

XNAT Site Settings

The default tab that loads in the Admin UI allows you to set your basic site settings. Many of these settings were initially configured in your [XNAT First Time Configuration](#) step, but can be changed here as needed. To get to these controls, go to **Administer > Site Administration** in the top navigation and click on the **Site Setup** tab.

Site Information Settings

Site Information

Site ID

The id used to refer to this site (also used to generate database ids). The Site ID must start with a letter and contain only letters, numbers and underscores. It should be a short, one-word name or acronym which describes your site. No spaces or non-alphanumeric characters.

Site Url

The address you want visible to users in emails, and other external links. This should be a functional address (i.e. if the user pasted this address in their web browser, they should come to the site). localhost only works if the web browser is located on the same machine. You are required to guarantee that this address is functional for reaching the site.

Site Description Page Text (Markdown)

Specify a velocity template file to display on the login page

Site Login Landing

The page users will land on immediately after logging in.

Site Home

The page users will land on by clicking the XNAT logo in the menu bar.

Settings

Setting	Property Name	Description
Site ID	siteId	The ID used to refer to this site (also used to generate database ids). The Site ID must start with a letter and contain only letters, numbers and underscores. It should be a short, one-word name or acronym which describes your site. No spaces or non-alphanumeric characters. By default this is set to 'XNAT', but you will likely want to change this to the name of your particular XNAT instance (e.g. 'ConnectomeDB' for the Human Connectome Project public site). This Site ID will appear throughout the site, such as on the page users are directed to after login which informs them how many projects, subjects, and imaging sessions the site has (e.g. SITE_ID currently contains 2 projects, 3 subjects, and 4 imaging sessions.).

Site URL	siteUrl	This is the URL at which users should access your site. It should be the full URL, including 'http' or 'https'. This URL is the one provided to users in emails, and other external links. This should be a functional address (i.e. if the user pasted this address in their web browser, they should come to the site). localhost only works if the web browser is located on the same machine. You are required to guarantee that this address is functional for reaching the site.
Site Description	siteDescription	This controls what site description shows up on the login page. You have two options for configuring this content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page (Default): Select the 'Page' radio button and then enter, in the text field below the radio button, the relative path to the site description template (e.g. <code>/screens/site_description.vm</code>). • Markdown: If you want to enter the description directly, you should select the 'Text (Markdown)' radio button and then enter, in the text box below the radio button, the site description using Markdown.
Site Description (Text)	siteDescriptionText	This setting only gets used if Site Description is set to "Markdown" <div style="border: 1px solid #c6e0b4; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  Markdown is a simple syntax used by GitHub and many wikis for creating text content with headline styles, links, images and other emphasis tags. See: Markdown Quick Reference </div>
Site Description (Page)	siteDescriptionPage	This setting only gets used if Site Description is set to "Page" <div style="border: 1px solid #c6e0b4; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  The file path should be relative to the XNAT webapp templates directory, and will typically be something like <code>/screens/{templatefile.vm}</code>. </div>
Site Login Landing	siteLoginLanding	This is the relative path (e.g. <code>/screens/QuickSearch.vm</code>) to the Velocity template page that you want users to land on upon logging in.
Site Home	siteHome	This is the relative path (e.g. <code>/screens/QuickSearch.vm</code>) to the Velocity template page that you want users to land on when they click the XNAT logo in the menu bar. <div style="border: 1px solid #c6e0b4; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  Paths specified in these input fields relate to files that are located in your webapp's template folders. See "Managing Template Files" in Understanding the Components of XNAT </div>

 Site-wide config properties can be accessed via REST at `/xapi/siteConfig/values/{property-name}`.
Site-wide config properties can be access programmatically in Velocity via `$siteConfig.{property-name}`.

Admin Information

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Site Admin Email

The administrative email account to receive system emails. This address will receive frequent emails on system events, such as errors, processing completion, new user registration and so on. These emails can be configured on the Notifications tab.

Primary Admin Username

This should be the login name of an enabled and valid user. The specified user must be a site administrator.

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Setting	Property Name	Description
Site Admin Email	adminEmail	<p>The administrative email account to receive system emails. This address will receive frequent emails on system events, such as errors, processing completion, new user registration and so on. These emails can be configured on the Notifications tab.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  This must be a valid email address. If it is not, then some emails intended for other recipients may also fail if there's an error caused by an invalid email address being one of the recipients. </div>
Primary Admin Username	primaryAdminUsername	This should be the login name of an enabled and valid user. The specified user must be a site administrator.

Site-wide Alerts

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Enable Alert Message

Alert Message

Enter your message text here. You can use HTML to enter links or add emphasis as needed.

Alert Type

Default: Alert

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Setting	Property Name	Description
Enable Alert Message	siteWideAlertStatus	<p>Toggles between three possible settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "0": Off "1": On, displaying only on the login page "2": On, displaying on login page and site header
Alert Message	siteWideAlertMessage	Message text. Can be plaintext or HTML.

Alert Type	siteWideAlertType	Toggles between three alert types: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Message": Used for non-urgent informational alerts, such as to notify users of a new feature• "Alert": Used for urgent informational alerts, such as to notify users of a scheduled outage• "Error": Used to notify users of unexpected errors, such as unscheduled downtime or an outage of a related service, such as pipeline processing
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Also see [Notifications and Alerts in XNAT](#)