NOTIFY WHEN PRODUCT ARRIVES – USER / INSTALL GUIDE REV 1.2

Extension Name: Notify When Product Arrives

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Extension Purpose

This extension allows customers to register their e-mails for an out of stock product or product option, additionally it sends e-mails automatically once stock has been updated.

System requirements

-Opencart 1.4x or 1.5.x.

-VqMod 2.1 or later.

Installing extension

Install extension is a simple 2 step process:

1 - Unzip the contents in the root directory of your store, this can be done by using a FTP transfer software (like Filezzilla) or direct by your server control panel (like Cpanel), most servers have a file upload manager.

2 – After unzip / upload all files, access your store modules in admin panel, and search extension "Notify When Product Arrives" and hit install. See image attached below.

Opencart Dashboard

Opencart modules list

Enabling and configuring extension options

Tab Config

After installed, you will have to click the "edit" link on extension list, the system will display the extension admin panel.

Extension admin panel

On version 4.0 options were grouped by type.

SYSTEM OPTIONS

Option - Notify Mode

This option will define if e-mails will be sent manual or automatic, if manual mode is set, you must click on button "notify now" in statistics tab:

Option - Use captcha in forms?

This option enables captcha to avoid spam.

Option - Alert admin for new requests?

This option enables admin notification each time a customer register for a product.

Option - Cron job support:

This option helps store owners when using non-default opencart product editor.

It sets a key that enables a link which can be direct accessed triggering notify event to customers.

Just setup a key to be used in link like above:
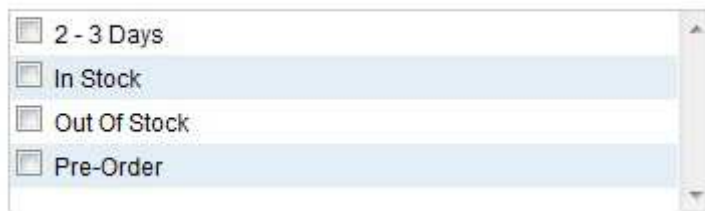
http://YOURSTORE.COM/admin/index.php?route=module/notify_when_arrives/ notify&nwa_cron_key=**YOUR_DEFINED_KEY**

Once you have the key defined, setup your cron job software to access this link in a certain period (once a day for example).

Option - Skip stock status
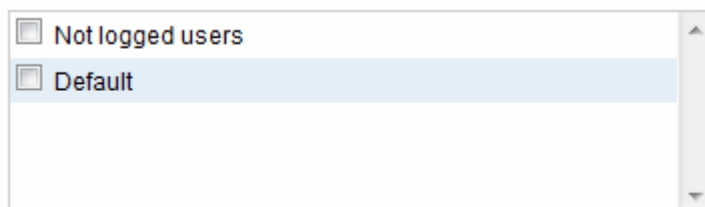
This option allows you to select the stock status you don't want module to show even product stock is equal to zero, is very good when you have pre-order products:

Just check the status you want extension to be disabled.

Option - Skip customer group

This option allows you to select the customer group you don't want module to show :

Just check the customer group you want extension to be disabled.

DISPLAY OPTIONS

Option - Button Gray Style

This option enables gray color on buttons, so user can easy tell apart the out of stock products from in stock products.

Option - Fields selection

This option allows you to set required fields for registration, additionally, you can set a custom field and what type of data this field will accept.

Option - Out of stock products in listings

This option define how extension will work with add to cart button on categories and another modules, see above:

Choice 1: Display register form on "hover" and "click" events.
This option will display a form box beside the button when the user hover or

click the button:

Choice 2: Display register form on "click" event only.

This option will work as the first option, except because the form only displays on click event.

Choice 3: Send customer to product page and display form in there.

As already it says, this option will send the user to the product page when he clicks the add to cart button, there, the form will be displayed.

Choice 4: Display a popup window.

Note: this resource is applied since 3.6 version only!

This option will display the extension in a colorbox window, in front of all elements of store. This option works on click event only.
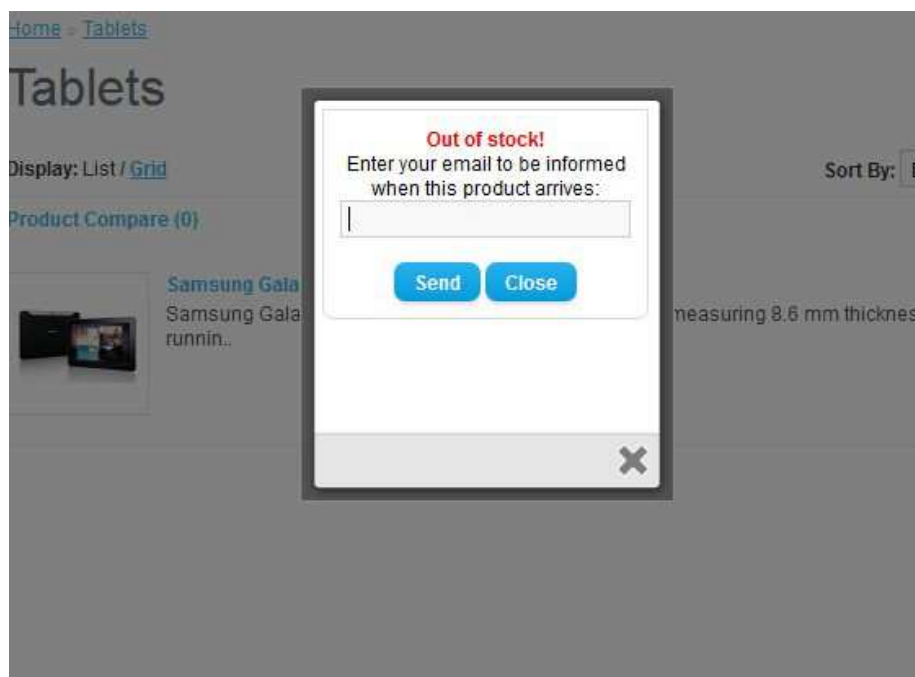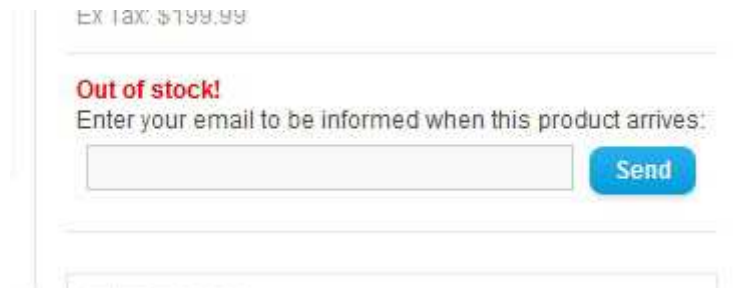
Option - Product Page replace mode

This option define how extension will work with "add to cart" button on product page, see above:

Choice 1: Default

This option will try replace all content in button add to cart location by the register form:

Choice 2: Compatibility mode

This option will try to replace just the button add to cart, and let another contents beside with, also this option use to work better with non-default like themes:
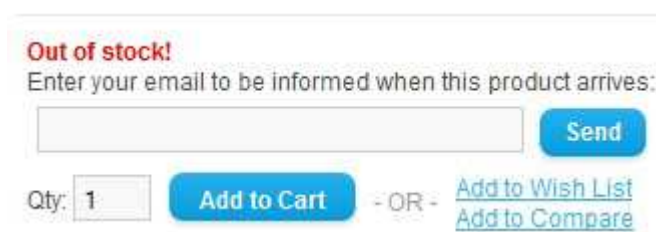
Choice 3: Append, do not remove add to cart button.

Note: this resource is applied for since 3.6 version only!

This option displays the register form, but still allows user to add the product to cart:

Choice 4: Display a popup window.

Note: this resource is applied for 3.6 version only!

Like in category, this option will display the extension in a colorbox window, in front of all elements of store:
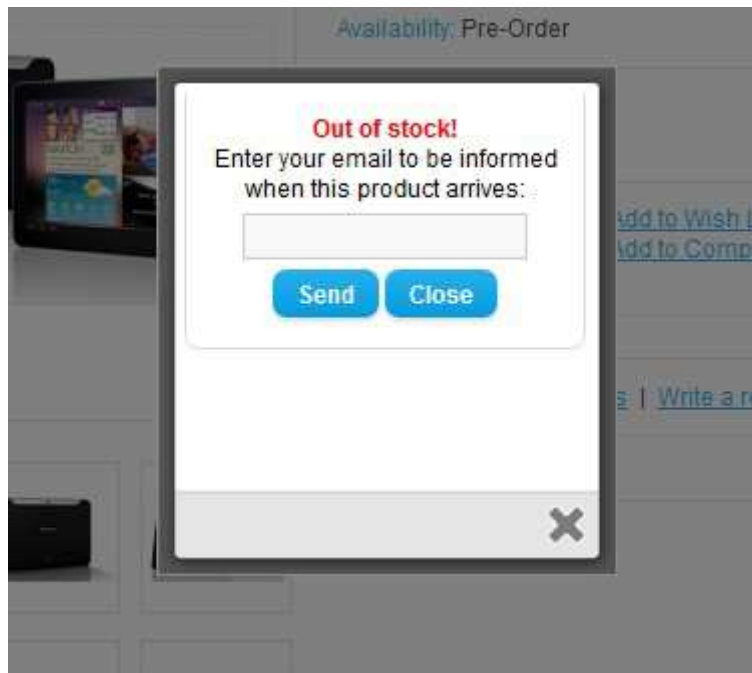
INSTALL OPTIONS

Option - Module database

This option shows if database installation has worked right. If you get an error message you must run the "nwa.sql" file in your database before start using the extension.

Option - Module Status

This option enables or disables whole extension, if you want to disable extension in a certain page, use the module call option.

Option - Module Call:

This is the default setup of opencart extensions positioning. For this extension, the "Layout" field will define in what pages extension should be loaded, the "Position" and "Sort Order" fields are useless for this extension and just follow the opencart extension setup rules.

The "Status" field must be set to enabled for extension work.

Atention! You must enable the extension on **Home, Product, Category** and **Default** layouts.

Tab E-mails

Product Image Sizes

This options allows you to define the Width and height for product images to be embedded in e-mails, by default image sizes are 80 x 80.

Subject and Mail Body: Costumer and Admin

These options allows you to edit how the e-mails will be sent to costumers and admin. Basically, it haves a WYSIWYG editor which allows you to customize the e-mail.

These keywords should be used in subject and or body:

{user_name} or {user_phone} or {user_custom} - It will be replaced by currently mailed customer information.

{product_name} - It will be replaced by currently "back to stock" product name.

{product_link}   - It will be replaced by currently "back to stock" product link.

{product_href}   - It will be replaced by currently "back to stock" product href, this is useful if you want to customize the e-mail body.

{product_image} - It will be replaced by currently "back to stock" product Image.

{product_image_href} - It will be replaced by currently "back to stock" product image href, this is useful if you want to customize the e-mail body.

{store_name} - It will be replaced by currently "back to stock" store name.

Note 1: you must write the keywords with the brackets to be recognized by extension!
Note 2: You have to be in mind that most of e-mail clients doesn't display images by default, if you are testing extension make sure to set option "display images from this address" enabled in your e-mail client.

Tab Statistics

This tab displays an advanced report with charts for the products and their number of customers notified and waiting notification.
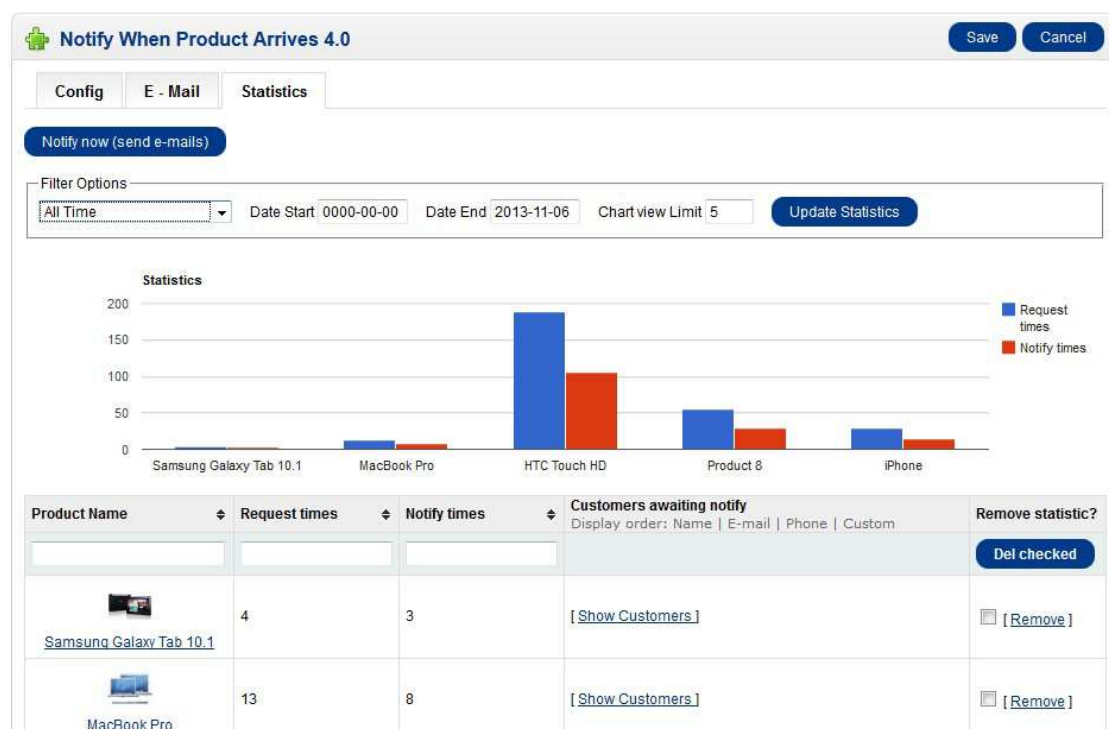
Filter statistics by period

Since version 4.0 you can filter statistics be dated added, so you can use this information to know what products are currently being requests by customers:

After choose period, hit the button "update statistics" to refresh the list and chart.

Note: Date based registrations are available since version 4.0 only. Registrations made before the update will be displayed only on option "All time".

Filter statistics by keywords, notified or requested quantity

Also since version 4.0, you can filter statistics by defining keywords or quantity in filter fields, see the example below:
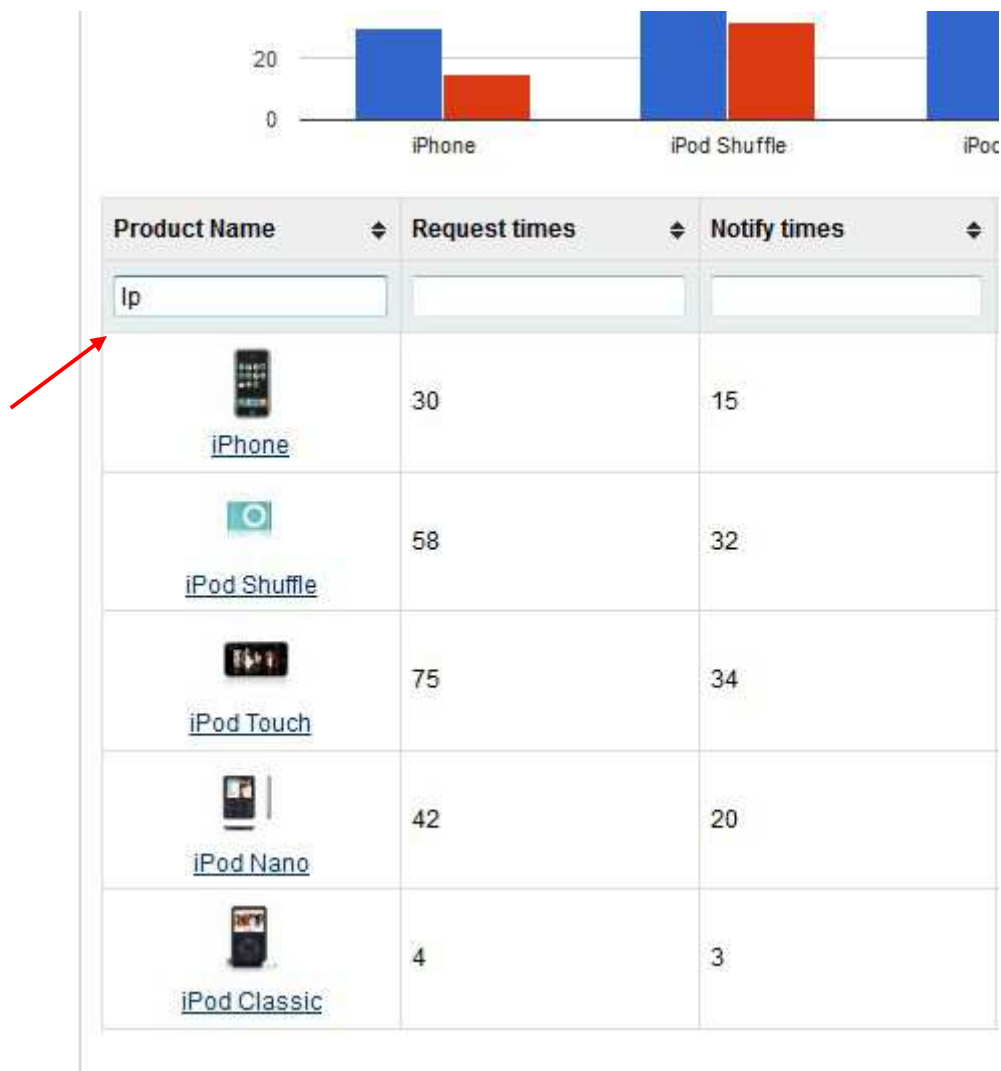
In above example, the statistics list is being filtered by text "Ip" on product name.

Sort statistics by keywords, notified or requested quantity

Another chance since version 4.0, is that you can order list based on product name, request or notify times just clicking in table headings to sort up or down:

Notify Now Button

This button will trigger notify event, the notify alert will be sent only for customers who have registered to products that have been restocked.

Show / hide e-mails

This link will display / hide currently awaiting users e-mails, if there is no one waiting to be notified, nothing is shown.
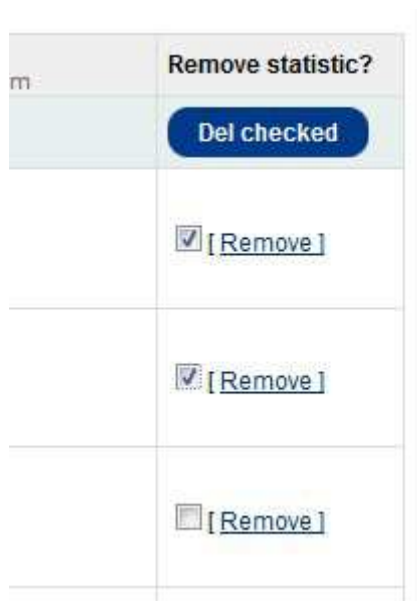
Remove statistics

Atention: Be careful using this link!

 It will remove product statistic from database, all registered e-mails for selected product will also be deleted (there is no way to recover e-mails)

You can use the delete link to remove only one statistic or check all you want and hit button "Del checked" for multiple deletion.


Extras

Compatibility:

This extension has been tested to work with default opencart system, and also to be compatible with Qphoria's Options Boost and JNeuhoff's export / import tool extensions.

Button: Customers awaiting products

When installed, the extension will display a shortcut button on product list (admin panel) with quantity of customers awaiting products.
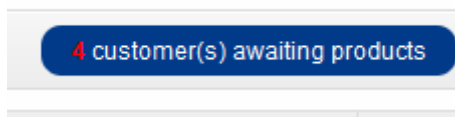
Working with another languages

If you have multi-language store or uses another language than default, you will have to copy module language files and translate to your language. To do this, follow these steps:

Find the files:
/catalog/language/english /module/notify_when_arrives.php

and

/admin/language/english/module/notify_when_arrives.php

Make a copy of those files and do the translation on the copies, after translating place the files on the folders:

 /catalog/language/YOUR_LANGUAGE /module/notify_when_arrives.php
and
/admin/language/YOUR_LANGUAGE /module/notify_when_arrives.php

Customizing extension template

In general, you don't need to do any modifications on extension, even you have any non-custom theme, but if you want to edit extension template just find the file   **/catalog/view/theme/default/template/module/notify_when_arrives.tpl** and make the changes on it.