

IMPORT/EXPORT CATEGORIES



User Guide

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Extension Overview

This module allows you to import and export your categories and sub categories and related category data like meta descriptions / meta title / meta keywords as well as if the category isActive or isAnchor, category description and category image and thumbnail. It can also import/export products for categories and product position(s) in the categories. See Screenshot of example categories.csv file to view an example.

FEATURES:

- Import/Export all category and related data
- Import/Export category images and thumbnail images
- Import/Export category product positions
- Import/Export categories and set categoryIDs
- Comes with a User Manual / Install Instructions

Extension Installation

1. Log out from Magento Admin panel if you are logged in
2. Unpack the contents of the zip file purchased and VIA ftp and upload the app folder to your magento install root.
3. Log into Magento Admin Panel
4. If Cache Control is enabled in Magento go to 'System > Cache Management' section, select 'Refresh' under 'All Cache' drop-down menu and press 'Save Cache Settings'
5. Now go to System > Import / Export > Dataflow – Advanced Profiles section

6. Click create “New Profile” and call it “**Import Categories**” and paste the contents from
xml_data_to_paste_into_advanced_profile_import(CSV).txt

(NOTE IF you want to use excel/XML format then use the one with (XML).txt at the end)

7. Click create “New Profile” and call it “**Export Categories**” and paste the contents from
xml_data_to_paste_into_advanced_profile_export(CSV)..txt

(NOTE IF you want to use excel/XML format then use the one with (XML).txt at the end)

8. **OPTIONAL** – you can setup either import/export profiles as a cron job see this url ->

http://www.commerceextensions.com/how_to_setup_cron_job

Extension Usage

1. **DO NOT** – Edit the CSV in excel it strips format and breaks import. I recommend using openoffice.org calc and saving in utf-8 format. Or use the (XML) versions for the profile and the excel workbooksheet 2003 XML format.
2. Overall the extension is very straight forward. You can find in magento admin under

system -> import/export -> dataflow -advanced profiles

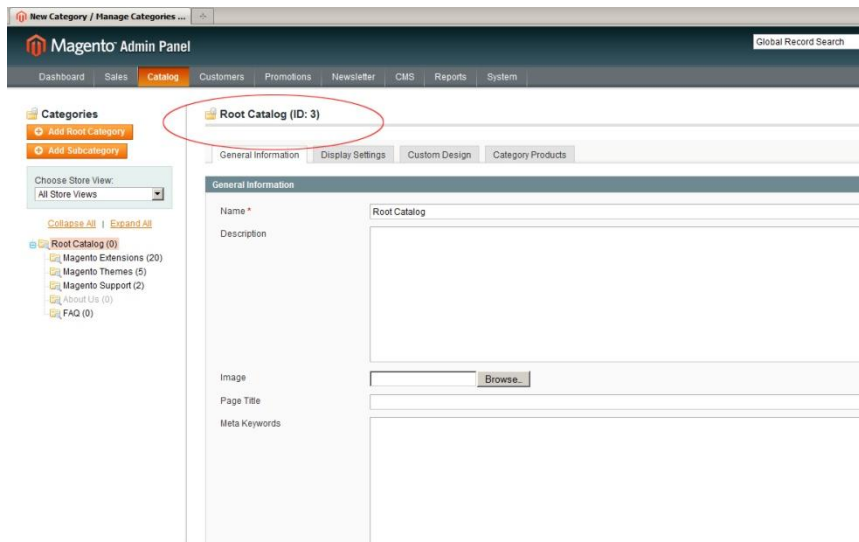
import categories

export categories

and you can run the export to get a sample csv of categories already in your site and then you just upload via ftp to var/import and run the import profile and it will import it back in.

3. If you have multiple root catalog IDs you can control the IDs set in the export profile XML. The value in blue is where you change the setting. Where (2 and 5 and 10 are root catalog IDS)

```
<var name="rootids"><![CDATA[2,5,10]]></var>
```



4. NOTE THE following fields and value settings for them

Display Mode = column called "display_mode" and values can be "PRODUCTS", "PAGE", "PRODUCTS_AND_PAGE"

CMS Block = column called "cms_block" and values must be numbers. I use firebug in firefox to find these values from the dropdown itself in the admin

Custom Design = column called "custom_design" and values must be "base/default" or "default/default". This field is option you can remove it from csv import if you dont need it.

Page Layout = column called "page_layout" and values must be

"empty", "one_column", "two_columns_left", "two_columns_right", "three_columns"

Category_Products = [OPTIONAL] - you can format sku's here comma delimited "sku1,sku2,sku3" to assign existing products to categories at the time of import of that correct or even update a existing category with existing products.

5. **OPTIONAL** – if you are doing a export to transfer categories to a new install and you want to keep categoryIDs the same set this true on export `<var name="export_categories_for_transfer"><![CDATA[false]]></var>`

6. **OPTIONAL** – if you are doing a export and want to export product skus related to a category on export set this to true `<var name="export_products_for_categories"><![CDATA[true]]></var>`

7. **OPTIONAL** – if the above export_products_for_categories is set to true you can additional set this to true also to give the product position in the category. If false then just the related sku(s) for the category will export `<var name="export_product_position"><![CDATA[false]]></var>`

Troubleshooting

Q: The categories with ID are importing but sub sub-categories or some categories are not showing and/or not importing

A: I had to reset all category ids using this thread

<http://www.magentocommerce.com/boards/viewthread/20553/>

(without this the categories are not imported completely or the structure was not imported ok). I also had to create each root category

Support

CommerceExtensions offers 1 hr of email support and updates for 1 year for all extension developed for Magento.

If you need support related to CommerceExtensions extension usage, feel free to contact me at scottbolasevich@gmail.com