To begin using Storyteller CMS, you log into the administration control panel via your web browser. Typically the URL will look like this, http://www.yourdomain.com/cadmin/ but that is dependant on where you have installed the Storyteller CMS. From there you will be prompted for a user name and password.

The first screen you will see is the Overview. From here you can access the Black board, a notes utility for exchanging information between administrators and the most recently posted news items per category.

On the left will be the Main Menu form which you can access al the other functions of the Story Teller. Currently these are:

News, Community, Mailing List, Downloads, Polls, FAQ, Reviews, Pages, Glossary, Trouble Tickets, Plans, Links, Users, Ban, Templates, Ads, Spiders, Stats, Logs, Other, Log Out

News:
In this section you can add, edit or remove news items as well as add new category types. To add a news item, simply click ADD then enter the Title of your article. Next you will choose a category type. The default is GENERAL, but you can add as many as you like from the ADD CATEGORY link on the Main Menu.

QUICK CODES are there for those of us who get tired of typing out basic HTML commands. For example if you click the large B, [b]bold text[/b], will appear in the text box. You can also add smiley faces where appropriate. :)

Main News is the text that will appear on the main site when the news is posted. Generally this a headline or an abbreviated form of the full news article. Adding a news item with the Title "Add a news Item" and the Main News Text of "This is the text that will appear on the main index page" would look like this when posted.

Extended News is the rest of your news article. This is optional. If you add Extended News to your story, a "Read More" link will appear on the main news item that when click by the reader will bring them to the Extended news item.

Note that the Main News text and the teaser image followed the link to the extended News item.

Enable HTML Formatting: Choosing yes will parse html statements when the news is posted. Choosing no will treat HTML as text.
Enable Icons and Smilies: Choosing yes will parse smiles as images when the news is posted. Choosing no will treat them as text.
Enable Block Code: Choosing yes will enable bock code as well as html.
Source: Enter the source of your news item
Show News on Main Site: Yes will post the news item to the front page of the main site. No will "silently" update your news item.
Enable Comments: Selecting YES will allow your registered users to add comments to your news. Selecting NO will disable this feature. Only registered and logged on users can add comments
Teaser Image: Teaser images are optional.

Comments:
This section is used for editing or removing user added comments to your news items.

Mailing List:
This section is used to create, mange and send a mailing list of websites that you can mail your news items to.

Downloads:
This section is used for those webmasters who want to make files available for their users to download. As with any other news item you are given the choice to add Title, Category, Small Description and Extended Description for your file. You will also be given the choice of eight download URL's. You will need to use at least one location, but using any of the other eight is optional. You can also chose to have only subscribers to your web site view this file for download and whether or not users can post comments regarding the file. The last option Image File, can be used to upload a screen shot or preview of the file to be downloaded. The default is GENERAL, but you can add as many as you like from the ADD CATAGORY link on the Main Menu. You also manage your SUBSCRIBERS list from the Main Menu.

Polls:
In this section you can add a poll to our website. You have the option of adding the Poll Question (Recommended), Poll Intro Text (optional) and up to 12 possible responses. Show this poll on main page will toggle on and off whether the poll is viewable and you can also allow user comments by toggling Enable Comments. Only registered and logged in users will be able to vote in a poll.

FAQ:
Frequently Asked Questions. From here you can edit and post information in your sites FAQ. The default is GENERAL, but you can add as many as you like from the ADD CATEGORY link on the Main Menu.

Reviews:
This section allows you to add and manage Reviews on your web site.

Review Title: Add the Title of your review
Add page to: If this is the first page, select NEW PAGE; otherwise select the page you would like to add to. For example if you had just written 'Review 1' and would like to add a 2nd page to that review you would select "Add page to Review 1" as shown.

Categories: The default is GENERAL, but you can add as many as you like from the ADD CATEGORY link on the Main Menu.
Author: The Authors name, as you would like it to appear.
Page Subject: Optional additional page subject text.
Review Text: The Body of the review. Html or block code formatting is optional. You may also upload review images via the Image File dialog box.

Pages:
Pages are similar to news, reviews and give you the opportunity to "free form" post on your site without being in the News or review format.

Glossary:
From here you can add terms and definitions that your users might be interested in. IE: CMS – Content Management System.

Trouble Ticket:
Mainly for corporate websites, registered users can submit Trouble Tickets for support. When your users submit a ticket you will be able to review it here and take the appropriate action.

Links:
From here you can create and manage your Links page. You select or add a category, (friends, technology, whatever), the site name and the site URL.

Plans:
From here you can add or remove plan entries.

Users:
From here you can add users manually to your database. An admin user has access to the Storyteller CMS. Special access function can be added or revoked via PERMISSIONS on the Main Menu.

Ban:
From here you can ban access of users by either IP address, email or user name. You can also ban words which your do not want used in the User Comments Sections.

Ads:
Here you can add text based ads to your website.

Templates:
Templates define the HTML in which your database information is displayed. From here you can control the output of all your pages, but you will need to know a bit about HTML and PHP. There is a built in search and replace function to help with mass changes like fonts, colors and tables.

Spiders:
Spiders AKA Site Rippers or Offline Readers can be a real problem. Their intent is to enable a user can download the entire contents of a web site and view it off line at their leisure. However, these spiders can put a tremendous load on your servers while they are ripping your sites content. If this is a problem and you know the spiders signature, (found in your server logs) you can enter it here and effectively block the spiders from taking your content and creating undue server load.

Stats:
Here you can view some basic site statistics.

Logs:
Here you will find logs of what users and their IPS that have posted articles or changed them.

Other:
Websites:
Here you can add other websites The Storyteller CMS is to control. Currently the CMS supports up to 99 websites.
Permissions:
Here you can set the permission of your admin users and what areas they are allowed to edit.
Config:
This is the configuration file that you set up when you ran the cinstall script. You can make changes if necessary here.

Logout:
Logs you out of the CMS Admin panel