

News Extension for Magento

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News Extension

Objective

This document describes the features of the “News” extension and the steps to use those features.

Introduction

News Extension helps sellers to display News/Events on their website. News Extension supports multi store functionality i.e. sellers can manage the news on multiple stores in the same Magento setup. Seller can add, update, import and export the news content from the Magento dashboard.

Features:

Unlimited News: News extension provides the ability to add unlimited news content (text and images) to the site.

Import/Export News: Seller can import and export news content in bulk through csv file from Magento dashboard.

View News: On the News listing page, users can see a limited content of the news. Users can further click on the news to view the full content on the News detail page.

Supports Multiple Stores: The News extension also works for multiple stores in Magento set up, and each store can have its own set of News.

Share on Social Media: User can share the news on their social accounts such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Google+, etc.

News widget: The extension has a widget that can be added on any page of the Magento site. Sellers can configure to display the number of news to appear on the widget. The widget will display short description and a ‘read more’ link that would navigate to a page that will have the full description of the news. The extension also has an option to auto-rotate the News in the widget.

Manage Category: This interface allows the sellers to categorize news. Sellers can add/edit/delete News categories. While creating new news, seller can select and assign it to the existing category/ies. Seller also has the ability to define the URL of the category. The news will appear categorized on the News landing page. By default the news will be assigned to ‘All News’ category. On the news landing page, the news can also be filtered by category.

How to Use

Manage News:

Steps to Add News:

1. Log in to the Magento admin panel.
2. Go to News > Select News.
3. Click on Add News.
4. Enter required information.
5. Click on Save.

Steps to Edit News:

1. Log in to the Magento admin panel.
2. Go to News > Select News.
3. Click on Edit link.
4. Make the changes.
5. Click on Save.

Export News:

Steps to Export News:

1. Log in to the Magento admin panel.
2. Go to News > Select News.
3. Click on Export.

Import News:

Steps to Import News:

1. Login to Magento Admin panel.
2. Go to News.
3. Click on Import.
4. Download the sample csv file.
5. Insert the News in the csv file.
6. Browse for the News file.
7. Click on Import button.

(NOTE: Do not enter the News ID in csv file while creating News.)

Steps to Edit News:

1. Login to Magento Admin panel.
2. Go to News.
3. Click on Export.
4. Open the Download csv file.
5. Edit news and Save csv file.
6. Click on Import.
7. Browse the updated csv file.
8. Click on Import button.

News Widget:

Steps to add the News widget on the page:

1. Login to Magento Admin panel.
2. Go to 'Content'.
3. Edit a page.
4. Go to 'Content'.
5. Click on Insert Widget option appear under Editor.
6. Select "Show News" widget from the dropdown.
7. Click on Insert Widget.
8. Click on Save.

News Category:

Steps to add the News Category:

1. Login to Magento Admin panel.
2. Go to News
3. Click on 'Add Category'.
4. Enter required information.
5. Click on Save.

Configuration:

Steps to Configure News:

1. Login to Magento Admin panel.
2. Go to News.
3. Click on Configuration.
4. Enter No. of News to Display in Widget.
5. Select Auto Rotation in Widget.
6. Enter Top Navigation Menu Text.
7. Select Display News Link in Top Navigation.