# WebGrid Enterprise 7

# What's New in WebGrid 7

WebGrid Enterprise 7 R2 includes a multitude of refinements in user interface areas – from new Vistastyle column action, customizable header context menu, rich text editing integration to engaging UI themes – making WebGrid even more versatile and naturally easier to use.

# **New Visual UI Themes**

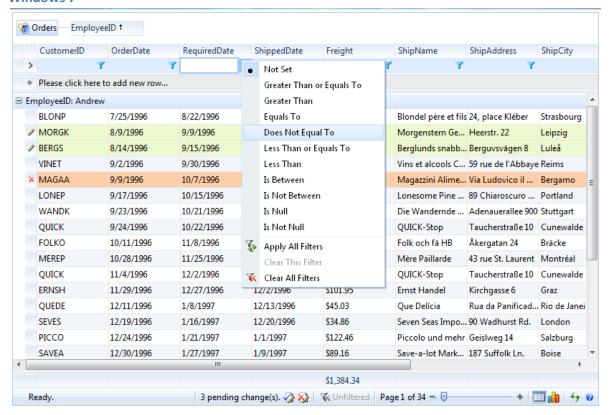
Designed from the ground up by Intersoft artists, WebGrid 7 now is preloaded with three new dazzling visual themes: Windows 7, Glassy Black and Metallic Silver.

Thanks to WebGrid's DefaultStyle™ architecture, applying the new theme can be done as easy as one property set. The new themes are available as new options in **DefaultStyleMode** property in the WebGrid control.

Each visual theme is designed with high quality graphics and balanced color scheme. In addition to the main WebGrid interface, the theme also covers all aspects of WebGrid user interface elements, including context menu, pivot charting interface, ribbon, buttons, status bar and more.

The following screenshots illustrate the design for each visual theme:

#### Windows 7

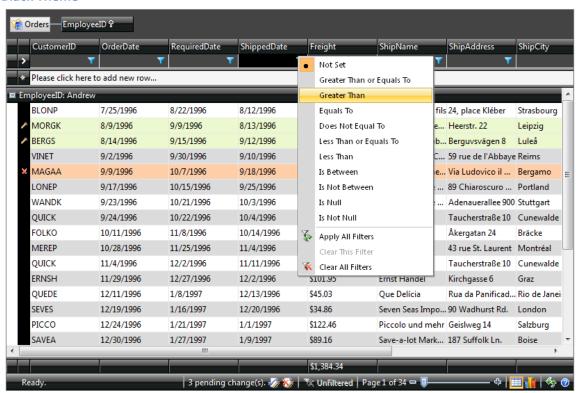


**Grid View** 



**Pivot Chart View** 

#### **Black Theme**

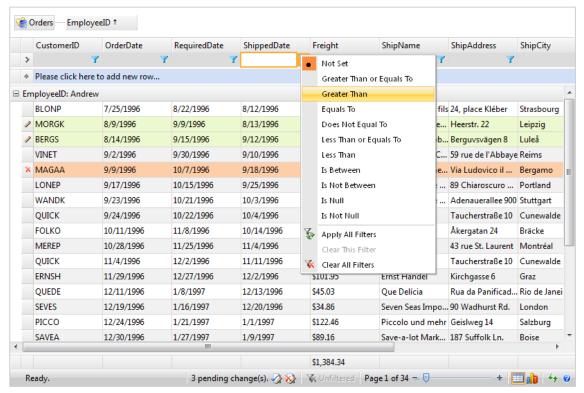


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#### **Silver Theme**



**Grid View** 

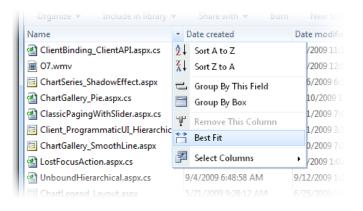


**Pivot Chart View** 

To set the theme in Webform, simply set the **DefaultStyleMode** property to the desired theme name in the WebGrid control. Alternatively, you can also set the theme in the design-time by using the <u>enhanced WebGrid Designer</u>.

## **Column Action**

New in WebGrid 7 is Column Action, a new user interface feature to display contextual column actions through a visual hint that automatically appear when users hover on a column – making it even easier and faster for users to access column-related commands.



By default, the column action will show the column context menu which includes built-in commands such as sorting, grouping, column freezing, select columns or other column-related features that are currently enabled.

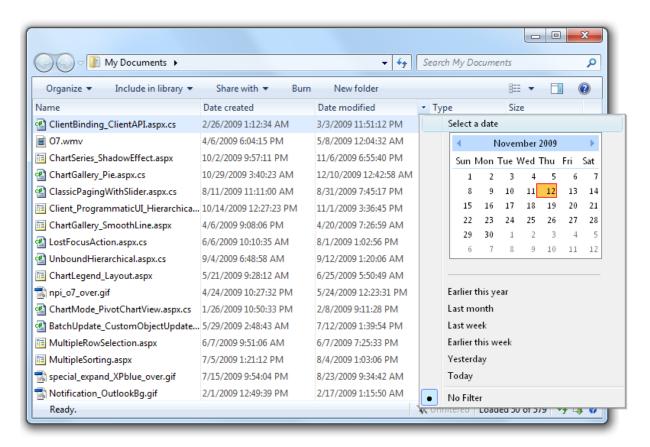
In addition to the default behavior, WebGrid also supports column action customization to enable broader and more advanced scenarios, for instances, adding new commands or displaying predefined filter menu similar to Windows Explorer. The customization can be elegantly done by handling **OnColumnAction** client-side event.

The following example shows how to show a custom context menu during column action.

#### <u>ASPX</u>

```
<ISWebGrid:WebGrid ID="WebGrid1" runat="server">
       <LayoutSettings>
               <ClientSideEvents OnColumnAction="OnColumnAction" />
        </LayoutSettings>
</ISWebGrid:WebGrid>
Javascript
function OnColumnAction(controlId, column)
    if (column.Name == "Modified")
        var menu = ISGetObject("dateFilterMenu");
        var grid = ISGetObject(controlId);
        var eventLocation = menu.GetEventLocation();
        eventLocation.X -= 8;
        eventLocation.Y += 5;
        menu.Show(eventLocation);
        grid.ActionBoxShown = true;
        return false; // cancel default behavior
    }
}
```

The following screenshot illustrates a WebGrid sample that used Explorer-style predefined date filter as the column action.



The column action is customized to display Windows Explorer style date filter menu

How-to: Enable Column Action

How-to: Add new menu items in Column Action

#### **Custom Editors Pack 3**

For the first time since version 4, WebGrid 7 is preloaded with more custom editors – delivering richer and more natural editing experiences. Bundled into Custom Editors Pack 3, WebGrid introduces Vistastyle calendar and WebTextEditor custom editor.

# **Vista-style Calendar Custom Editor**

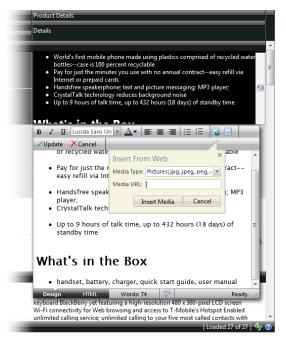
The new WebCalendar custom editor gives users the look and feel of Vista-style date picker which provides the easiest way to navigate month, year, and range of years. Unlike the built-in Calendar, WebCalendar is far more robust and versatile with its lightweight component design and minimalist visual theme.

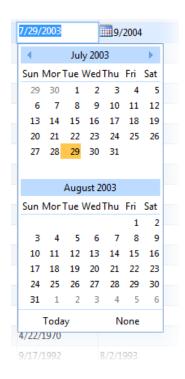
Fully integrated with WebCalendar API, you can take advantage of many powerful calendar features, such as multiple months display, show week numbers, built-in themes, automatic globalization support, date format customization and much more.

When the WebCalendar custom editor is used, WebGrid will automatically add client resource references to WebScheduler\_Calendar, several images and style resources. Please make sure that WebScheduler's resource files have been added to your project.

How-to: Use WebCalendar custom editor

## **WebTextEditor Custom Editor**





WebGrid 7 now supports WebTextEditor as the rich text editor integrated into WebGrid's editing environment – enabling users to leverage the powerful and advanced editing capabilities of WebTextEditor in the convenience of one-click inline editing.

WebTextEditor is Intersoft's flagship rich editing component for ASP.NET that delivers innovative editing features, high performance, and full cross-browser support. The key features include natural user interface with integrated spell-checker, real-time uploader, and built-in media gallery. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to learn more.

Note: WebTextEditor is a standalone server-side component and require to be licensed separately. For more information about WebTextEditor licensing, please contact <a href="Intersoft Sales">Intersoft Sales</a>.

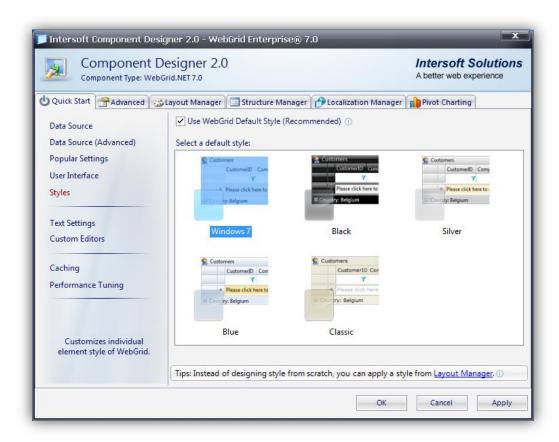
## How-to: Use WebTextEditor custom editor

# **Improved Designer**

In addition to the impressive UI themes and other new runtime features, WebGrid 7 also improves its Designer to make it even easier to work with the new features.

## **Styles Selection**

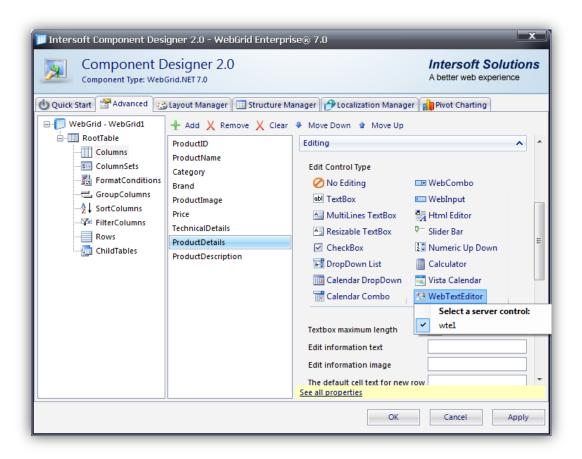
Easily select a style with the revamped Styles Designer. The Styles Designer now displays all available styles in visually appealing interface.



**Improved Styles Selection Interface** 

### **Custom Editor Selection**

Along with new <u>Custom Editors Pack 3</u>, the WebGrid Designer has also been improved to let you easily select the custom editor from the available list. When server-side editor type is selected, the designer will automatically show all available controls having the same type of the required custom editor.



The intuitive designer lets you choose an editor with a simple point-and-click.

## **Context Menu Customization**

WebGrid is continually enhanced to meet your most demanding Web 2.0 applications. It now supports customization on all context menu elements such as header context menu and exporting context menu – giving developers the utmost flexibility to create rich user experiences required in today's business applications.

The context menu can be customized through the new **OnColumnContextMenu** client-side event. For more information on the event arguments supplied in this event, please see <u>New Client Events</u>.

The following Javascript code shows how to add custom menu to the header context menu. It adds *Google Map* functionality when users right click on the *Address* column header.

```
var templateMenu = new WebMenuItem("maps_canvas", "");
var address = selectedRow.GetCell(column.Name).Text;

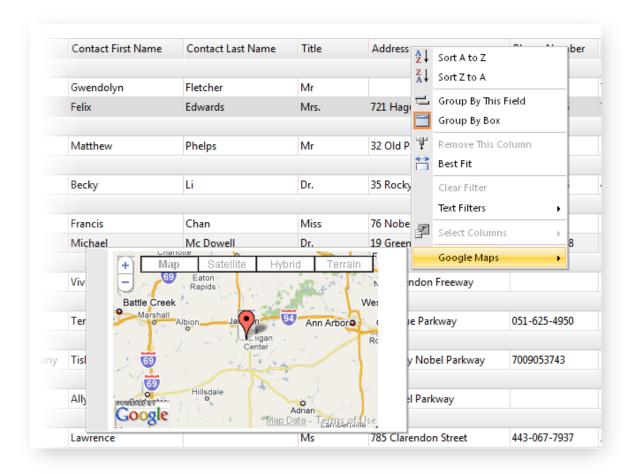
templateMenu.Type = "Template";
templateMenu.Enabled = false;

if (googleMapInitialized && address != "")
{
    mapsMenu.SubMenu.Items.Add(templateMenu);

    // add our new menu items to the header context menu menu.Items.Add(new WebMenuSeparatorItem());
    menu.Items.Add(mapsMenu);

    ShowMapByAddress(address);
}
else
{
    mapsMenu.Enabled = false;
}
}
```

The following image illustrates the result of the sample which integrates Google Map into WebGrid's header context menu.



#### **New Client Events**

Numerous client-side events are introduced in this release to more extensibility and greater control over WebGrid's functions and behaviors.

The new client side events are:

## OnInitializeCustomEditor

Specifies the client side (JavaScript) function that will be invoked when a custom editor is about to be initialized.

Parameters: controlld, editorName, editorObject, customEditor

# • OnColumnContextMenu

Specifies the client side (JavaScript) function that will be invoked when the column's context menu is about to be displayed.

Parameters: controlld, col, menu, isGroup, location

# • OnExportContextMenu

Specifies the client side (JavaScript) function that will be invoked when the exporting context menu is about to be displayed.

Parameters: controlld, table, menu, location

## OnBatchUpdateError

Specifies the client side (JavaScript) function that will be invoked when one or more records are failed to be updated during batch update process.

Parameters: controlld, errorXml

#### OnColumnAction

Specifies the client side (JavaScript) function that will be invoked when users click on the column action indicator.

Parameters: controlld, column

#### **Advanced Column Filter**

Since its initial version, WebGrid has provided predefined filter types that let users easily performing filters from the WebGrid user interface. The supported predefined filters are greater than or equal to, greater than, equal to, like, between, empty, null and more.

Often times, the predefined filter isn't sufficient to meet more complex requirements that involve multiple expressions in a column. WebGrid 7 introduces an advanced column filter that enables developers to write their own expressions per column.

The WebGridFilter object now includes three new properties:

- **UseAdvancedFilter**. Set this property to true to process this filter using custom filter expression.
- AdvancedFilterKey. Specifies the key name for this filter.
- AdvancedFilterExpression. Specifies the filter expression for this filter.

The advanced filter expression must be compatible with ADO.NET Expression. Furthermore, the advanced expression text will not be displayed in the WebGrid user interface. Some scenarios where advanced filter can be useful are predefined filtering from custom context menu interface or custom filtering from column action interface.

The following C# code shows how to add an advanced filter for Modified column.

# **XHTML Support**

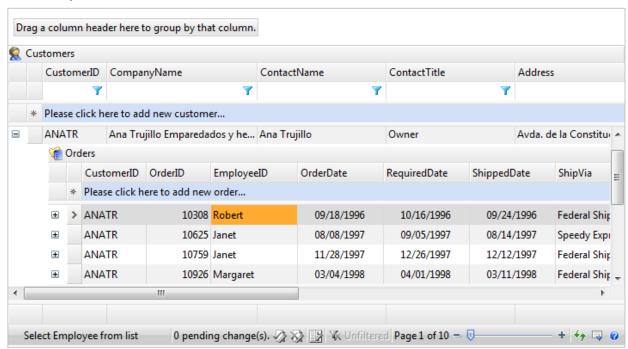
WebGrid 7 continues to deliver constant improvement to support Web standards such as XHTML. The new release now supports pixel-perfect rendering when operating in XHTML document type.

The supported browsers for the XHTML document type are:

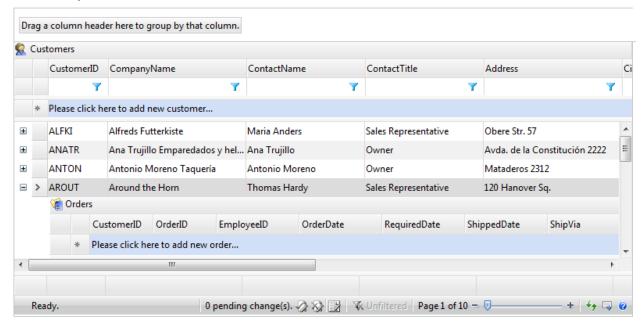
- Internet Explorer 7 Standards mode
- Internet Explorer 8 Standards mode
- Firefox 3+
- Safari 4+
- Opera 9.5+
- Other Gecko or Webkit variants

The following screenshots compare the WebGrid rendering result in several browsers:

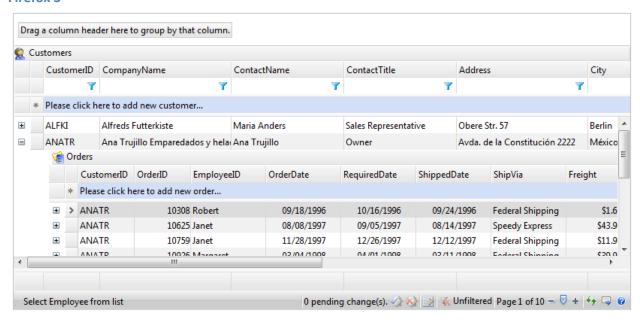
# **Internet Explorer 8**



# **Internet Explorer 7**



#### Firefox 3



#### Safari 4

