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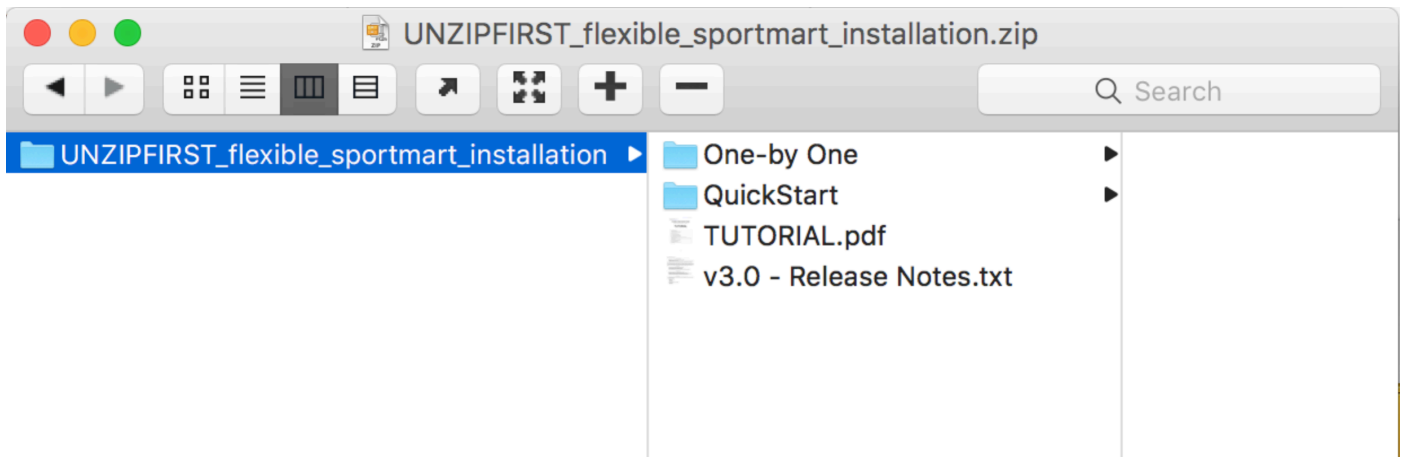
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1. Installing SportMart Template:

1.1. Explaining the files and folders.

Once you UNZIP the Installation file that you download from our server, you will get 2 folders and 2 files.



Release Notes.txt = Includes the Release History.

TUTORIAL.pdf = You are now reading it :)

QuickStart Folder = The Magic folder. It is the Quick Start package to install everything at once.

One-By One Folder = Lets you install the SportMart without the Sample DATA and modules.

1.2. First Method: Installing through QuickStart Package

This is the magic folder, once you performed this installation you will get exactly the same layout and contents as you see in our DEMO. If you are starting a new project with using SportMart, installing through QuickStart package is HIGHLY recommended (unless you are an advanced joomla developer).

Basically take the 2 files from the QuickStart Folder and upload them to your server through FTP Client. For instance, if your domain is www.domain.com, then 2 files should be located here:

- <http://www.domain.com/kickstart.php>
- <http://www.domain.com/QuickStart-AkeebaBackup.zip>

Then browse the **kickstart.php** in your server and follow the instructions.

You can watch this tutorial video below if you are unfamiliar with Akeeba Backup installation procedure:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIU1HSWMS7c>

After you perform this QuickStart method, you will get:

- ❖ Joomla! 3.5.1
- ❖ Virtuemart Component 3.0.16
- ❖ Virtuemart AIO Component 3.0.16
- ❖ SportMart Template [template core and necessary plugins to run the framework]
- ❖ Shopping Cart [Module + Plugin]
- ❖ Slideshow Module + Component
- ❖ Sample data [articles + modules + virtuemart products that you see in the live DEMO]

All in all, everything!!!

I would strongly suggest you to go through QuickStart installation. Then go to Virtuemart Component, delete the created products/categories and instead add yours. You will be pretty much good to go.

Q: Today's Joomla version is newer than what comes with this QuickStart package.

A: First go through the QuickStart, and then simply update the Joomla by clicking the Joomla Update page.

Q: Today's Virtuemart version are newer than what comes with this QuickStart package.

A: Usually it is not a problem to update the Virtuemart Component via Joomla Update page. But sometimes VM Team changes in the VM Core thus the template fails to work. You must backup first before updating the VM component. (In those case any incompatibility, we are releasing new version for SportMart to support that new VM version).


1.3. Second Method: Installing everything One-By One.

If you already have Joomla and already have Virtuemart installed and you don't want lose your DATA's both from Joomla! and from Virtuemart – OR – If you already have a SportMart Template and you just want to update it; then this method is for you. Once you perform this installation method, you won't lose your contents (menu items, modules, virtuemart products, etc..)

Before going through **One-By One** installation, make sure you already have;

- Joomla 3.x *[requirement]*
- Virtuemart 3.0.x *[requirement]*
- Virtuemart AIO 3.0.xx *[requirement]*

Then proceed to installation. There is only one ZIP file that you need to install through *Joomla Extensions Manager*, which is this: **One-One by One >> pkg_sportmart.zip**



Extension Manager: Install

[Install](#) | [Update](#) | [Manage](#) | [Discover](#) | [Database](#) | [Warnings](#) | [Install languages](#)


Upload Package File

Package File



[Install from Directory](#)

Choose pkg_sportmart.zip file and click "Upload & Install" button


After a successful installation, you should be able to see this message:




Extension Manager: Install

 Options  Help

[Install](#) | [Update](#) | [Manage](#) | [Discover](#) | [Database](#) | [Warnings](#) | [Install languages](#)

 Installing package was successful.



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Installed Extensions:

- SportMart Joomla Virtuemart Template - **INSTALLED**
- plg_flexibleTemplate : Flexible VM2 Template Plugin - **INSTALLED**
- mod_flexible_3d_slider : Flexible 3D Slide Show Module - **INSTALLED**
- mod_flexible_cart : Flexible Shopping Cart Module - **INSTALLED**
- plg_vm2_cart : Flexible Shopping Cart Plugin - **INSTALLED**
- plg_t3 : T3 Framework Plugin - **INSTALLED**

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By just installing the one ZIP file (pkg_sportmart) you are actually installing 6 different extensions to your Joomla.

tpl_sportmart: SportMart Joomla Virtuemart Template
This file includes the core SportMart Template files.

plg_flexibleTemplate: Flexible VM2 Template Plugin
This file is a plugin to change/edit more than 100 different things within the Virtuemart pages.

com_revolution_slider : Revolutuion Slideshow Component & Module
This is the slideshow you see in the homepage. Component: Used to create slideshow & slides, Module: used to display slideshow in the website

mod_flexible_cart : Flexible Shopping Cart Module
Flexible Shopping Cart Module

plg_FlexibleVm3cart: Flexible Shopping Cart Plugin

The plugin to run the Flexible Shopping Cart Module properly

plg_t3 : T3 Framework Plugin

Plugin to run the T3 Framework.

After running the One-By One method, the layout might look empty and messy in the front-end. It is because the module positions have been changed and you don't have any defined module yet. Browse the "Module Manager" and define modules in all module positions.

Either follow the 1.Method and install everything at once, or follow the 2. Method to install the plugins+modules+template to your existing joomla! One-By One. Then installation will be completed.

2. The fun Part: CONFIGURATION:

You have finished the installation already. Here comes the fun part. To use our template and Virtuemart itself as expected (or as you see things in our DEMO); there are some important parameters you want to configure in the backend.

If you have gone through QuickStart installation method, most of the settings explained here will be applied automatically. But take a look below anyway, because it is good to know.

2.1. What to do when you update Virtuemart.

If you have installed the template with **QuickStart** package and updated your Virtuemart component to any newer version – OR – if you install the template with **One-By One** method then you would need to follow these 3 tutorials.

~~2.1.1. Tutorial 1: To show manufacturer LOGOs~~

~~Follow this tutorial below, only if you want to show Manufacturer LOGO in category and product page.~~

~~<http://www.flexiblewebdesign.com/forum-joomla-virtuemart-template-sportmart-support/2089-tutorial-1-to-show-manufacturer-logos> ***This modification is not necessary anymore***~~

2.1.2. Tutorial 2: Multiple Thumbnails in Category Page

Follow this tutorial below, only if you want to show multiple product pictures in the category page.

<http://www.flexiblewebdesign.com/forum-joomla-virtuemart-template-sportmart-support/2090-tutorial-2-multiple-thumbnails-in-category>

2.1.3. Tutorial 3: Modification for VM Custom, Stockable

Follow this tutorial below, only if you are using VM – Custom Field, Stockable Variant

<http://www.flexiblewebdesign.com/forum-joomla-virtuemart-template-sportmart-support/2091-tutorial-3-modification-for-vm-custom-stockable>

2.2. Translate some texts that come with SportMart:

Our template's language file is located in here:

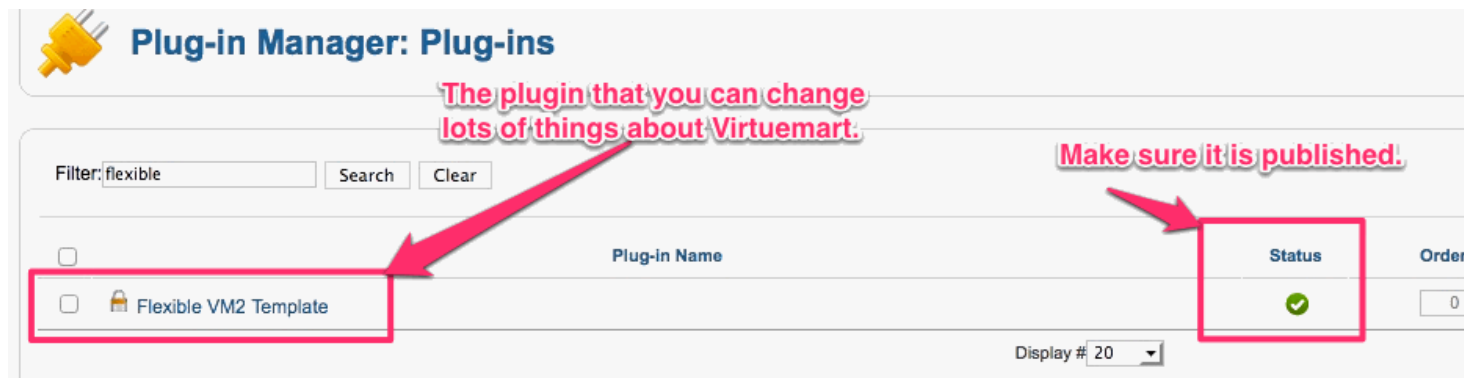
ROOT/language/**en-GB**¹/en-GB¹.tpl_flexible_sportmart.ini

¹ en-GB is the initials for English; your language file is stored in different folder depends on the initials.

There are not too many lines in that file; you can do the translation by yourself in couple minutes. They are extremely basic texts.

2.3. Changing parameters for Virtuemart pages by Using plg_flexibleTemplate Plugin:

Navigate to your Plugin Manager in Joomla Back-end, and find this template: **Flexible VM2 Template** plugin,



This plugin includes more than 100 parameters, change them as you wish and customize the layout of Virtuemart-related pages.



1.1 Category Page - ListView Parameters

Quick Look Button	Yes
Product Details Button	Yes
Add to Cart Button	Yes
Quantity Box	Yes
Show Custom Fields	Yes
Show Short Description	Yes
Show Additional Pictures	Yes
Show Product SKU	Yes
Show Rating Stars	Yes
Show Manufacturer Logo	Yes

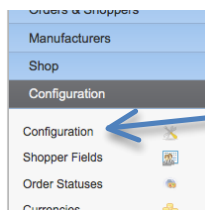
1.2 Category Page - GridView Parameters

Quick Look Button	Yes
More Info Button	Yes
Tiny Add to Cart Button	Yes
Large Add to Cart Button	No
Quantity Box	Yes
Show Additional Pictures	Yes
Show Product SKU	Yes
Show Rating Stars	Yes

And there are many more in this plugin to let you easily change things about Virtuemart layouts.

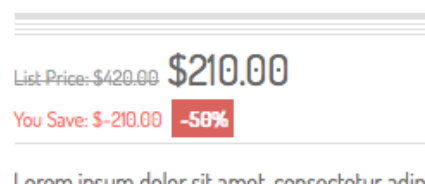
2.4. Important Virtuemart Settings:

Open the Joomla! Back-end and navigate to your Virtuemart Component, then click the "Configuration" link.



If you would like have the same Price layout that you see in our DEMO website:

Basically when there is discount, the old price gets crossed over (line-through) and the discount percentage will be calculated and be shown.



Then you need to enable those pricing parameters below in your Configuration (see the screenshot below). You can select more options (such as: Tax Amount etc..) , but you should **at least** choose these options below:

Price Configuration

- Show Tax in Cart ☒
- Show call for price, when the price is empty ☒
- Use for swizz CHF the Rappenrundung ☐
- Round only display ☒
- Display variant prices with tax ☒

Show Following Prices

	Show Price	Show Label	Rounding Digits
Baseprice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Baseprice modifcator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
New baseprice modified by chosen product variant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Discounted Price without tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Salesprice without tax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Tax amount	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Baseprice with Tax, but without discounts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Final salesprice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Salesprice with discount, but without override	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Discount amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Standardized price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2

2.5. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. READ THIS, OTHERWISE THE PRICE MIGHT NOT GET CROSSED (LINE-THROUGH)

If your website is already applying TAX, then you are OK. There is nothing to worry about. BUT if you are not applying TAX, then the price (somehow) refuses to get crossed in case of any discount. Virtuemart shows the DISCOUNTED price and the DISCOUNT amount, but refuse to show the original (old) price, therefore there would be no price to get crossed, also the percentage doesn't work as well since the original(old) price is unknown. Anyway, the solution is easy and doesn't require any Core Virtuemart Hack;

navigate to **Products > Taxes & Calculation Rules**

in the VM Backend, and create a NEW Tax RULE, and define it as 0% TAX (per product), so basically there won't be TAX at all, but the system will pretend like there was a TAX, and do the math calculation as if there was. This is the most appropriate solution without going into much Virtuemart Core Files (modifying Virtuemart Core files is not recommended! unless you are 100% sure you know what you are doing.)

2.6. Changing Price Labels

If you would like to change your price labels

Base price with tax/Base price without tax	to	"List Price",
Sales Price	to	"Our Price"
Discount	to	"You Save" (or to whatever you want)

The file you need to modify is this:

`yourdomain.com/language/en-GB3/en-GB.com_virtuemart.ini`

en-GB** is for English Virtuemarts .It will be what ever language you currently have for your Virtuemart. For example; for French, it is **fr-FR

In this file; look for the text you want to change, and change the text to anything. This file actually is the translation file for your Virtuemart Component. For example, you can remove the “**No Additional Charge**” text from this language INI file that appears in the Custom Field attributes. If you want to remove any thing from the language file, then don’t completely remove the line, but make it blank. For instance; replace this line:

`COM_VIRTUEMART_CART_PRICE_FREE="No additional charge"`

With this:

`COM_VIRTUEMART_CART_PRICE_FREE=" "`

2.7. Virtuemart Backend >> Configuration >> Template

In the configuration section, click “Templates” tab from the header bar, take a look at the screenshot;

Shopfront Settings

Select the default template for your Shop: Use Joomla default

Category Template: Use Joomla default

Show Children Category: ☒

Show Manufacturers: ☒

Category Layout: flexv2

Default number of categories in a row: 3

Product layout: flexv2

Default number of products in a row: 3

Default number of manufacturer in a row:

Set the pagination sequence for the List Box:

Make sure you have the same settings as the screenshot above, which are:

1 and **2** Default template for your shop: Use Joomla Default

3 **Category Layout:** (VM Template – CleanMart comes with 2 different category browse page layout versions, each version includes 3 View options: **ListView**, **GridView**, **MultiGridView**. You can change the Default View (the View option that shows off when visitor open the page) option through Flexible VM2 Template plugin. Choose any category layout version that you'd like through Virtuemart Configuration). These layouts come with our VM Template: -

- default
- flexV2
- flexv3

There might be some more in the dropdown list in VM Configuration but only 3 of them are belong to our template.

4 **Default Number of categories in a row: 3** (recommended value is 3, but try and see how it looks like with 2, 4 or even 5)

5 **Product Layout:** (Choose any product details layout version that you'd like through Virtuemart Configuration). The product details page layouts come with our template are:

- default
- flexV2

There might be some more in the dropdown list in VM Configuration but only 2 of them are belong to our template.

6 **Number of products in a row: 3** (recommended value is 3, but try and see how it looks like with 2, 4 or even 5.)

We are still on “Templates” tab, scroll down the page little bit and look at the screenshot below

The screenshot shows the VirtueMart administrator interface. On the left, the 'Media Files Settings' section is visible, with fields for General Assets URL, Category Media URL, Product Media URL, Manufacturer Media URL, Vendor Media URL, Safe Path, and Thumbnail url for media to sell. Below these, the 'Enable Dynamic Thumbnail Resizing?' checkbox is checked, and the 'Thumbnail Image Width' and 'Thumbnail Image Height' are both set to 350. On the right, the 'Activate CSS Styles & Javascripts' section is visible, with checkboxes for 'Use Fancybox', 'Using the VirtueMart CSS', 'Using the VirtueMart jQuery', 'Using the product Scripts', 'Using the Script ajax Countries / Regions', 'Use jQuery chosen for dropdowns in FE', and 'Use external google jQuery library'. Red boxes and arrows highlight the following settings: 1. 'Use Fancybox' checkbox, 2. 'Using the VirtueMart jQuery' checkbox, 3. 'Enable Dynamic Thumbnail Resizing?' checkbox, and 4. 'Thumbnail Image Width' and 'Thumbnail Image Height' input fields.

1 Enable “Use Fancybox” option. It is a “MUST” option.

2 Disable “jQuery” related parameter because it is not necessary. SportMart is already loading jQuery1.8 and no need to load multiple jQuery libraries. If enable/disabling that option still doesn’t solve the conflict problem; then you can install this plugin: **jQuery Easy** plugin and choose jQuery1.8 from the dropdown. For more info about that plugin visit here: <http://www.flexiblewebdesign.com/forum-virtuemart-2-template-puremart-support/523-the-easiest-way-to-solve-jquery-conflict-issues>

Basically, that plugin will block all the jQuery library from the website, and will load what ever you choose (from Google Api)

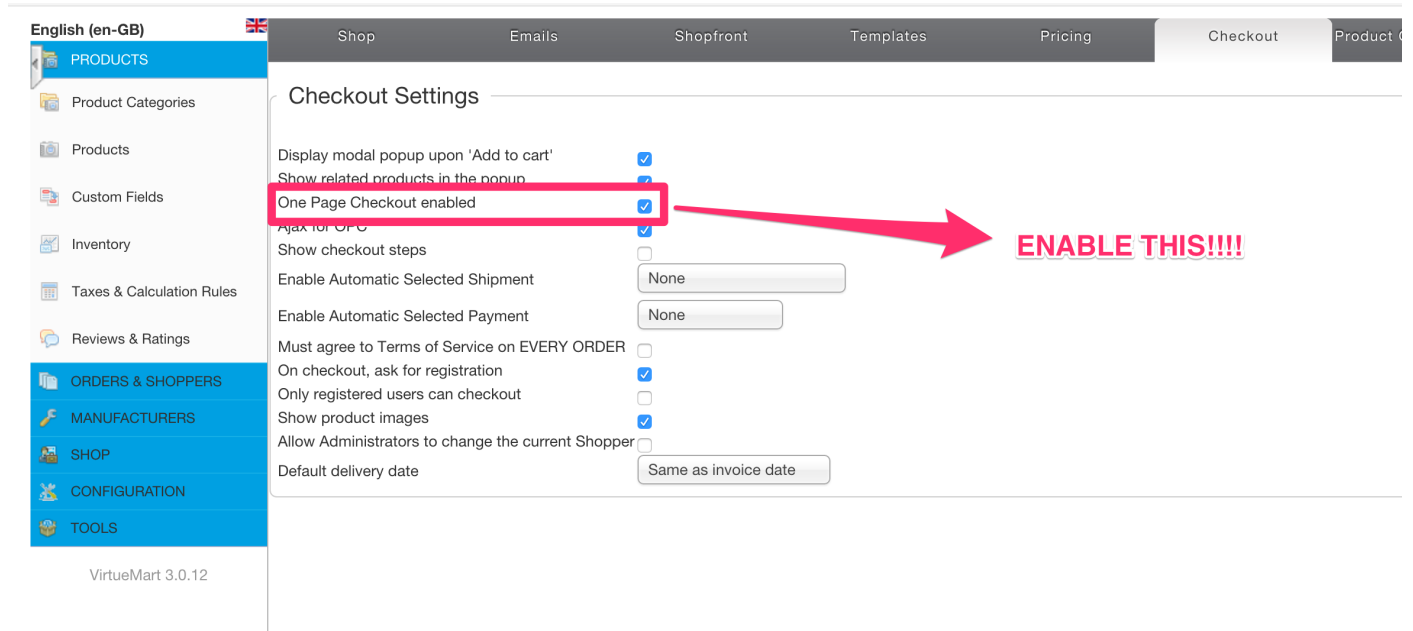
3 Enable the “Dynamic Thumbnail Resizing” option. (We need this in the 4th step)

4 For the best use of our template, you should set your thumbnail size bigger than 250px by 250px (350x350 is recommended). Making them too large or too small values might create some weird visual bugs. If you already have uploaded pictures, you have an ongoing website and your thumbnails are larger or smaller than these values, CleanMart might not look cool. When you change those values, you won’t see the affects in the front-end right away, because your thumbnails were already generated based on old dimensions. You need to re-generate the thumbnails. To re-generate the thumbnail based on the new pixel values, remove this folder: **yourdomain.com/images/stories/virtuemart/product/resized/**

When you re-visit your website, you will see that folder is re-created and the thumbnail are re-generated with the new dimensions you have entered.

2.8. Virtuemart Backend >> Configuration >> Checkout

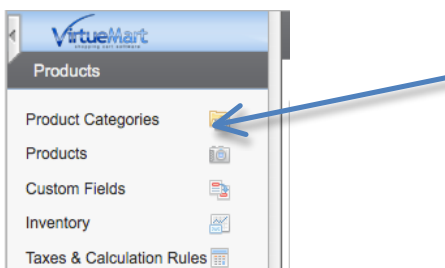
Now, click the “Checkout” tab and look below for the screenshot:



No need to go over the details. Make sure you have the same settings.

2.9. Product & Category Layout override issue

You have changed the category layout from Configuration, but some of your categories or products are tend to use some another layout than what you have chosen. There are 2 places that you should check it out for configuring Category Page and Product Detail page layouts. First; click the link that you see in the screenshot below.



Then click any category from the list (start from the first and check all of them one by one), after you click any of them, scroll down the page little bit and look at the screenshot below:

Details

Ordering

Category Ordering

Default Number of Products per Row

Category Form Limit List Start

Category Form Limit List Step

Category Form Limit List Max

Category Form Initial Display Records

Category Template

Category Browse Page

Default Product Details Page

Make sure for that particular category “**Default Number of Products per Row**” field is 0, Don’t get confused with the 0 (zero). If this field is 0, it means; it will be whatever number you have submitted from the configuration (which we did it in the Step#3). If it is anything rather than 0, then it will be overwritten for that particular category. Also look at the last 3 fields, and make sure they are:

Category Template: Use shop default

Category Browse Page: No Override

Default Product Details Page: No Override

If some particular products insist on getting the particular product details layout, then open that particular product. And make sure **Product Details Page: No Override** is selected.

English (United Kingdom)

Product Information

Published? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Product SKU: mens-1

Product Name: Diesel Men's Trench Coat

Product Alias: diesel-men-s-trench-coat

URL:

Manufacturer: Diesel

Product Categories: Men's Clothing

Shopper Group: Select Some Options

Product Details Page: No override

On Featured: ☒

Product pricing

Cost price: 130.00000

Base price: 130 \$

Final price: 100.00000 \$

Pricing rules overrides

Tax: Apply default rules

Tax Affecting:

Discount Type: Apply generic rules

Discounted Price: 100.00000 ☒

Parent & Child Products

2.10. Availability (shipping time) icons

People have asked this so many times, I should mention about it; The shipment icon that you see in our DEMO, that says: 1-2 days, 24 hours, 3-5days shipping.. etc. they appear only if you select any of them. While you are in the product edit page. (the screenshot below was taken from “product edit page”). Click the “Product Status” tab.

Product Information Product Description **Product Status** Product Dimensions and Weight

In Stock: 100

Booked, ordered products: 0

Low Stock Notification: 0

Minimum Purchase Quantity: 0

Maximum Purchase Quantity: 0

Availability Date: 03/27/12

Availability: 2-3d.gif 2-3d.gif

2-3 Days
★★★★★

And select a Shipment Icon from this dropdown box. Then the icon will start appearing in the product detail page. (For this specific product)

And these icons are ENGLISH. You might want to translate them to your native language. This is also easy, because those PNG images come with PSD (Photoshop Document) Source files. Basically, open the PSD file with any Adobe Photoshop version, edit the text and save as PNG (overwrite with the existing one). PSD and PNG files are stored in the same folder with the same file name.

For instance, the availability icon that says **1-2 Months** is PNG and stored in here:

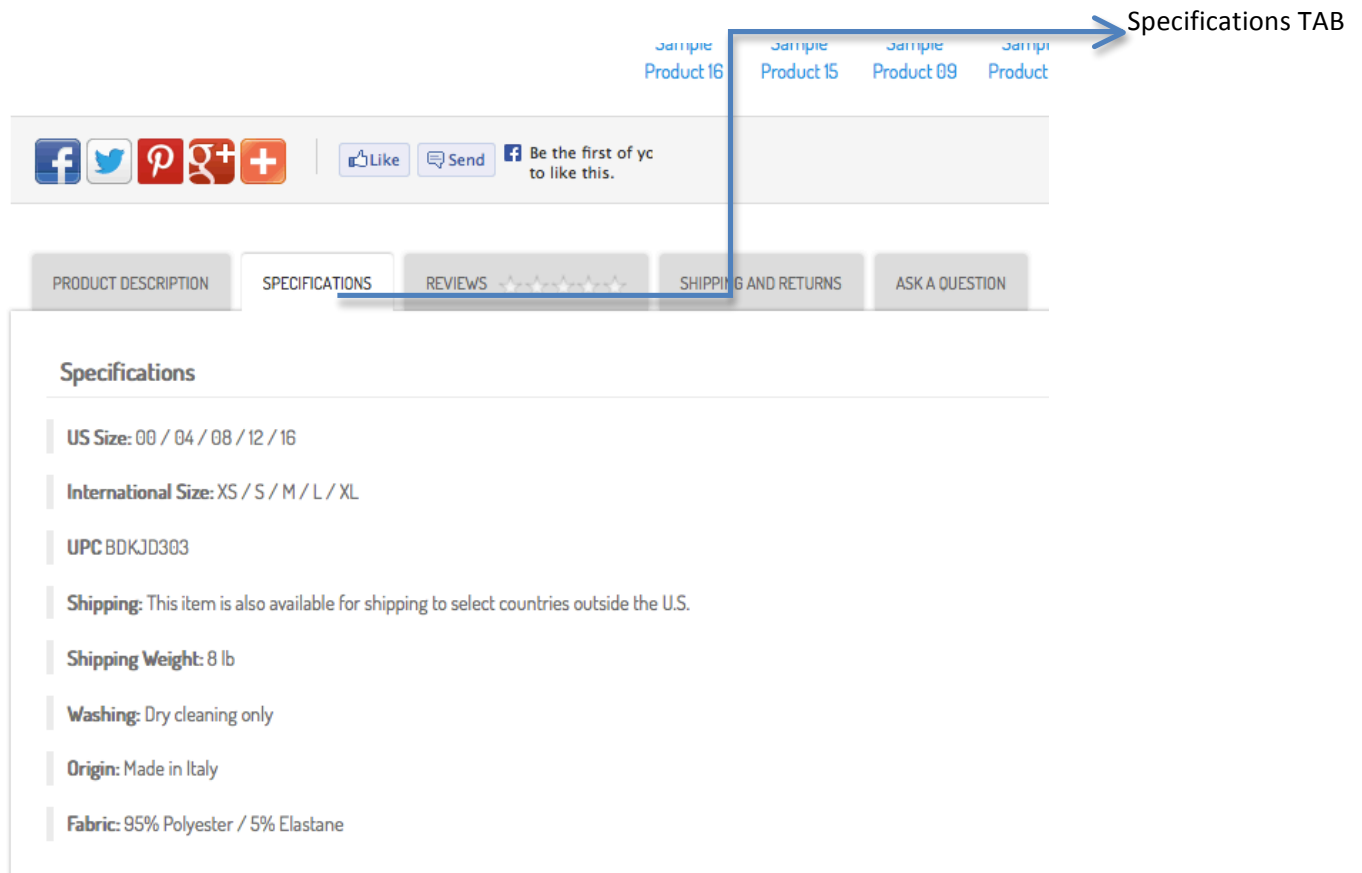
ROOT/templates/flexible_sportmart/html/com_virtuemart/assets/images/availability/1-2m.png

And the PSD of that icon is located here:

ROOT/templates/flexible_sportmart/html/com_virtuemart/assets/images/availability/1-2m.psd

You are free to restyle them and make them look as you wish. Using the local shipment company logo in the icon is recommend! You can use www.iconfinder.com to get free icons to use inside those availability images.

2.11. Creating SPECIFICATION TAB in product details page



You should create non-cart “**String**” custom field and enter “**ontop**” to “**layout position**” field. Then; they will be listed under “Specifications” TAB in the product details page. Look at the screenshot below:

Custom Field

Custom Field Type: String

TitleMaterial:

PublishedNo Yes

ParentPlease Select

Cart AttributeNo Yes

Description

Default

Tooltip

Layout positionontop

Admin onlyNo Yes

Is a list?No Yes

HiddenNo Yes

Custom Field Type: String

Cart Attribute: NO

Layout Position: ontop

Basically you are going to do it for all specification parameters you are going to create (materials, warranty etc..). Then browse any product, add those custom fields and submit values for them.

Custom Field Type:						
Watch Band						
Title	Tooltip	Value	Price	Type	Cart Attribute	Delete
Specifications				Parent	☆	✖
Material:		Metallic/Leather		String	☆	✖
Case Size:		30mm		String	☆	✖
Thickness:		11mm		String	☆	✖
Stone Count:		44 clear stones		String	☆	✖
Band Width:		14mm		String	☆	✖
Circumference:		175mm (+/- 5mm)		String	☆	✖
W-Resistant:		5 ATM		String	☆	✖
Closure:		Butterfly buckle		String	☆	✖
Brand:		Fossil		String	☆	✖
Origin:		Imported		String	☆	✖
Warranty:		11-year limited		String	☆	✖

2.12. That's all folks ;)

Thanks for reading the tutorial.
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