This is especially true in smaller organizations where tech staff wear more than one hat and need to be available 24/7.

With Sitefinity Hub, Falafel Software has created the ultimate tool for Sitefinity administrators to manage essential operations for their sites – even when they're on the move.

INTRODUCING SITEFINITY HUB

Sitefinity Hub is a Windows 8 app that leverages Microsoft's signature Live Tile format to present a stylish dashboard of selected site statistics.

The app's main page shows summary data about users, pages, workflows and comments. Users just tap a tile to drill down to see more detail. "The app bubbles up information to make it

easy for the user to see what's going on at a glance," says Mike Dugan, Marketing Director at Falafel Software.

Users can also perform essential site management tasks such as administering users and approving content for publication. If users need to, they can jump straight into an active Sitefinity session from the app.

The Hub is not just for administrators. The app leverages Sitefinity's granular permissions so it can be used by business users for editorial purposes – such as approving comments or flagging spam – without exposing potentially site-breaking functionality.

BUILT WITH TELERIK CONTROLS

Sitefinity Hub was the first Windows 8 app released in the Windows Store featuring the RadControls for Windows 8 by Telerik. The HubTile control delivers the characteristic Windows 8 Live Tile look and the Chart control provides visualizations of site data.

"The app went together rather easily and quickly," says Mike. "The RadControls work really well out of the box. In addition to the documentation, there was great support in the Telerik Forums and really good demo apps. The learning curve was really minor, especially with the tiles."

Tiles are color-coded for different types of content and the icons provide intuitive, at-a-glance visual cues so that users can navigate to the right functionality quickly and easily.

"Working with the controls is a breeze and empowers developers to quickly get to the content of their application while Telerik handles the nitty-gritty of animation and states," says Bary Nusz, Architect at Falafel Software.

LEVERAGING THE SITEFINITY PLATFORM

As a Sitefinity Platinum Partner and official Sitefinity Training Partner, Falafel Software understands which site data is most useful to site managers. Having decided what data to present, it was easy to put the app together, thanks to Sitefinity's highly accessible API.

"Sitefinity Hub is a testament to Sitefinity's extensibility," says Gabe Sumner, Sitefinity Product Marketing Manager. "Sitefinity has a robust and fully-exposed API, enabling customers and partners to produce incredible results."

ABOUT FALAFEL SOFTWARE

Falafel Software, an eight-time Microsoft Gold Certified partner, has been providing custom software development, consultation and training services worldwide since 2003. Having standardized on Telerik's UI components and developer productivity tools, Falafel has built a world-class consulting and training practice around Telerik's award-wining solutions. www.falafel.com

ABOUT RADCONTROLS FOR WINDOWS 8 BY TELERIK

Telerik's RadControls for Windows 8 help developers create engaging touch-enabled Windows 8 apps, shorten time-to-market, accelerate store acceptance, and help apps achieve better rankings. Built from the ground up for Windows 8, RadControls are available in XAML and HTML and offer the same intuitive user experience in both.

ABOUT SITEFINITY

Sitefinity is Telerik's award-winning web content management and collaboration platform. Sitefinity brings an intuitive, drag and drop page design environment to business users while delivering higher levels of developer productivity. Sitefinity powers more than 10,000 websites worldwide.

ABOUT TELERIK

Telerik is the market-leading provider of end-to-end solutions for application development, automated software testing, agile project management, reporting and content management across all major Microsoft development platforms. Telerik is trusted by more than 100,000 customers worldwide for its innovation and industry-best technical support.

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