

2-Pager — AP Agate Changes

The Associated Press has made changes to its agate formatting, using tables rather

than semicolon-separated content to handle tabs. This change has caused TownNews

to make changes to its BLOX Total CMS client code and to rulesets that format agate.

» CLIENT UPDATE

Client code updates are active after the files have been put in place and the page designer restarts InDesign. Designers can continue to work while the update is in progress because the code is cached when the designer launches InDesign.

Step 1

Download the [client update](#). The site must be on 5.37.06 or higher to be able to handle the new agate format.

Step 2

Go to `tcms_data >` RecentVersion and delete the contents of the directory.

Step 3

Go to `tcms_data >` ActiveVersion. Cut the contents of this directory and paste it into the RecentVersion folder you emptied in the previous step.

Step 4

Copy the contents of the new client code you downloaded in Step 1 and paste it into ActiveVersion.



Tip

EARLY BLOX Total CMS sites that were installed may not use the ActiveVersion folder and may instead have a BLOX Total CMS for Adobe InDesign folder that contains the client code. This will be rare. Perform the same steps but use this folder instead of the ActiveVersion folder.

» RULESETS

There are a number of new rulesets that must be added, but they can be done in one simple import. A few rulesets also must be added to the Default Ruleset.

Step 1

Download the new [Rulesets](#) and unzip them.

Step 2

Log in to BLOX Total CMS, in the Web browser.

Step 3

Click the BLOX CMS button, hover over Settings, hover over InDesign and choose Translate Rulesets.

Step 4

With no rulesets selected, click the Ruleset button at the top right and choose

Export rulesets. This will download a copy of the rulesets so that you can restore them if you need to.

Step 5

Click the New button at the top left and select Import rulesets.

Step 6

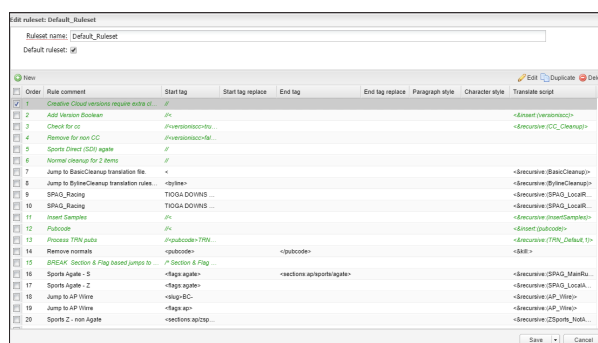
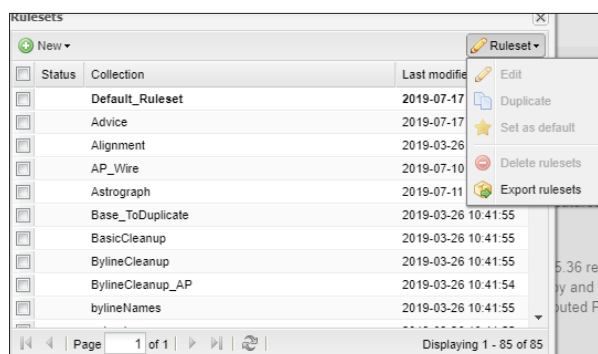
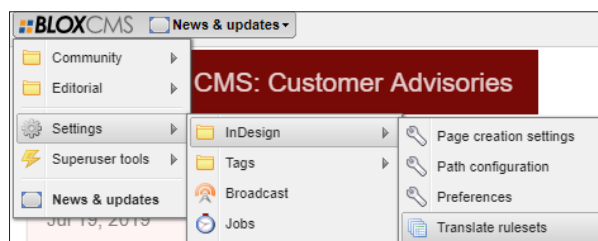
Click Import Rulesets and navigate to and select the rulesets that you downloaded in Step 1.

Step 7

Double-click on the Default_Ruleset.

Step 8

Around line 13 (16 in the example to the right) there is a rule with a rule comment of Sports Agate - S. Click that line one time and click the New button.



Step 9

You can copy the text in the first example below, paste it in the appropriate fields and click Apply.

Step 10

Click New, copy the text in the second example below, paste it in the appropriate fields and click Apply.

Step 11

Click the downward-facing arrow on Save and select Save and Close to complete the ruleset setup.

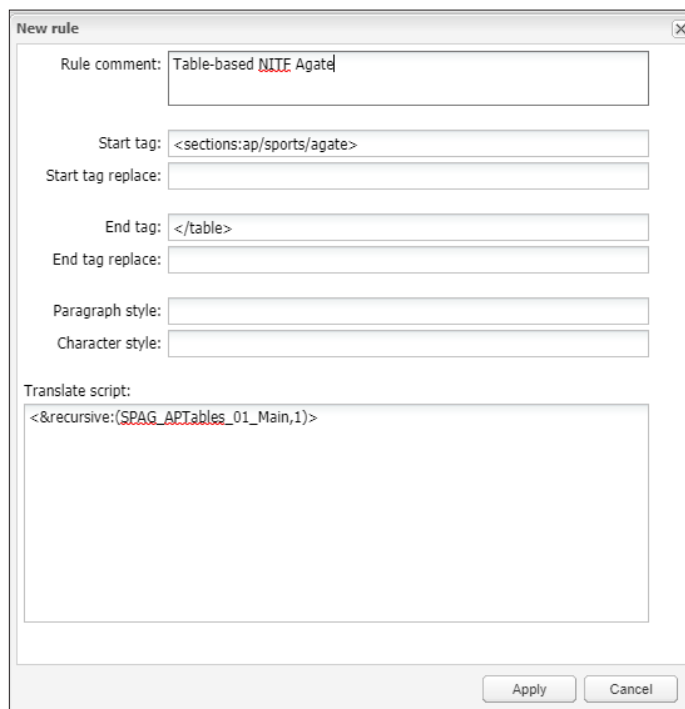
First rule to be added to Default Ruleset

RULE COMMENT: Table-based NITF Agate

START TAG: <sections:ap/sports/agate>

END TAG: </table>

TRANSLATE SCRIPT: <&recursive:(SPAG_APTables_01_Main,1)>



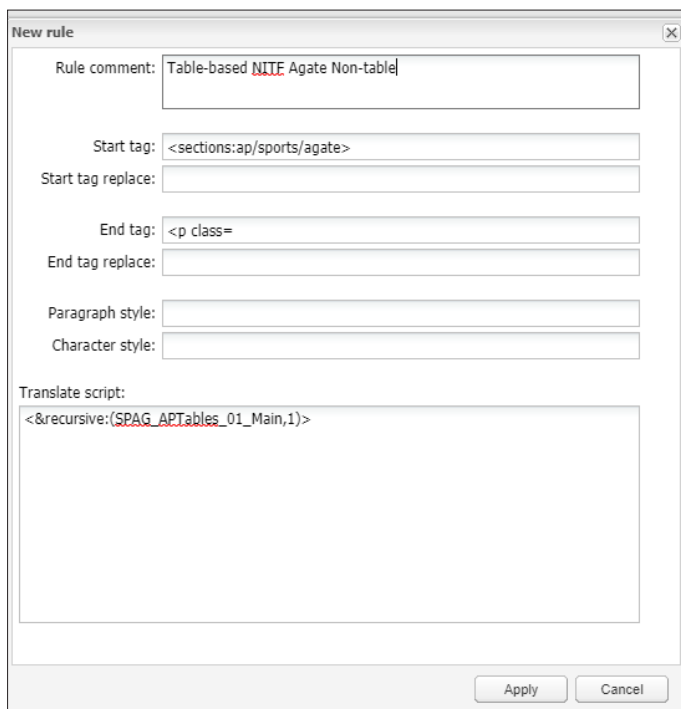
Second rule to be added to Default Ruleset

RULE COMMENT: Table-based NITF Agate Non-Table

START TAG: <sections:ap/sports/agate>

END TAG: <p class=

TRANSLATE SCRIPT: <&recursive:(SPAG_APTables_01_Main,1)>



» TEMPLATE STYLES

Your Adobe InDesign template needs six paragraph styles and three character styles to work properly with the new AP format. You likely have all or most of these styles. If you don't, you will have to create them.

How these styles format text is a site-specific decision, but here are some tips.

NEEDED STYLES

PARAGRAPH STYLES

SP AG1 Main Title
SP AG2 Regular Title
SP AG4 Text
SP AG4I Text Indented
SP AG5 Tabbed
SP AG5B Tabbed Bold

CHARACTER STYLES

zagDenominator
zagNumerator
zagSlash

— Each site will likely have all the paragraph styles except one: SP AG4I Text Indented.

— In many cases, SP AG4I Text Indented will be the same as SP AG4 Text. It is regular agate but with an indent. Some sites set SP AG4 Text to not indent. In either case, we will need both styles and the SP AG4I Text Indented style should have no first line indent.

— zagNumerator is a character style. It should not have a font or family listed because it should pick up the font of their normal agate. The point size should be 2 to 3 points smaller than their

agate size (ex. normal agate 6, zag style 4). Baseline shift should be set to 2. Tracking should be set to -200.

— zagDenominator is a character style similar to zagNumerator. It should have same font size as zagNumerator. Tracking should be 0 and Baseline Shift should be 0.

— zagSlash is a character style similar to the zagNumerator. It should have the same font size as regular agate, so bigger than the other agate styles. It should have tracker of about -200 and it should have a Baseline Shift of 0.



Tip

If the site depends on time some assets to change time because of the time zone or if the times are being changed and shouldn't be, a TotalCMS team member will need to make an adjustment to the rulesets.



Tip

MORE online documentation can be found [here](#).