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For more details see the [Blog Pro](#) extension page.

Guide for Blog Pro

Create responsive blog posts with a handy WYSIWYG editor, easily customize posts display with a layout constructor and make them user and SEO-friendly.

- Take advantage of responsive layout design
- Use numerous handy widgets
- Customize blog posts display
- Make blog posts SEO-friendly
- Send admin and customer notifications

Blogging has become an essential part of any successful online business. Today it's one of the best ways to draw massive targeted traffic to your website. Therefore, due to a properly run blog you can easily keep your customers informed about company products, promotions and sales as well as to receive customers' feedback in the comments.

Configure the extension

Blog Pro has many options and settings that will be useful to you while creating blog posts. To configure the extension, go to **System → Configuration → Blog Pro** or **CMS → Blog Pro → Configuration**.

Current Configuration Scope:
Default Config

Configuration

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The page contains 18 sections, which are described below; the interface is very intuitive to make the configuration process easier for you.

The module requires the Magpleasure_Searchcore and Magpleasure_Common components.

Top/Footer Menu Integration

It's possible to add the blog link to the top menu of your store.

Blog Pro Save Config

Top Menu Integration

Display	Yes
Label	Blog
Position	1

Display - Display or hide the blog link in the top menu.

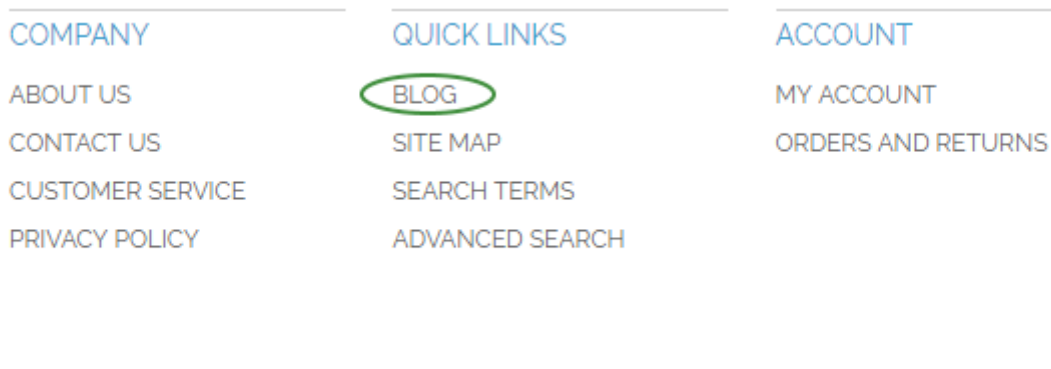
Label - Specify the label of the link.

Position - Define the sequence of the link among other links.

This is how it looks on the frontend.



With an identical set of settings you can add a quick link to your blog to the footer menu.



Search Engine Optimization

Blog Pro allows you to optimize the blog for Google and other search engines. Carefully picked meta title, keywords, and description will boost your blog in search results and attract more potential customers to the store.

Search Engine Optimization	
Route	<input type="text" value="blog"/>
Title Prefix for Blog Pro	<input type="text" value="Mystore.com"/>
Meta Title for Blog Pro	<input type="text" value="Store Blog"/>
Meta Keywords for Blog Pro	<input type="text" value="e-commerce, shopping, online business"/>
Meta Description for Blog Pro	<input type="text" value="Useful articles for business owners. Here you will find everything you need to know about e-commerce."/>

Route - Define the URL title, which will redirect visitors to your blog page.

Title Prefix for Blog Pro - Indicate the default prefix that would be displayed in a browser tab when you open a blog category or search for a tag.

Meta Title for Blog Pro - This is the title of the main blog page in a browser tab.

Meta Keywords for Blog Pro - Add the keywords by which customers can find your blog. Try to find words and phrases, which are relevant to the topics that are covered in your blog.

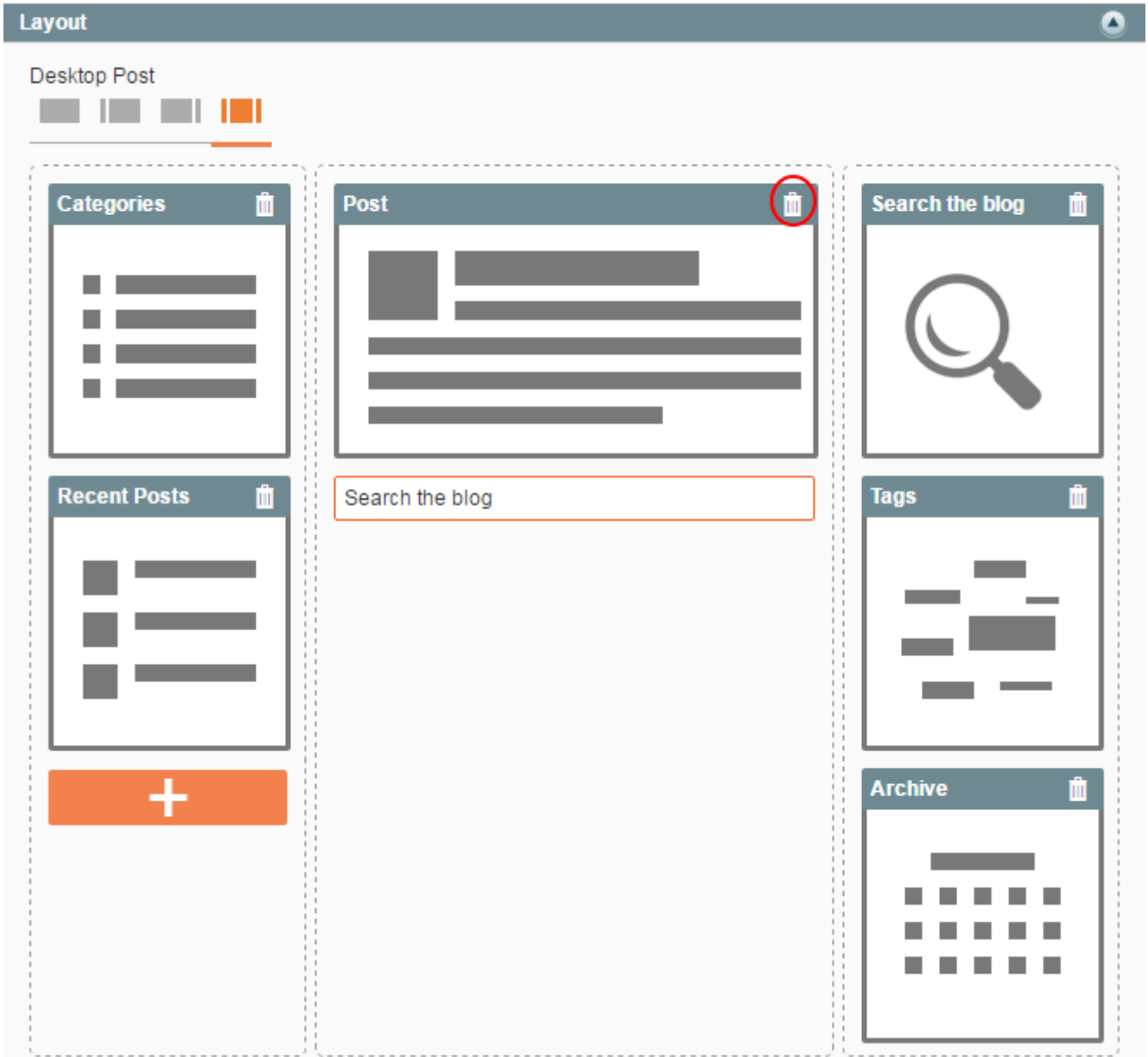
Meta Description for Blog Pro - This description is displayed in search engines results.

Layout

With the help of this layout constructor you can define how blocks with different blog information would be displayed on the frontend. There are four layout types: desktop layouts for the main blog page and for a post page, and the same layouts for mobile devices. The configuration is easy and convenient since all the layout blocks are visualized. You can drag, add, delete, and interchange the position of the blocks as you need. To add a block, click the 'Plus' button and select one of the available variants. If you want to delete a block, please click the basket icon in its upper right corner.

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Notice, that on mobile devices your blog would have a 2-column layout. You can choose whether to place the blocks on the left or on the right side.

Here is an example of the main blog page in the desktop layout.

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Create extra fees for any additional store se just in a few clicks. Clearly display fee options on cart and checkout p to motivate customers spend more and increase the average order va

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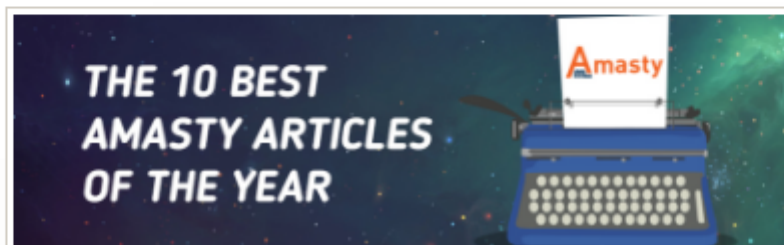
And this is a sample of a particular post page.

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List of Posts and Search Options

Define the quantity of posts displayed on one blog page and specify the type of search, that should be used for the blog.

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List

Number of Posts per Page

Search

Search Type Built in Engine ▼

- MySql Like
- Built in Engine

Number of Posts per Page - Set how many posts should be displayed on the main blog page.

If there are more posts in your blog, customers can switch the pages with the **Older Entries** link

Search Type - Define the type of search that should be used in your store. Three different options are available:

- *Built-in search* engine is preselected by default. It's a resourceful but powerful solution; offers synonyms to the customer's search request;
- *MySQL LIKE Search* is the fastest type of search that works with the exact matches. If visitors are mostly searching your store for particular models, this type of search would be the most suitable;
- *Full text Search* uses MYSQL algorithms; corrects typos automatically (available only with MySQL 5.6.2 and higher).

Post Options

Specify the general settings that would be applied to all articles in the blog.

Post		
Display Author Name	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Display Number of Views	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Display Print Link	<input type="text" value="No"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Display Categories	<input type="text" value="No"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Display Tags	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Date Format	<input type="text" value="6 days ago"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Height of the video	<input type="text" value="410px"/> <small>▲ You can use the CSS-length values for the block configuration (100px, 77pt, 20em, .5ex or 50%)</small>	[STORE VIEW]
Width of the video	<input type="text" value="844px"/> <small>▲ You can use the CSS-length values for the block configuration (100px, 77pt, 20em, .5ex or 50%)</small>	[STORE VIEW]

Display Author Name - Select 'Yes' if you want to display the name of the post author on the frontend.

Display Number of Views - Enable this option to display a number of visitors who have already viewed a post.

Display Print Link - Set to 'Yes' to allow customers print a post.

Display Categories - Enable the option to display categories a post belongs to.

Display Tags - Enable this option to display the tags related to a post topic. Due to tags, customers will be able to find all articles with the same topic.

Date Format - Decide how to display the publishing date: in the standard format or as the number of days passed from publishing.

Height/Width of the video - Adjust height and width for a youtube video block.

URLs and Redirects

Define how blog URLs and redirect links should be formed.

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URLs and Redirects ▲

URL Postfix	<input type="text" value=".html"/>
Redirect to SEO formatted URL	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>

URL Postfix - The .HTML postfix shows search engines that the page is static, and, therefore, is reliable.

Redirect to SEO formatted URL - If you enable this option, customers and search robots will be redirected to a SEO-friendly post page by 301 redirect.

Comments

Visitors' comments and discussions are a very important part of a successful blog. In this section you can define how they should be managed by default.

Comments		
Use Comments	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Automatic Approving	<input type="text" value="No"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Allow Guest Comments	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Quantity of Recent Comments in Block	<input type="text" value="5"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Display Date for Recent Comments	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Display Short Content for Recent Comments	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Attribute rel="nofollow" for Links in Comment	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Ask Name for Comment	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Ask Email for Comment	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Enable GDPR	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[STORE VIEW]
Consent Text	<input >privacy="" a>"="" policy<="" privacy-policy"="" target="_blank" type="text" value="I agree to the 	[STORE VIEW]

Use Comments - Enable or disable readers' comments on the frontend.

Automatic Approving - Select 'Yes' if you want to publish comments without admin approval; they will appear on the post page immediately.

Allow Guest Comments - Enable the option to allow non-registered customers to comment your posts.

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Very useful article. Thanks a lot!...

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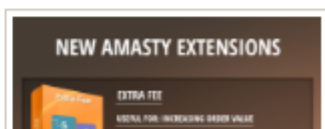
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Quantity of Recent Comments in Block - Define the quantity of comments that will be displayed in the 'Recent Comments' block.

Display Date for Recent Comments - Select 'Yes' to show the date when a comment was left in the 'Recent Comments' block.

Display Short Content for Recent Comments - Due to this option, visitors will see the beginning of recent comments in the block.

Attribute rel="no follow" for Links in Comments - If you select 'Yes', search engines will not follow links in comments. It is useful if someone posts spam comments with links to other sites.

Ask Name for Comment — enable this option to add a name field for new comments;

Ask Email for Comment — enable this option to add an email field for new comments;

Enable GDPR — choose Yes to enable GDPR consent for the comments section;

Consent Text — specify the consent text and a link to the privacy policy page.

Please notice that the extension doesn't add a privacy policy page. It should be created manually as a new CMS page.

Recent Posts

Choose how the latest posts should appear in the block.

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Recent Posts Block	
Recent Posts Quantity in Block	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Display Short Content	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Display Date	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Short Content Limit	<input type="text" value="100"/>

Recent Posts Quantity in Block - Define the quantity of posts that will be displayed in the block.

Display Short Content - Select 'Yes' to allow your customers to read the beginning of posts.

Display Date - Select 'Yes' to show the date when a post was published.

Short Content Limit - Define the number of symbols that will be displayed in the block for each post.

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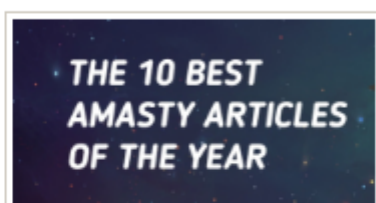
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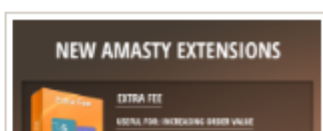


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Tags

Tags are more specific than categories and help merchants to describe their posts in more detail. Due to tags, customers are able to find posts with the topic they are interested in quicker.

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Tags

Minimal Posts Number per Tag	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Use 3D Cloud to Display Tags	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
3D Cloud: Height	<input type="text" value="300"/>
3D Cloud: Color Scheme	<input type="text" value="Select one and press Apply"/> <input type="button" value="Apply"/>
▲ Choose any color scheme and press Apply to fill color fields automatically	
3D Cloud: Text Color	<input type="text" value="111111"/>
3D Cloud: Tag Color for Less Used Tags	<input type="text" value="297AA3"/>
3D Cloud: Tag Highlight Color	<input type="text" value="111111"/>

Minimal Posts Number per Tag - Define the minimal quantity of posts that a tag should have.

Use 3D Cloud to Display Tags - To make tags more noticeable to customers, you can add a block with a 3D tag cloud to the main blog page and all post pages.

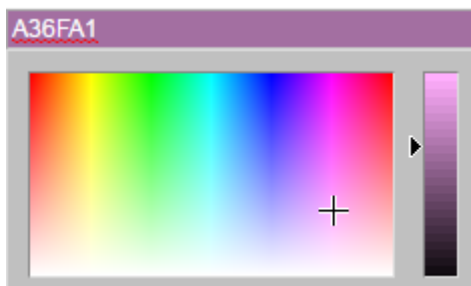
3D Cloud: Height - Define the height of the 3D cloud block.

3D Cloud: Color Scheme - Choose the color scheme of the cloud that will suit your store design.

3D Cloud: Text Color - Input the HEX code of the color that will be applied to most popular tags (they have bigger size than other tags).

3D Cloud: Tag Color for Less Used Tags - Input the HEX code of the color that will be applied to minor tags (they are smaller than the popular ones).

3D Cloud: Tag Highlight Color - Input the HEX code of the tag highlight color.



You can use a handy palette instead of the HEX codes to get the exact colors you need. The palette will appear as a dropdown for every field that requires a particular color

RSS

Due to this option, you and your customers will be able to parse an RSS feed from your blog and insert it into a Magento RSS feed page. It will allow customers to get the latest posts, comments and other content from the blog without visiting the store.

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RSS

Display Link on List	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Post Feed	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Category Feed	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Comment Feed	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>

Display Link on List - Select 'Yes' to display the link to the RSS feed on the main blog page.

Post Feed - Select 'Yes' to allow customers to insert posts into an RSS feed page.

Category Feed - Chose 'Yes' to allow customers to insert categories into an RSS feed page.

Comment Feed - Select 'Yes' to allow customers to insert comments into an RSS feed page.

Publisher Information

A publisher is the website which publishes posts. You can have several authors but the publisher is only one. The information about the company that publishes a post is important when sharing content on social media. If a person finds your post on Facebook, he/she will see that it belongs to your site.

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Publisher Information

Facebook Account	<input type="text" value="https://www.facebook.com/store"/>
Twitter Account	<input type="text" value="https://twitter.com/store"/>

Facebook Account - Specify official store page on Facebook.

Twitter Account - Specify official store account on Twitter.

Social buttons

Allow customers to share your articles in social networks. Remember that social sharing brings popularity and drives more traffic.

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Social Buttons

Enabled: Yes

Networks:

- Twitter
- Facebook
- Vkontakte
- Odnoklassniki
- Blogger
- Pinterest
- Tumblr
- Digg
- Del.icio.us
- StumbleUpon

Enabled - Select 'Yes' to display social sharing buttons on a post page.

Networks - Choose networks where your customers will be able to share posts.

This is how social sharing buttons look on the frontend.

10. How big brands send abandoned cart emails [Case study]

I shared details of a small email marketing case; everybody writes on how we should actually send emails, but I wondered how big brands were using abandoned cart emails at the moment. If you're interested in the results, please proceed to the article.

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Sitemap

Sitemap helps Google and other search engines to understand your store structure better.

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Sitemap

Enabled

Include

- Blog
- Posts
- Categories
- Tags
- Archives

Enabled - Select 'Yes' to enable the sitemap in your store.

Include - Select the blog parts that will be included into the sitemap.

Look and Feel

Select a color for the icons displayed at the top of a blog post (the author, number of views, the Print button, etc.).

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Look and Feel

Color of Blog Icons [STORE VIEW]

- Grey
- Classic
- Red
- Green
- Blue
- Grey
- Old Magento

Notification of Added Comment/Post Publishing

You can receive notifications of new comments even if they are approved automatically. It will help you control what visitors leave in comments and delete spam messages timely. The post publishing notification will be sent when a scheduled post is distributed.

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Notification of Added Comment

Receiver	<input type="text" value="customer@test.com, owner@example.com"/> <small>▲ This will be used in the "To" field. Several emails should be separated by comma.</small>
Sender	<input type="text" value="Sales Representative"/> <small>▲ This will be used as "From"</small>
Notification Template	<input type="text" value="Blog Pro - Notification of New Comment (Default)"/> <small>▲ This email template will be used to send a notification of a new submitted comment.</small>

Notification of Post Publishing

Receiver - Specify an email or several emails where notifications of publishing will be sent.

Sender - Choose the email from which notifications will be sent.

Notification Template - Select a notification template. You can use your own template or the Blog Pro one.

Customer Notification

Notify customers when someone replied to their comments or added a new comment to the post.

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Customer Notifications

Enabled	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <small>▲ This will be used as "From"</small>
Sender	<input type="text" value="Sales Representative"/> <small>▲ This will be used as "From"</small>
Notification Template	<input type="text" value="Blog Pro - Notification of New Reply (Default Te)"/> <small>▲ This email template will be used to sent a notification of reply to a customer's comment</small>

Enabled - Turn the option on/off.

Sender - Choose an email from which notifications will be sent.

Notification Template - Select a notification template. You can use your own template or the Blog Pro one.

Manage Blog Posts

To create a new post or view the existing entries on the grid, please go to **CMS → Blog Pro → Add Post** or **CMS → Blog Pro → Posts**

The screenshot shows the CMS navigation bar with 'CMS' selected. Below it is the 'Posts' section with a 'New Post' button. A pagination bar shows '1 of 1 pages', 'View 20 per page', and 'Total 2 records found'. There are 'Reset Filter' and 'Search' buttons. Below the pagination is a toolbar with 'Unselect All', 'Select Visible', 'Unselect Visible', '0 items selected', 'Actions' dropdown, and 'Submit' button. The main grid has columns: ID, Title, Url Key, Status, Published At, and Action. The 'Published At' column has a sub-menu with 'From:' and 'To:' fields. The 'Action' column for the second row is expanded to show 'Edit' and 'Duplicate' options.

ID	Title	Url Key	Status	Published At	Action
				From: <input type="text"/> To: <input type="text"/>	
2	The 10 best Amasty articles of the year	top-10-amasty-articles-of-the-2015-year	Enabled	Jan 12, 2016 6:16:00 AM	
1	Magento Extra Fee – new Amasty extension	new-amasty-extension-magento-extra-fee	Enabled	Jan 12, 2016 5:14:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EditDuplicate

You can edit or duplicate entries right from the grid.

Post Creation

To create a new post, please press the 'New Post' button in the upper right corner of the Posts grid. Lets edit a post for this example.

Edit Post 'The 10 best Amasty articles of the year'

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Content Thumbnail Additional Meta Data Statistics


Content

Title *

URL Key *
▲ Relative to Website Base URL

Short Content [Disable Short Content](#)



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Title - Specify the title of the post.

URL Key - The URL key is created automatically after specifying the title. If necessary, you can update it or write manually.

Short Content - In this field, you can write a short description or summary of the post to draw customers' attention to its content. This text will appear on the main blog page. You can disable short content if needed.

Edit Post 'The 10 best Amasty articles of the year'

Content

Content *

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We collected some of the most frequent questions and answered them; we do hope that this small knowledge base will help people that have just started working with Magento.

Tags

▲ Please enter Tags separated by comma

Content - Insert the full text of the article in this field. With the help of the convenient WYSIWYG editor you can quickly format text, change fonts, add images, videos, create lists, tables, etc.

Tags - Specify the tags that are related to the post topic.

Publish Status

Status

Publish Date

Send Notification On Enabling

It's possible to select the status of the post.

- *Enabled* - The post is displayed on the frontend.
- *Disabled* - The post is not displayed on the frontend.
- *Hidden* - The post is not enabled but you can see how it will look on the frontend. For this, click the link above the post that will appear after saving. It's better to set this status until the post is ready for publishing.
- *Scheduled* - The post will automatically be published at the time that you define in the *Additional* tab.

Publish Date - Define the date when the post will be published.

Send Notification on Enabling - Select 'Yes' if you want to receive a notification of post publishing. It is convenient when a post is scheduled.

Thumbnails Tab

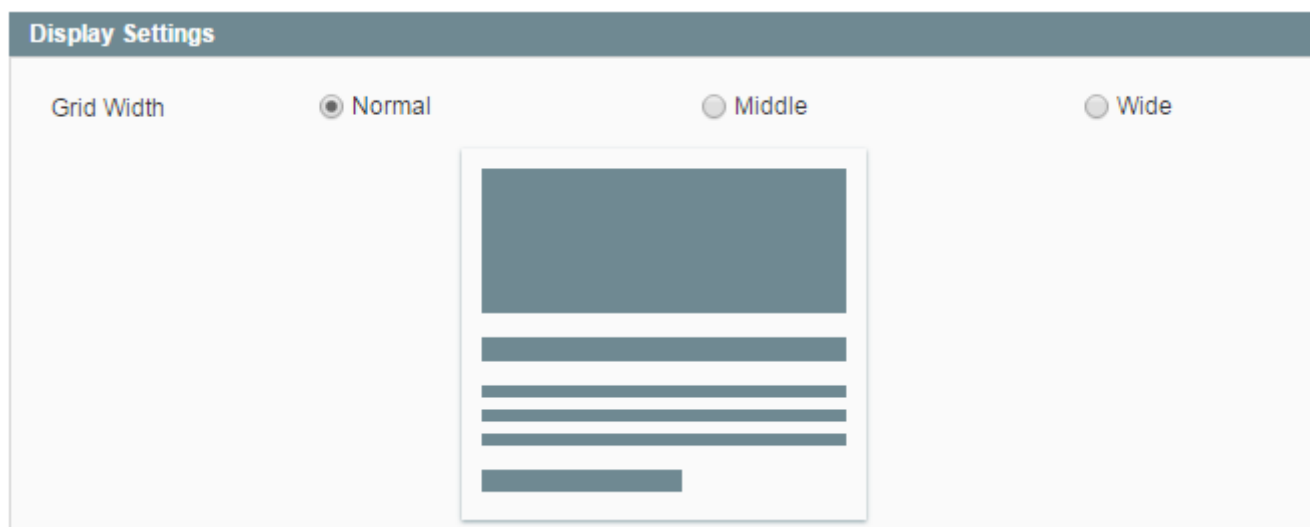
A thumbnail is an image, which is displayed at the beginning of a post. It serves for catching customer's attention and encouraging him/her to read the article.



List Image - Choose an image that will be displayed on the main blog page.

Post Image - Choose an image that will be displayed in the post.

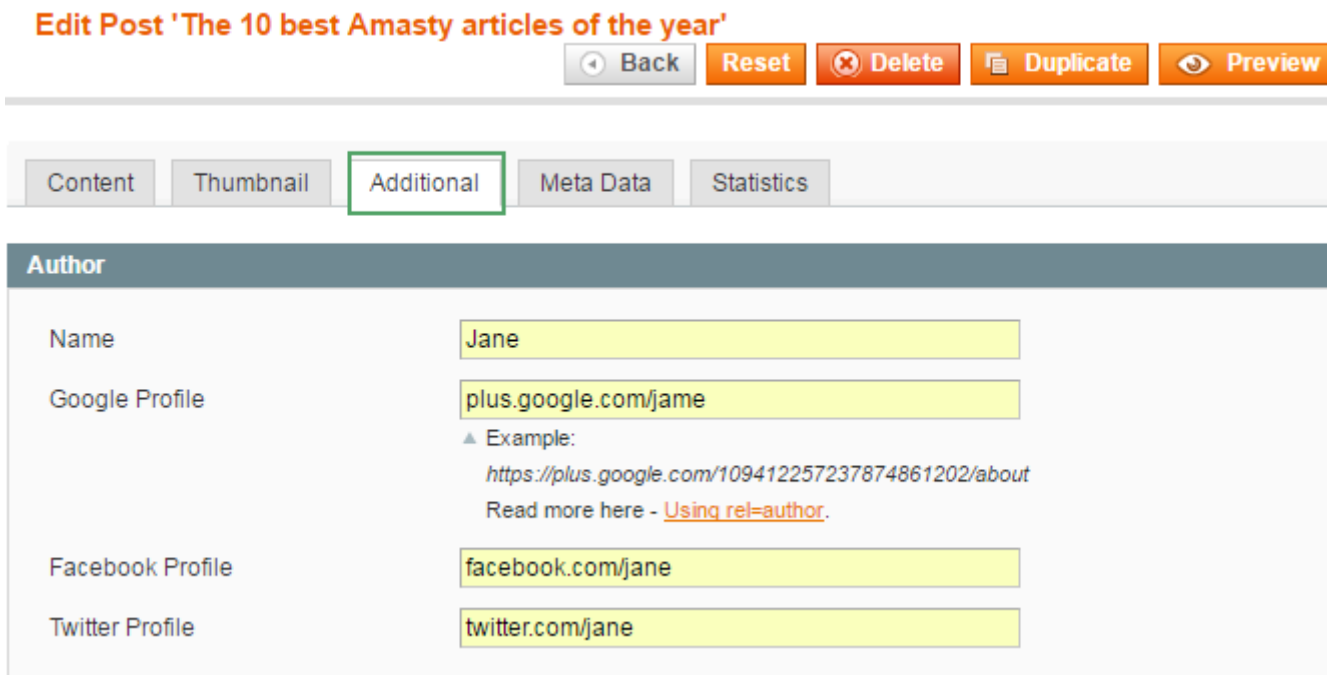
Image Link - You can insert a link to an internal page in your store or to another website.



Specify grid width for the post. It is the width of the thumbnail when posts are arranged in a grid on the main blog page. The responsive template shows how the post would look with different types of the grid.

Additional Tab

Here you can specify the author's name, categories and store views where the post will be published.



Name - Specify the author's name.

Google Profile - Paste here the link to the author's Google profile. The link is clickable on the frontend.

Facebook Profile - Provide the link to the author's profile on Facebook.

Twitter Profile - Provide the link to the author's profile on Twitter.

Additional	
Posted in	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"><div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px;">New extensions</div><div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px;">Research and lists</div><div style="border-top: 1px solid #ccc; height: 15px;"></div></div>
Visible in *	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"><div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px;">Main Website</div><div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 2px;">Madison Island</div><div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px;">English</div><div style="padding: 2px;">French</div><div style="padding: 2px;">German</div><div style="border-top: 1px solid #ccc; height: 15px;"></div></div>
Allow Comments	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Yes</div>

Posted in - Select a category or categories the post will be published in.

Visible in - Choose a store view where the post will be published.

Allow Comments - Select 'Yes' if you want to allow customers to leave comments to the post.

Meta Data Tab

Meta data, which includes meta title, description, and keywords, helps search engines to analyze what your post is about.

Edit Post 'The 10 best Amasty articles of the year'

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Content Thumbnail Additional **Meta Data** Statistics

Meta Data	
Meta Title	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">The 10 best Amasty articles of the year</div>
Meta Keywords	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">magento, ecommerce, tips</div>
Meta Description	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">We have some weekend reading! Here's the collection of Amasty blog posts that our readers liked the most this year.1. How to fix common Magento issuesWe collected some of the most frequent questions</div>
Canonical url	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">https://blog.example.com/articles-about-magento</div>

Meta Title - Specify the meta title of the post.

Meta Keywords - Specify keywords and phrases on which customers can find your post.

Meta Description - Write a short description of what your post is about.

Canonical URL - Specify a canonical URL address for the post.

Statistics Tab

In this tab, you can see how many unique views a post has received so far.

Edit Post 'The 10 best Amasty articles of the year'

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Manage Categories

Categories help customers to better navigate in your blog, and find the necessary posts faster. To create a new category or edit the existing ones, please go to **CMS → Blog Pro → Categories**. All blog categories are displayed on the grid. You can use a number of mass actions to maintain them faster.

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Categories

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[Search](#)

[Select All](#) | [Select Visible](#) | [Unselect Visible](#) | 0 items selected

	Name	Url Key	Status	Store View	Sort Order	Update	Actions
						From: To :	Delete Change status Duplicate Update Store View
1	New extensions	new-extensions	Enabled	Main Website Madison Island English	1	Jan 13, 2016 4:57:57 AM	Edit
2	Research and lists	research-and-lists	Enabled	Main Website Madison Island English	2	Jan 13, 2016 4:57:21 AM	Edit

Lets edit a category. You would go through the same steps, when creating a new category.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Category' interface for a category named 'Research and lists'. The 'General' tab is active. The form contains the following fields:

- Name ***: Text input containing 'Research and lists'.
- URL Key ***: Text input containing 'research-and-lists'. Below it is a note: '▲ Relative to Website Base URL'.
- Sort Order**: Text input containing '2'.
- Status**: Dropdown menu set to 'Enabled'.
- Visible in ***: Multi-select dropdown menu with options: 'Main Website', 'Madison Island', 'English', 'French', and 'German'. 'English' is currently selected.

Name - Specify the category title.

URL Key - Specify the category URL.

Sort Order - The sort order of a category is defined automatically. If required, you can change it.

Status - Select the status of the category.

Visible in - Choose the store views where the category will be displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Category' interface for the same category, but with the 'Meta Data' tab selected. The form contains the following fields:

- Meta Title**: Text input containing 'Magento and e-commerce research and lists'.
- Meta Keywords**: Text input containing 'magento, ecommerce, marketing, research, tips'.
- Meta Description**: Text area containing 'Research on Magento and e-commerce marketing, made by Amasty experts'.

In the Meta Data tab, you can specify a meta title, keywords and description. They will allow search engines to index the category better. Please, go to [Meta Data Tab](#) section to read more about adding meta info. Remember to save the changes, when you are done.

While editing a particular category, you also can duplicate or delete it.

Manage Tags

To view all the tags that are used in your store blog, go to the **CMS → Blog Pro → Tags** backend page.

	ID	Name	Url Key	Used in Posts	Action
Any ▾					
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	research & lists	research-lists	1	Edit
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	mew modules	mew-modules	1	Edit
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	extension	extension	1	Edit
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	magento	magento	2	Edit

The extension allows you to edit each of your tags and add meta data to them. Open the tag you'd like to edit.

Tag Information

- General
- Meta Data
- Tagged Posts

Edit Tag 'magento' [Back] [Reset] [Delete Tag] [Save Tag]

General

Name *

URL Key *

Define the **Name** and the **URL Key** for the tag.

Add meta information for the tag. Please, turn to [Meta Data Tab](#) section of this user guide for more details about meta information.

Tag Information

General

Meta Data

Tagged Posts

Edit Tag 'magento' [Reset](#) [Delete Tag](#) [Save Tag](#)

Meta Data

Meta Title:

Meta Keywords:

Meta Description:

In the **'Tagged Posts'** tab, you can view all the posts that are marked with the chosen tag. Moreover, you can pass to the post editing page by clicking the tag line or selecting the *'Edit'* option.

Tag Information

General

Meta Data

Tagged Posts

Edit Tag 'magento' [Back](#) [Reset](#) [Delete Tag](#) [Save Tag](#)

[Reset Filter](#) [Search](#)

ID ↓	Title	Status	Store View	Action
2	The 10 best Amasty articles of the year	Enabled	Main Website Madison Island English	Edit
1	Magento Extra Fee – new Amasty extension	Enabled	Main Website Madison Island English	Edit

Comments Management

Comments are a necessary part of every blog. With their help, you can communicate with your customers and learn their opinion on the topics you cover.



James K 9 months ago at 7:26 AM

A good comprehensive guide. We are currently looking at moving to full SSL site-wide in Magento, this was done relatively easily with a server redirect however we found that Magento still submitted forms (for product options) over non-secure connections, meaning the products could not be added to the basket. Something I am still trying to fix!

[REPLY](#)

To manage the existing comments, go to the **CMS → Blog Pro → Comments** backend page.

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Comments

Reset Filter Search

Select All | Unselect All | Select Visible | Unselect Visible | 0 items selected
Actions
Submit

Post	Reply To	Comment	Name	Email	Status	Created At	Updated At	Action
The 10 best Amasty articles of the year		A good comprehensive guide. We are currently looking at moving to full SSL site-wide in Magento, Show more	James K	james@example	Approved	Jan 12, 2016 6:26:35 AM	Jan 12, 2016 6:26:56 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Approve <li style="padding: 2px;">Reject <li style="padding: 2px;">Reply <li style="padding: 2px;">Edit <li style="padding: 2px;">Delete
Magento Extra Fee – new Amasty extension		Very useful article. Thanks a lot!	Lynda M	lynda@example.	Approved	Jan 12, 2016 5:28:43 AM	Jan 12, 2016 5:30:26 AM	<input type="checkbox"/>

It's possible to approve, reject, reply, edit or delete comments right from the grid. To change the status, tick the necessary comments and click the 'Change Status' option. Then select the status which you want to set for these comments and click 'Submit'.

Comment Information

Edit Comment of 'James K'

[← Back](#) [Reset](#) [Delete Comment](#) [Save Comment](#)

General

General	
Name *	<input type="text" value="James K"/>
Email	<input type="text" value="james@example.com"/>
Comment *	<input type="text" value="A good comprehensive guide. We are currently looking at moving to full SSL site-wide in Magento, this was done relatively easily with a server redirect however we found that Magento still submitted forms (for product options) over non-secure connections, meaning the products could not be added to the basket. Something I am still trying to fix!"/>
Status	<input type="text" value="Approved"/>
Posted From *	<input type="text" value="English"/>

On the comment page, you can change the customer's name, email, comment text, status and store view.

Reply to a Customer Comment

If you want to reply to a customer in comments, choose the 'Reply' option on the comments grid. A form for replying will appear immediately.

Comment Information

Answer for 'James K'

[Back](#) [Reset](#) [Save Comment](#) [Save And Continue Edit](#)

General

General

Name *	<input type="text" value="Jane"/>
Email	<input type="text" value="owner@example.com"/>
Comment *	<input type="text" value="James, please turn to the Ticks & Tricks category. There is an answer to your question in the latest article."/>
Status	<input type="text" value="Approved"/>
Posted From *	<input type="text" value="English"/>

The reply is added to the comment:

#magento, #research & lists Posted in: Research and lists



LEAVE A COMMENT

James K 9 months ago at 7:26 AM

A good comprehensive guide. We are currently looking at moving to full SSL site-wide in Magento, this was done relatively easily with a server redirect however we found that Magento still submitted forms (for product options) over non-secure connections, meaning the products could not be added to the basket. Something I am still trying to fix!

[REPLY](#)

Jane 9 months ago at 6:58 PM

James, please turn to the Ticks & Tricks category. There is an answer to your question in the latest article.

[REPLY](#)

Comment Subscription

When a customer leaves a comment to a post, he/she can subscribe to receiving notifications of replies or new comments to this post.

Leave a reply to Jane

Leave your awesome reply here...

John Doe

john.doe@example.com

Subscribe to comments

SUBMIT

To manage subscribed customers, go to **CMS → Blog Pro → Notifications → Comment Subscription** backend page. Here you can view which customers are subscribed to notifications.

Dashboard	Sales	Catalog	Mobile	Customers	Promotions	Newsletter	CMS	Reports	System
Comment Subscription									
							Reset Filter	Search	
select All Select Visible Unselect Visible 0 items ed							Actions		Submit
Post	Name	Email	Status	Store View	Created At	Updated At	Action		
					From: [icon] [input] To: [icon] [input]	From: [icon] [input] To: [icon] [input]			
The 10 best Amasty articles of the year	James K	james@example	Subscribed	Main Website Madison Island English	Jan 12, 2016 AM	Jan 12, 2016 6:26:35 AM	Unsubscribe Subscribe Delete		
Magento Extra Fee – new Amasty extension	Lynda M	lynda@example.	Subscribed	Main Website Madison Island English	Jan 12, 2016 AM	Jan 12, 2016 5:28:43 AM			

You can manually subscribe or unsubscribe customers from your newsletter.

Blog Widgets

The Blog Pro extension allows you to insert five types of widgets with blog content into the pages of your store.

Recent Posts

The first widget is Recent Posts. It displays your recent posts with thumbnails and short content of posts (optional).

The widget frontend view:

RECENT POSTS

[The 10 best Amasty articles of the year](#)

1 years ago

We have some weekend reading! Here's the collection of Amasty blog posts that our readers liked the...

[Magento Extra Fee – new Amasty extension](#)

1 years ago

Create extra fees for any additional store service just in a few clicks. Clearly display fee...

The backend options:

The screenshot shows the Amasty widget configuration interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Back', 'Reset', 'Save', and 'Save and Continue Edit'. Below these is a 'New Widget Instance' section. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Widget Instance' selected, and 'Frontend Properties' and 'Widget Options' are visible. The 'Widget Options' section contains the following settings:

Widget Options	
Category *	All Categories ▼
Type *	Sidebar ▼
Display Short Content *	No ▼
Display Date *	No ▼
Posts Limit *	3

Here is the description of the widget options:

- 1) Category: Select a category which posts will be displayed in the widget. You can display posts from all categories as well.
- 2) Type: Choose if the widget will be integrated into a sidebar or into the content area.

- 3) Display Short Content: Select Yes if you want to show the beginning of posts in the block.
- 4) Display Date: Select Yes to display the date of post publishing.
- 5) Posts Limit: Define the number of posts that will be shown in the widget.

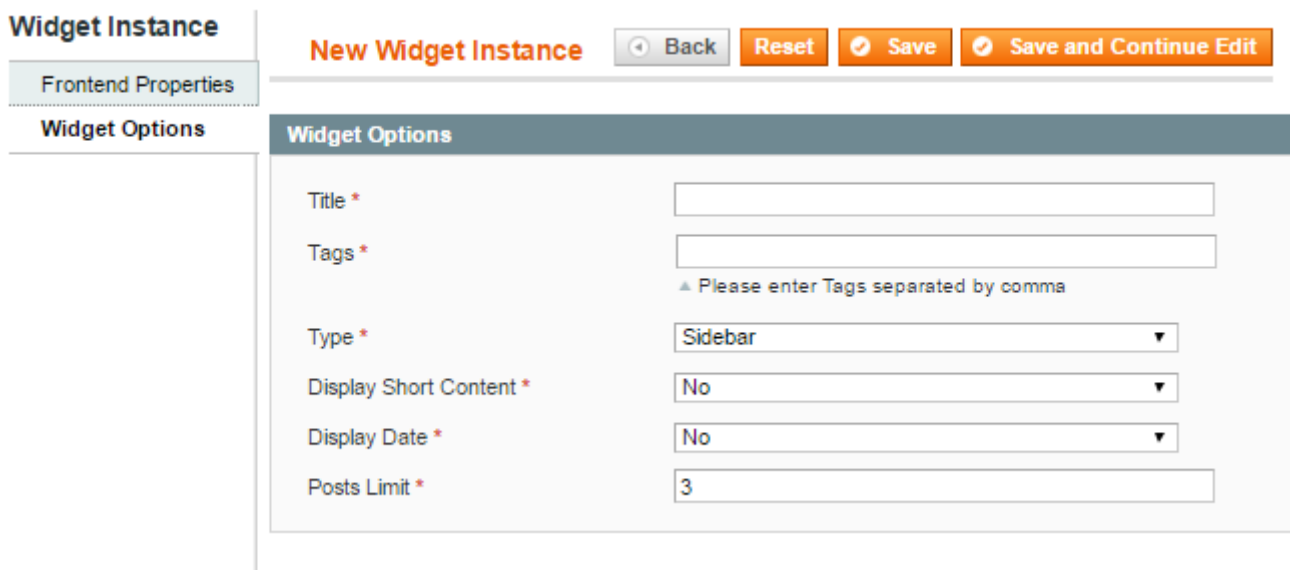
Tagged Posts

The Tagged Posts widget contains posts with tags which you can specify in the widget settings. This widget is especially useful for product and category pages (e.g. widget with the “hats” tag for the Hats category).

The frontend view:



The backend options:



- 1)Title: Specify the title of the widget.
- 2)Tags: Type the tags of the posts that should be displayed in the widget.
- 3)Type: Select if the widget will be displayed in the sidebar or in the content area.
- 4)Display Short Content: Select Yes if you want to show the beginning of the posts in the widget.
- 5)Display Date: Select Yes to display the date of posts publishing.
- 6)Posts Limit: Define the number of posts that will be shown in the widget.

Recent Comments

In this widget, customers can read the latest comments that other people have written to your posts.

The frontend view:

RECENT COMMENTS

- ✓ [The 10 best Amasty articles of the year](#)
1 years ago
A good comprehensive guide. We are currently looking at moving to full SSL site-wide in Magento,...
- ✓ [Magento Extra Fee – new Amasty extension](#)
1 years ago
Very useful article. Thanks a lot!...

The backend options:

The screenshot shows the 'New Widget Instance' configuration page. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Widget Instance' and 'Widget Options' tabs. The main area is titled 'New Widget Instance' and contains several buttons: 'Back', 'Reset', 'Save', and 'Save and Continue Edit'. Below this, the 'Widget Options' section is expanded, showing the following fields:

Category *	All Categories
Block Label *	Recent Comments
Display Short Content *	No
Display Date *	No
Comments Limit *	1

1)Category: Select a category which comments will be displayed in the widget. You can display comments from all posts categories as well.

2)Block Label: The title of the widget in the frontend is specified automatically. You can change it if necessary.

3)Display Short Content: Select Yes if you want to show the beginning of comments in the widget.

4)Display Date: Select Yes to display the date of comments publishing.

5)Comments Limit: Define the number of comments that will be shown in the widget.

Categories

This widget displays all the posts categories that you have in your blog.

The frontend view:

CATEGORIES

- ✓ [New extensions](#)
- ✓ [Research and lists](#)

The backend view:

Widget Instance

Frontend Properties

Widget Options

New Widget Instance

Back Reset Save

Widget Options

Block Label *

This widget doesn't have options. The block label in the frontend is specified automatically, but you can change it.

Archives Sidebar

In this widget, your customers can click a month name and read all the posts for this period.

The frontend view:

ARCHIVES

✓ January 2016

The backend options:

Widget Instance

Frontend Properties

Widget Options

New Widget Instance

Back Reset Save

Widget Options

Block Label *

Archives Limit to Display *

1)Blog Label: Specify the name of the widget in the frontend.

2)Archives Limit to Display: Define the number of the last months that will be displayed in the widget.

Widget Integration Examples

Below you can find four examples of how to insert a widget into a category page, a product page, a static page, and a static block.

Integration into a Product Page

If you want to integrate a **Blog Pro widget** into a category page, it is better to do by creating a new widget.

For instance, we will insert the Recent Comments widget into the New Arrivals category (into the right column). Head to the CMS → Widgets backend page and click the Create New Widget Instance button. Before setting the widget options in the backend, you should create a widget. To learn how to create a widget, read this Magento instruction:

http://docs.magento.com/m1/ce/user_guide/cms/widget-create.html

After you created the widget, go to the Widget Options tab. The process of setting the widget options is described in the Recent Comments widget section.

When the widget is ready, click the Save button.

Note: Don't forget to clear the cache to enable the changes in the frontend.

The widget is inserted into the New Arrivals category:



MADISON ISLAND VIP MEMBERSHIP - 1 YEAR

COMPARE PRODUCTS

You have no items to compare.

COMMUNITY POLL

What is your favorite color

- Green
- Red
- Black
- Magenta

VOTE

Sort by: Position ↑ 3 Item(s) Show: 12

TORI TANK	ELIZABETH KNIT TOP	LAFAYETTE CONVERTIBLE DRESS
\$60.00	\$210.00	\$340.00
		★★★★★
VIEW DETAILS	VIEW DETAILS	VIEW DETAILS

RECENT COMMENTS

- ✓ **How to Choose Healthy Food for Your Dog**
Yesterday
Healthy food is crucial for our little friends. If you want your dog to be healthy and active, you...
- ✓ **Welcome to San Francisco!**
Yesterday
I love San Francisco!...

If necessary, you can insert a widget into a product page. For instance, you can integrate the Tagged Posts widget with the tag that is relevant to a product.

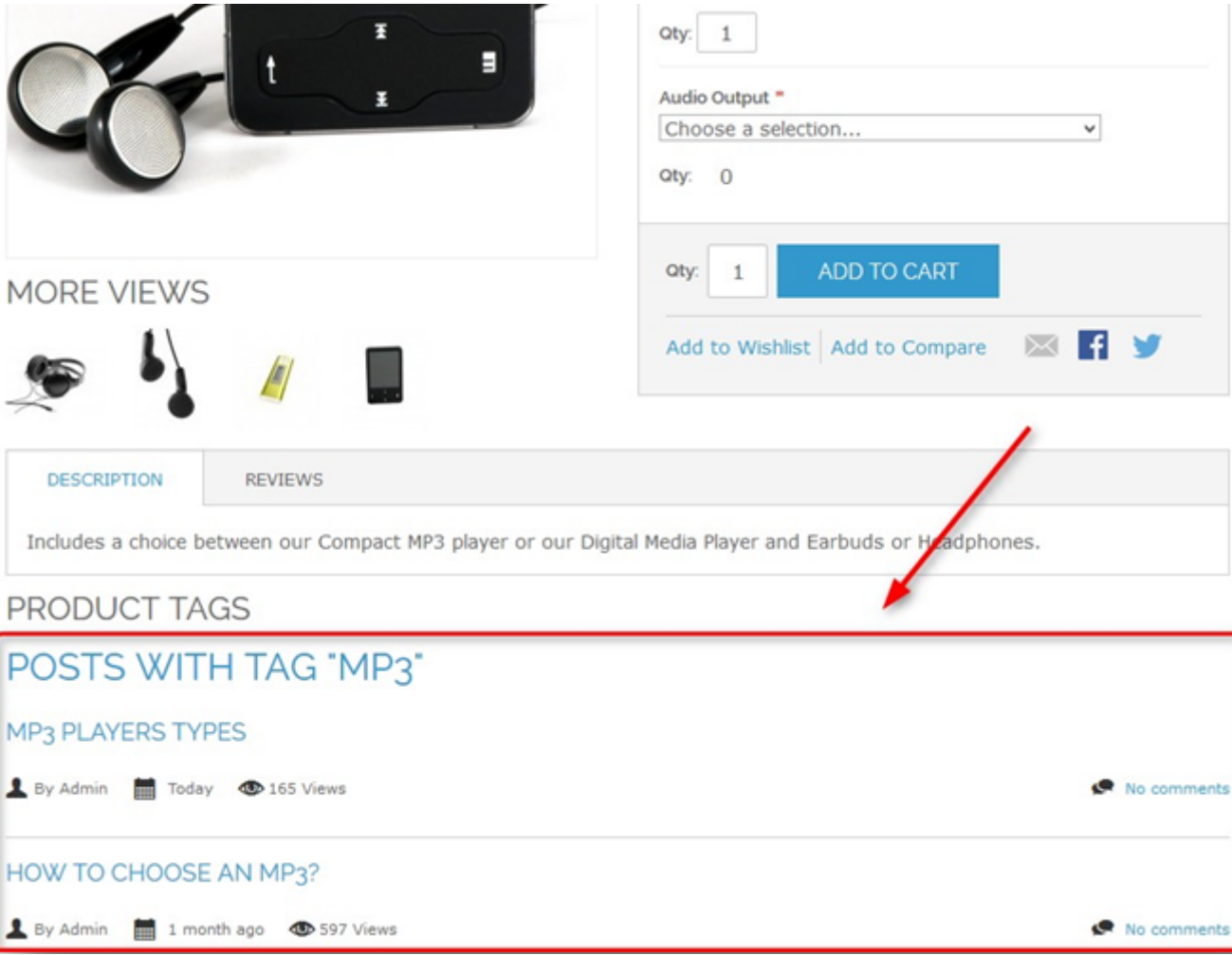
As an example, we will integrate the Tagged Posts widget into the MP3 Player page.

Go to the CMS → Widgets backend page. You can find the description of creating and setting the Tagged Posts widget in this section.

After the widget is created, click the Save button.

Note: Don't forget to clear the cache to enable the changes in the frontend.

The widget is inserted into the product page:






Qty: 1

Audio Output ^{*}

Choose a selection...

Qty: 0

Qty: 1 **ADD TO CART**

Add to Wishlist | Add to Compare |   





DESCRIPTION | REVIEWS

Includes a choice between our Compact MP3 player or our Digital Media Player and Earbuds or Headphones.





PRODUCT TAGS

POSTS WITH TAG "MP3"

MP3 PLAYERS TYPES

 By Admin  Today  165 Views  No comments

HOW TO CHOOSE AN MP3?

 By Admin  1 month ago  597 Views  No comments

Integration into a CMS Page

You can display widgets not only on the product and category pages, but also on the Home Page, About Us, and other CMS pages in the store.

In our case, the **Recent Posts** widget will be inserted into the Home Page.

Navigate to the **CMS → Pages** backend page and choose the page where you want to integrate it. Then, navigate to the Content tab.

To insert the widget, choose the necessary place and click the Insert Widget button.

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Page Information Edit Page 'Madison Island' Back Reset Delete Page Save Page Save and Continue Edit

Page Information
Content
Design
Meta Data

Content

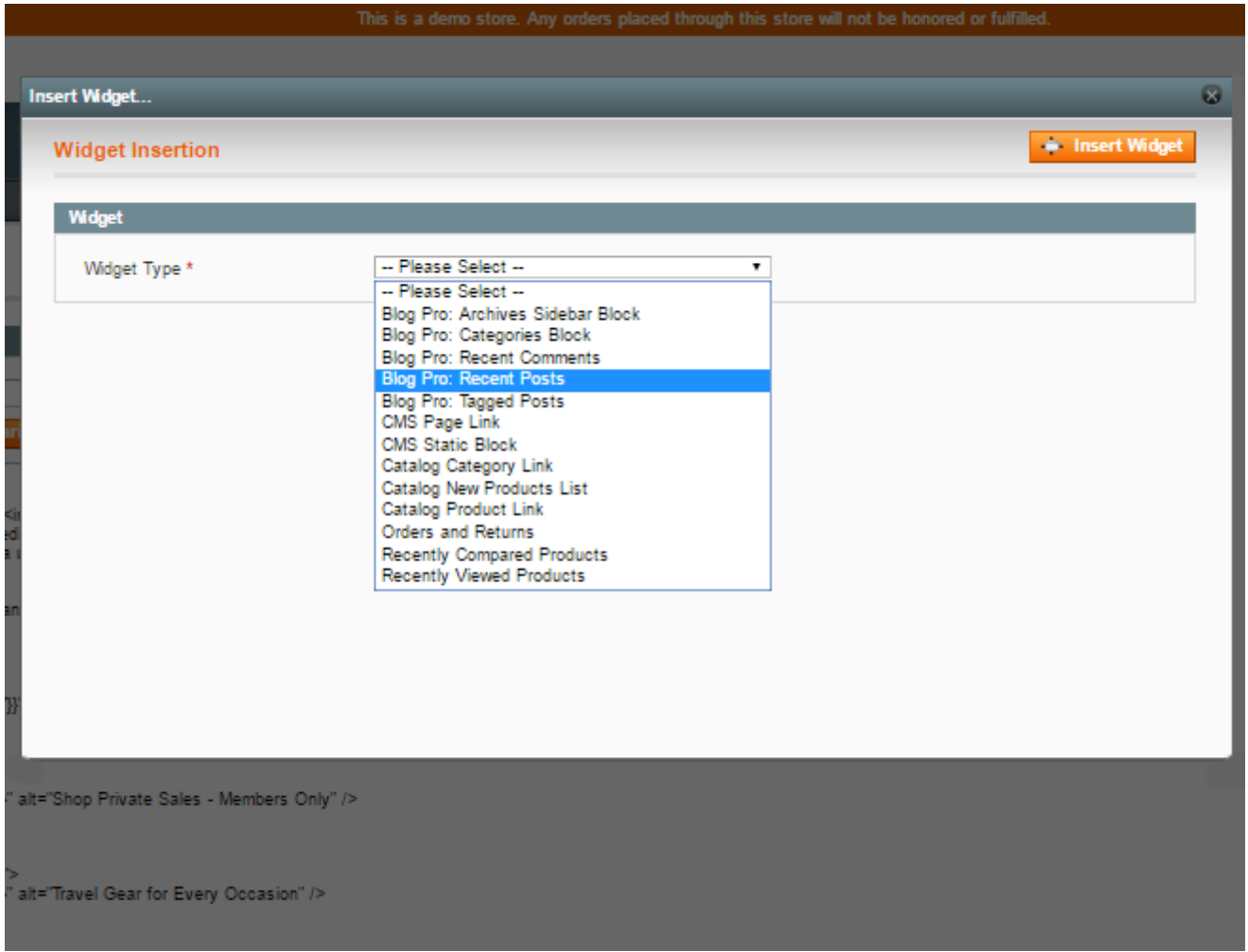
Content Heading

Show / Hide Editor Insert Widget... Insert Image... Insert Variable...

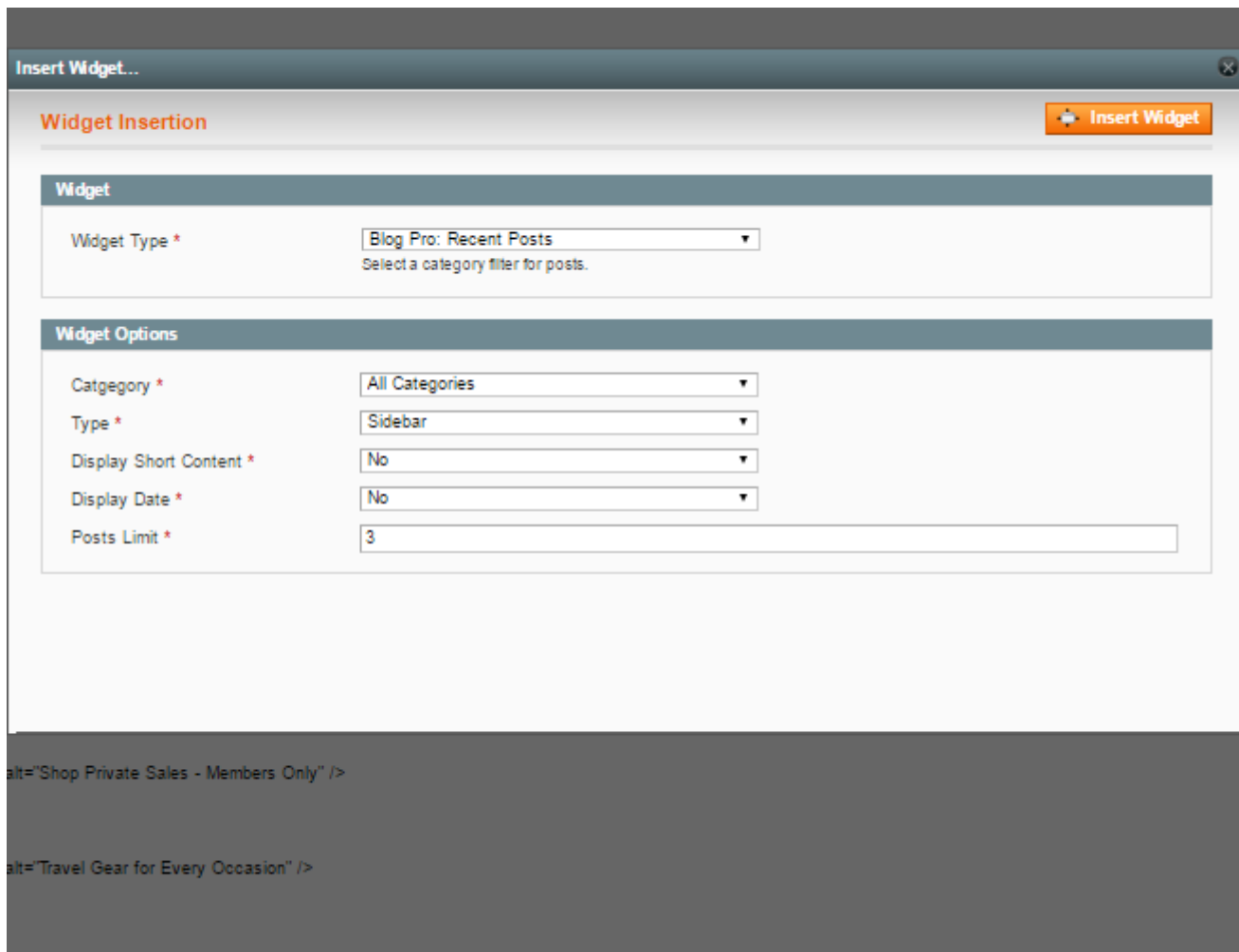
```
<div class="slideshow-container">
  <ul class="slideshow">
    <li><a href="{{config path='web/secure/base_url'}}accessories/eyewear.html"></li>
    <li><a href="{{config path='web/secure/base_url'}}women.html"></li>
    <li><a href="{{config path='web/secure/base_url'}}men.html"></li>
  </ul>
  <div class="slideshow-pager">&nbsp;</div>
  <span class="slideshow-prev">&nbsp;</span> <span class="slideshow-next">&nbsp;</span></div>

<ul class="promos">
  <li>
    <a href="{{config path='web/secure/base_url'}}home-decor.html">
      
    </a>
  </li>
  <li>
    <a href="{{config path='web/secure/base_url'}}vip.html">
      
    </a>
  </li>
  <li>
    <a href="{{config path='web/secure/base_url'}}accessories/bags-luggage.html">
      
    </a>
  </li>
</ul>
```

In the opened window, select the necessary widget type.



After that, a new Widget Options section appears and you need to set the Recent Posts widget options.



When all the options are set, click the Insert Widget button.

Then, click the Save button.

Note: Don't forget to clear the cache to enable the changes in the frontend.

The Recent Posts widget is inserted into the Home Page:

COMPANY
ABOUT US
CONTACT US
CUSTOMER SERVICE
PRIVACY POLICY

POPULAR TAGS

grey shirt suit white

[View All Tags](#)



RECENT POSTS

MP3 PLAYERS TYPES

By Admin Today 86 Views No comments

Hard drive based MP3 players are typically larger and heavier than their competitors due to the fact that they contain a large capacity hard drive inside.

[READ MORE](#) #mp3

WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO!

By Admin 2 days ago 214 Views 1 comment

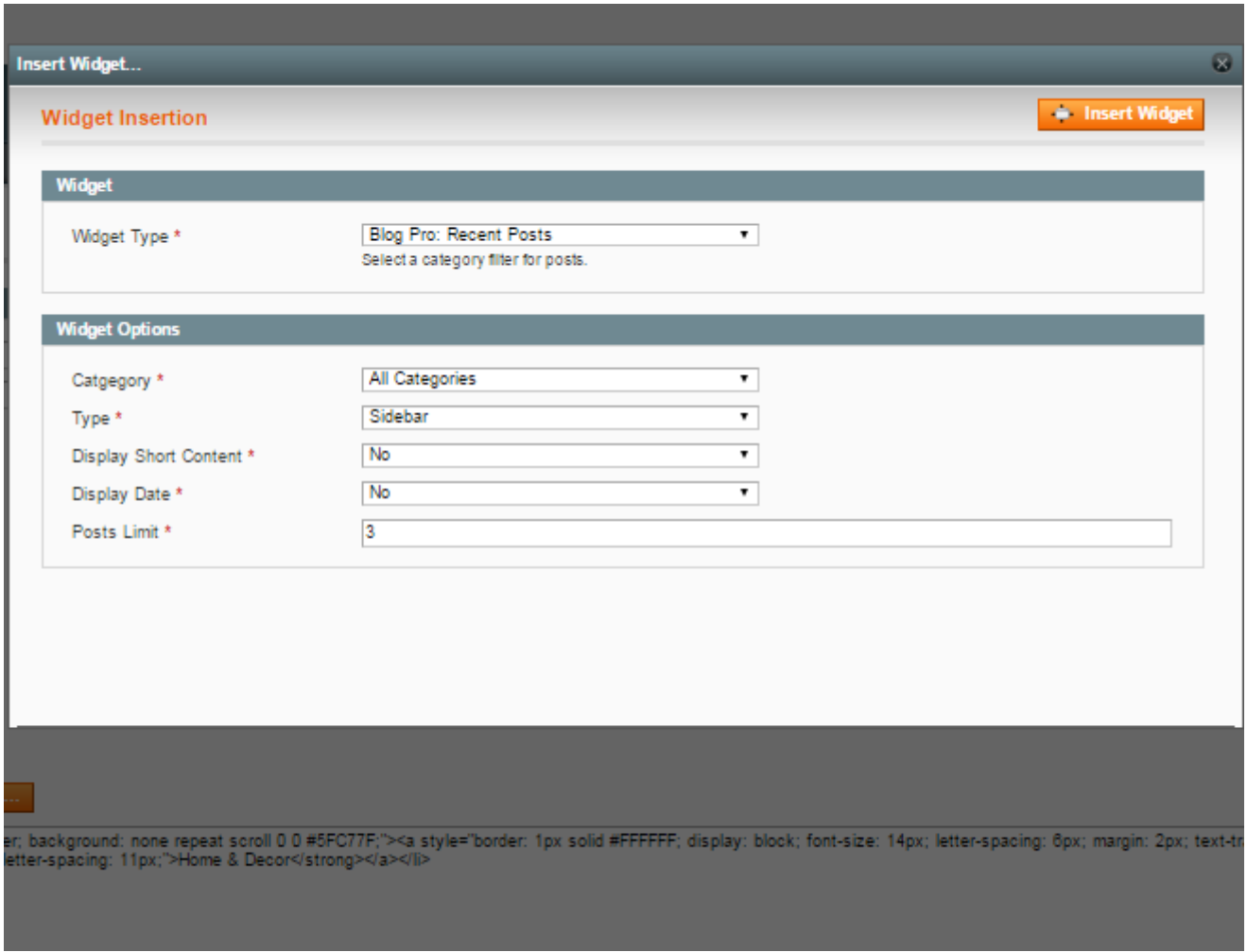
Integration into a CMS Static Block

The extension allows inserting a widget into CMS static blocks, such as Footer Links, 404 page, etc.

To insert a widget into a CMS block, go to the **CMS → Static Block** backend page and choose a block where you want to insert your widget.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Block' interface for a block titled 'Home & Decor'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Dashboard, Sales, Catalog, Mobile, Customers, Promotions, Newsletter, CMS (highlighted), Reports, and System. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Edit Block 'Home & Decor'' and there are four buttons: Back, Reset, Delete Block, and Save Block. The main content area is titled 'General Information' and contains several fields: 'Block Title *' with the value 'Home & Decor', 'Identifier *' with the value 'home-decor', and 'Store View *' with a dropdown menu showing 'All Store Views', 'Main Website', 'Madison Island', 'English', 'French', and 'German'. Below these fields is a 'Status *' dropdown set to 'Enabled'. At the bottom of the form, there are four buttons: 'Show / Hide Editor', 'Insert Widget...', 'Insert Image...', and 'Insert Variable...'. The 'Content *' field contains HTML code: `<div style="display: block; float: left; height: 100px; margin: 10px 0; width: 295px; text-align: center; background: non-direct_url="home-decor.html"{}"><strong style="display: block; font-size: 24px; font-weight: 500; letter-spacing: 11px;`

To insert the widget, choose the necessary place in the code and click the Insert Widget button.



Click the Insert widget button.

Then, click the Save button.

Note: Don't forget to clear the cache to enable the changes in the frontend.

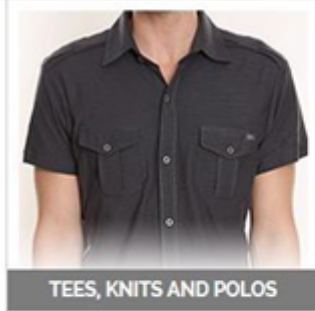
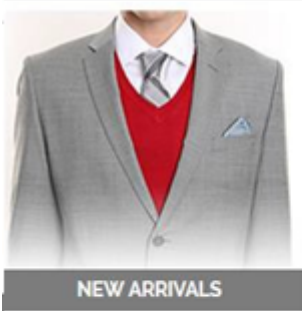
The widget is integrated into the static block:

MEN



**BOLD NEW
BLUES**

...
*superior fabrics and tailored fits
in subtle and standout hues*



RECENT POSTS

[MP3 Players Types](#)
Today
Hard drive based MP3 players are typically larger and heavier than their competitors due to the...

[Welcome to San Francisco!](#)
2 days ago
San Francisco, officially the City and County of San Francisco, is the cultural, commercial and...

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