





News Extension

User Guide

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Description

Thank you for choosing News Extension – one of the best-sellers of CommerceLab!

Magento News Extension will help you make your store more interactive and will keep your visitors abreast of the latest business updates, developments and achievements. The opportunity to comment on the news, as well as integration with social networks like Google+, Facebook and Twitter adds yet more value to this News Magento Extension. With its help you can learn the opinion of your customers in more details and let your clients popularise the store by sharing info with their friends. –

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News Extension Key Features:

-  The ability to create news categories
-  The ability to bind each news category to a particular store
-  Structural separation of news for a short and full description
-  The possibility to set a period of news publication (Publish From: Date, Hours, and Minutes; Publish until: Date, Hours and Minutes).
-  The possibility to set data on publishing (date/time/category)
-  The ability to add photos for each news article – both to the short and full description
-  The ability to set META-data for the news (keywords, description)
-  The possibility to leave comments on the news page
-  The ability to set access parameters to leave comments
-  The option of approving/blocking comments
-  Ajax pager for easy switching between comments
-  Integration with social networks: Google+, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn
-  Print version for every news for easy opportunity to print it out
-  RSS-feed for each news category
-  Usage of Magento WYSIWIG-editor for simple news editing
-  Easy installation
-  Open source
-  Compatibility with the latest versions of Magento.

Installation

Step 1. Check Permissions.

Make sure the "app", "js", "lib" and "skin" directories of your Magento and all directories inside it have full written permissions or set permissions on the each directory equal to 777 or 0777.

Important! Change all permissions back after installation.

Step 2. Upload files.

Unzip and upload all content of the **extension folder** to the **root folder** of your Magento website using FTP client. On the request whether existing files (folders) should be replaced – select Yes.

Step 3. Clear cache.

Update cache in case it is enabled. (*System → Cache Management*).

Cache Storage Management

Flush Magento Cache

Flush Cache Storage

Select All | Unselect All | Select Visible | Unselect Visible | 7 items selected

Actions

Refresh

Submit

Cache Type	Description	Associated Tags	Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Configuration	System(config.xml, local.xml) and modules configuration files(config.xml).	CONFIG	DISABLED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Layouts	Layout building instructions.	LAYOUT_GENERAL_CACHE_TAG	DISABLED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blocks HTML output	Page blocks HTML.	BLOCK_HTML	DISABLED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Translations	Translation files.	TRANSLATE	DISABLED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collections Data	Collection data files.	COLLECTION_DATA	DISABLED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EAV types and attributes	Entity types declaration cache.	EAV	DISABLED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web Services Configuration	Web Services definition files (api.xml).	CONFIG_API	DISABLED

Step 4. Re-login.

Log out and Log in back into Magento admin panel (*back office*).

Step 5. Use extension.

Afterwards, *News item* should appear in the top menu. Congratulations, the installation was successful.

In case you face any problems during the installation, please use [Contact us Form](#) or let CommerceLab team help you with installation (*paid service*).

Using the News Module

When mouse over the *News Item* in the top horizontal menu a drop down will appear with the following subsections:

1. Add News Article
2. News Manager
3. Categories
4. Comments
5. Settings



1. Add News Article

1.1 Main information

Select first subsection **Add News Article** to add news on the website. By default Main Information tab (on the left) will be pre-selected:



News information

Status	<div>Enabled</div>
Title *	<div></div>
URL Key *	<div></div> <div>▲ e.g. domain.com/news/url_key</div>
Store View *	<div>All Store Views</div> <div>Main Website</div> <div>Main Website Store</div> <div>Default Store View</div> <div>French</div>
Category	<div>Default</div>
Comments	<div>Disabled</div>
File	<div></div> <div>Browse...</div>
Link Name	<div></div> <div>▲ e.g. Download attached document - default</div>
Add Tags	<div></div> <div>▲ Use comma for multiple words</div>
Use Full Description Image	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>
Image for Short Description	<div></div> <div>Browse...</div>
Resize Image Height	<div></div> px
Resize Image Width	<div></div> px
Show Image	<div>No</div>

1. Status – select Enable for the selected News article to be presented on the website
2. Title – title of the News article (e.g. Apple launches production of new iPhone)
3. URL key – URL path by which specific News article will be accessible (e.g. domain.com/news/URL_key)
4. Store View – selection of the store where the News article will be posted
5. Category – selection of the category where the News article will be posted (e.g. Economics, Politics, IT Market etc.)
6. Comments – select Enable for the Comments to be present on the selected News Article, otherwise select Disable
7. File – possibility to upload any file for certain News article for further download by users
8. Link Name – name by clicking which a user will be able to download the file
9. Add Tags – possibility to set tags for the certain News article. In case of multiple words use comma to separate
10. Use Full Description Image – select box to use full description Image in the Short Description block
11. Image for Short Description – picture for the short description block
12. Resize Image Height – set height of the uploaded image for the short description block (in pixels)
13. Resize Image Width – set width of the uploaded image for the short description block (in pixels)
14. Show Image – select Yes for the picture to be present on the front end, otherwise select No
15. Short Description – a brief description of the News. With the help of WYSIWYG editor News articles can be edited at your discretion
16. Image for Full Description – picture for the full description block
17. Resize Image Height – set height of the uploaded image for the full description block (in pixels)

- 18.** Resize Image Width – set width of the uploaded image for the full description block (in pixels)
- 19.** Show Image – select Yes for the picture to be presented on the front end, otherwise select No (Yes/No)
- 20.** Full description – a detailed description of the news. With the help of WYSIWYG editor news articles can be edited at your discretion.

Short Description

Show / Hide Editor

Path: p

Image for Full Description

Browse...

Resize Image Height: px

Resize Image Width: px

Show Image: No

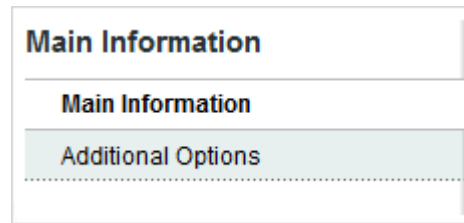
Full Description

Show / Hide Editor

Path: p

1.2 Additional Options

Select *Additional Options* (on the left) to set/change additional options for the selected News article:



The screenshot shows a tabbed interface. The top tab is labeled 'Main Information'. Below it, another tab labeled 'Additional Options' is visible and highlighted with a light blue background. A dashed line separates the two tabs.

1. News Time Settings:



The screenshot shows a form titled 'News Time Settings'. It contains the following fields:

- News Time**: A text input field with a calendar icon. Below it, a note says: ▲ Next to the Article will be stated current time
- Publish From:**: A text input field with a calendar icon.
- Hours**: A dropdown menu showing '00'.
- Minutes**: A dropdown menu showing '00'.
- Publish Until:**: A text input field with a calendar icon.
- Hours**: A dropdown menu showing '00'.
- Minutes**: A dropdown menu showing '00'.

- News Time – publish time (date, hours, minutes) of the article, stated in the headline
- Publish From – exact date and time when the article will be published on the website
- Publish Until – exact date and time when the article will be unpublished.

2. Meta Data:

Meta Data	
Keywords	<input type="text"/>
Description	<input type="text"/>

- a. Keywords – text area for the Keywords of the selected article. To separate words please use comma or space
- b. Description – Meta description of the selected article.

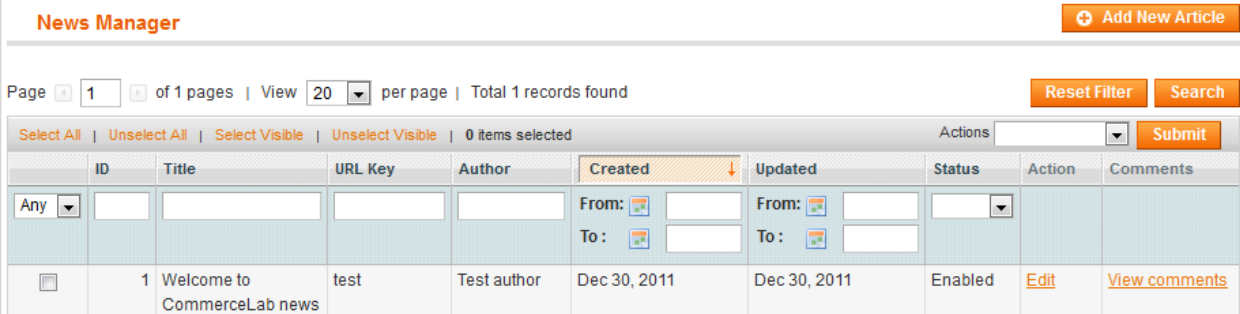
3. Advanced options:

Advanced Post Options	
Author name	<input type="text"/>

- a. Author Name – set Author name of the selected article or leave blank to disable.

2. News Manager

In the News Manager there is a *listing of all articles* where it is possible to *filter, search, change status, delete* as well as *view details and comments* of any certain News article.



The screenshot displays the 'News Manager' interface. At the top right is an 'Add New Article' button. Below the header, there's a pagination bar showing 'Page 1 of 1 pages', 'View 20 per page', and 'Total 1 records found'. To the right of this are 'Reset Filter' and 'Search' buttons. Below the pagination bar is a filter bar with options: 'Select All', 'Unselect All', 'Select Visible', 'Unselect Visible', and '0 items selected'. To the right of the filter bar is an 'Actions' dropdown and a 'Submit' button. The main part of the interface is a table with the following columns: ID, Title, URL Key, Author, Created, Updated, Status, Action, and Comments. The table contains one row with the following data: ID: 1, Title: Welcome to CommerceLab news, URL Key: test, Author: Test author, Created: Dec 30, 2011, Updated: Dec 30, 2011, Status: Enabled, Action: Edit, Comments: View comments.

	ID	Title	URL Key	Author	Created	Updated	Status	Action	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Welcome to CommerceLab news	test	Test author	Dec 30, 2011	Dec 30, 2011	Enabled	Edit	View comments

Each Article is characterised by:

1. Checkbox – to select any article
2. ID – unique ID number of the article
3. Title of the article
4. URL key
5. Author (in case it is set)
6. Created – date of the article creation
7. Updated – date of the latest article update
8. Status – enabled/disabled
9. Action – to edit the news article
10. View comments – look through all comments of the certain news article.

In the News Manager you can create a news article selecting *Add New Article* button.

3. Categories

In the Category Manager there is a *listing of all news' categories* where it is possible to *filter, search, set sort order, delete* as well as *view details* of any certain category.

The screenshot shows the 'Category Manager' interface. At the top right is an 'Add Category' button. Below the header, there's a pagination bar: 'Page 1 of 1 pages | View 20 per page | Total 1 records found'. To the right of this are 'Reset Filter' and 'Search' buttons. Below the pagination bar is a toolbar with 'Select All', 'Unselect All', 'Select Visible', 'Unselect Visible', and '0 items selected'. To the right of this toolbar is an 'Actions' dropdown and a 'Submit' button. The main part of the interface is a table with the following columns: ID, Title, URL Key, Sort Order, and Action. The table contains one row with the following data: ID 1, Title Default, URL Key default, Sort Order 0, and an 'Edit' action link.

	ID	Title	URL Key	Sort Order	Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Default	default	0	Edit

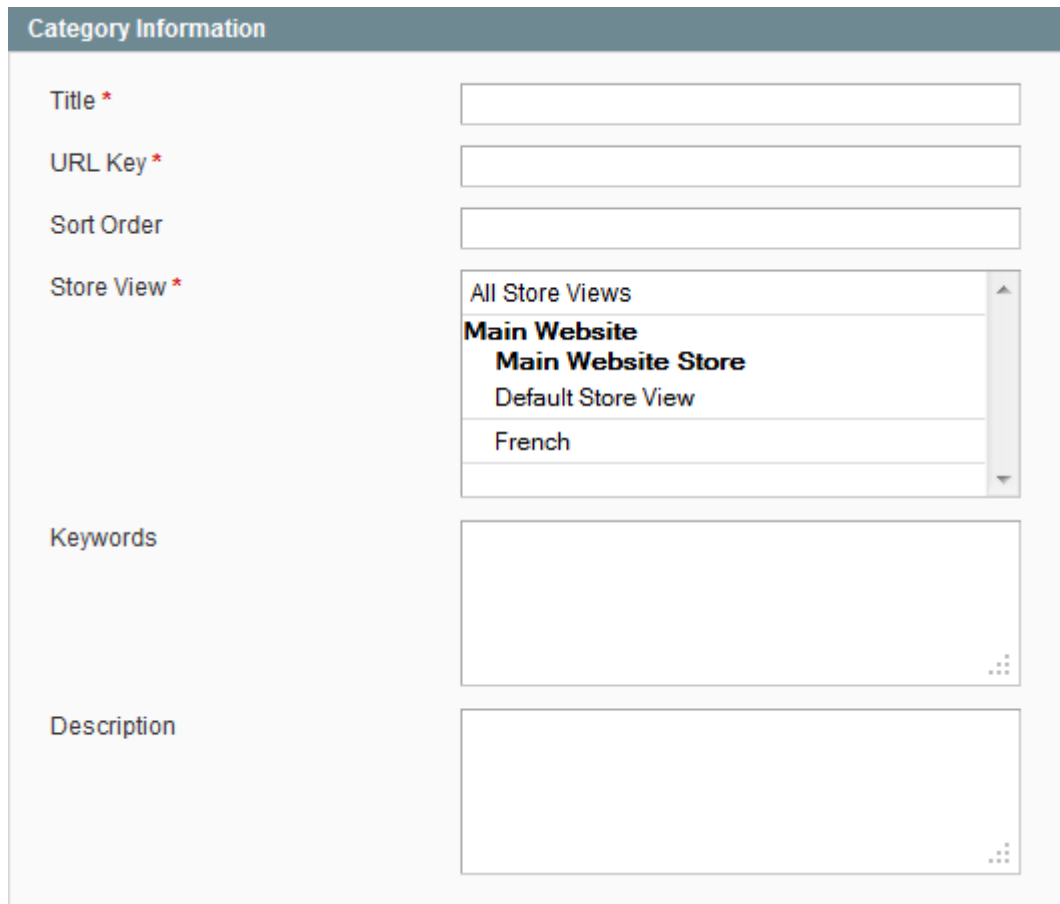
Each Category is characterised by:

1. Checkbox – to select any Category
2. ID – unique ID number of the Category
3. Title of the category
4. URL key
5. Sort order – order of the categories output in the news block (frontend)
6. Action – to edit the category.

In the Category Manager you can *create* a new category selecting *Add Category* button.

3.1 Add Category

To add new Category, *Add Category Button* should be selected:



Category Information

Title *

URL Key *

Sort Order

Store View *

All Store Views
Main Website
Main Website Store
Default Store View
French

Keywords

Description

1. Title – name of the Category
2. URL key – URL path by which specific news category will be accessible (e.g. domain.com/news/category_name)
3. Sort order – order of the categories output in the news block (frontend)
4. Store view – selection of the store where the News Category will be present
5. Keywords – text area for the Meta keywords of the selected Category. To separate words please use coma or space
6. Description – Meta description of the selected Category.

4. Comments

In the Comment Manager there is a *listing of all comments* left by users, where it is possible to *filter, search, delete* as well as *view details* of any certain comment.

Comment Manager

Page of 1 pages | View per page | Total 7 records found Reset Filter Search

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

	Comment	News Name	User	E-mail	Created	Status	Action
Any	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	From: <input type="text"/> To: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	This is the first comment. It can be edited, deleted or set to unapproved so it is not displayed. This can be done in the admin panel.	Welcome to CommerceLab news			Dec 30, 2011		Edit

Each Category is characterised by:

1. Checkbox – to select any Comment
2. Comment – full text of the Comment
3. News Name – name of the News Article where current Comment is posted
4. User – name of the user that posted a Comment
5. E-mail – contact address of the Comment author
6. Created – date of the Comment
7. Status – unapproved/approved
8. Action – to edit the Comment.

4.1 Edit Comments

To edit Comment *edit link* of the certain comment should be selected:

Comment Information	
News Name	Welcome to CommerceLab news
User	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Status	Unapproved <input type="button" value="v"/>
Comment	<div>This is the first comment. It can be edited, deleted or set to unapproved so it is not displayed. This can be done in the admin panel.</div>

1. News Name – name of the News Article where current Comment is posted
2. User – name of the user that posted a Comment
3. Email address – contact address of the Comment author
4. Status – unapproved/approved. For the Comment to appear on the front end, status approved should be selected. Otherwise select unapproved
5. Comment – full text of the Comment

5. Settings

5.1 News Settings

News Settings	
News Title	<input type="text" value="News"/>
Route to News	<input type="text"/> <small>▲ e.g. "news" will make the news accessible from domain.com/news. Should not contain slashes. Leave blank for default - News</small>
Show Breadcrumbs	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Articles per Page	<input type="text" value="10"/> <small>▲ The number of articles displayed per page</small>
Show Latest News Block	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Q-ty in the Latest Block	<input type="text"/> <small>▲ Set the number</small>
Show Date of the News	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Show Time of the News	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Show Category of the News	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Enable Link "View More"	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <small>▲ default: view more</small>
Name of the Link	<input type="text"/> <small>▲ example: view more</small>
Tags for the News	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Enable Google Button for News	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Enable Twitter Button for News	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Enable Facebook Button for News	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Enable LinkedIn Button for News	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Meta Title	<input type="text"/>
Meta Keywords	<input type="text"/> <small>...</small>
Meta Description	<input type="text"/> <small>...</small>

In the News Setting sub-section it is possible *to manage main settings of the News Extension*.

- 1.** News Title – main title for the News module
- 2.** Route to News – URL path by which News module will be accessible (e.g. domain.com/news)
- 3.** Show Breadcrumbs – select Yes for the breadcrumbs to be present on the website in the News module, otherwise select No
- 4.** Articles per Page – the number of News articles displayed per one page
- 5.** Show Latest News Block – the output of Latest News Block with the Title and short description for each article (Yes/No)
- 6.** Q-ty in the Latest Block – set the number of the latest news presented in the Latest Block
- 7.** Show Date of the News – select Yes for the posting date to be present on the front end, otherwise select No
- 8.** Show Time of the News – select Yes for the posting time to be present on the front end, otherwise select No
- 9.** Show Category of the News – select Yes for the category name to be present on the front end, otherwise select No
- 10.** Enable Link View More – select Yes for the link to appear in the Short Description block (by default: view more), otherwise select No. Clicking on the link users will get to the Full Description page of the selected News Article
- 11.** Name of the Link – put name of the link, clicking which users will get to the Full Description page of the News Article
- 12.** Tags for the News – select Yes for the tags to be present on the Full Description page of every News article, otherwise select No. Clicking on the tag will provide a listing of the News articles that contain Selected Tag
- 13.** Enable Google Button for News – select Yes for the Google +1 button to be present on every News Article, otherwise select No
- 14.** Enable Twitter Button for News – select Yes for the Twitter button to be present on every News Article, otherwise select No

15. Enable Facebook Button for News – select Yes for the Facebook button to be present on every News Article, otherwise select No
16. Enable LinkedIn Button for News – select Yes for the LinkedIn Button to be present on every News Article, otherwise select No
17. Meta Title – Meta title of the News Extension
18. Meta Keywords – text area for the Keywords of the News Extension. To separate words please use coma or space
19. Meta Description – Meta description of the News Extension.

5.2 Comments

In the Comments sub-section it is possible *to manage main settings of the Comments functionality.*

Comments	
Send comments to email	<input type="text"/>
Email Sender	General Contact ▼
Email Template	New Comment (Default Template from Locale) ▼
Is Confirmation Required	No ▼
Should user be logged in to leave a comment	No ▼
Comments per Page	5
	▲ The number of comments displayed per page

1. Send Comments to Email – set email address for getting all posted comments or leave blank to get on the main admin email
2. Email Sender – a drop down with standard Magento email senders list
3. Email Template – a drop down with standard Magento email templates
4. Is Confirmation Required – select Yes for getting all posted Comments for approval, otherwise select No
5. Should user be logged in to leave a comment – Yes/No

6. Comments per Page – the number of comments displayed per one (1) page. In case number of comments exceeds the limit, Ajax pager appears.

5.3 RSS Feed

In the RSS feed sub-section it is possible *to manage main settings of the RSS*.



The screenshot shows a settings panel titled "RSS Feed". It contains two main settings:

- Enable**: A dropdown menu currently set to "No".
- Articles to show**: A text input field.

Below the "Articles to show" field, there is a small triangle icon followed by the text "Number of articles to show in the RSS feed."

1. Enable – select *Yes* to enable RSS, otherwise select *No*
2. Articles to show – number of News Articles to show in the RSS feed.

6. Result

As a result, you should get something like that (please see below):

 **Magento®**

Search entire store here...

Default welcome msg!

[My Account](#) | [News](#) | [My Wishlist](#) | [My Cart](#) | [Checkout](#) | [Log In](#)

[Home](#) / [News](#)

News



[iPhone 4S Arrives in China on January 13](#)

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CUPERTINO, California—January 4, 2012—Apple® today announced that iPhone® 4S, the most amazing iPhone yet, will be available in China and 21 additional countries on Friday, January 13. iPhone 4S is packed with incredible new features including Apple's dual-core A5 chip for blazing fast performance and stunning graphics; an all new camera with advanced optics. [view more»](#)

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[Apple Updates Final Cut Pro X](#)

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CUPERTINO, California—January 31, 2012—Apple® today released Final Cut Pro® X v10.0.3, a significant update to its revolutionary professional video editing application, which introduces multicam editing that automatically syncs up to 64 angles of video and photos; advanced chroma keying for handling complex adjustments right in the app; and enhanced XML for a richer interchange with third party apps and plug-ins [view more»](#)

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[Finding New Ways to Learn with Mac at Punahou School](#)

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Students at Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawai'i, use Mac notebooks to research class assignments and show results in ways they never could before. [view more»](#)

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The same Multi-Touch technology first introduced on iPhone comes to the mouse. Click anywhere, scroll in any direction, and swipe through images on its smooth, seamless top shell. Magic Mouse works wirelessly using Bluetooth wireless technology, so you don't have to worry about cables or adapters cluttering your workspace. And built-in software lets you configure it any way you want. [view more»](#)

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COMPARE PRODUCTS

You have no items to compare.

MY CART

You have no items in your shopping cart.



BACK TO SCHOOL
Keep your eyes open for our special **Back to School** items and save **BIG!**

COMMUNITY POLL

What is your favorite color

☐ Green

☐ Red

☐ Black

☐ Magenta

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"Customer response to our products in China has been off the charts," said Tim Cook, Apple's CEO. "With the launch in China next week, iPhone 4S will be available in over 90 countries making this our fastest iPhone rollout ever."

Beginning Friday, January 13, iPhone 4S will be available in Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Cameroon, Cayman Islands, Central African Republic, China, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, Guam, Guinea Conakry, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, Senegal, St. Vincent and The Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos and Uganda.

iPhone 4S comes in either black or white for a suggested retail price of \$199 (US) for the 16GB model, \$299 (US) for the 32GB model and \$399 (US) for the new 64GB model.* iPhone 4S is sold through the Apple Online Store, Apple's retail stores and select Apple Authorized Resellers. iPhone 4 is available for just \$99 (US) and iPhone 3GS is available for free with a two year contract from participating carriers.

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Alessandra posted on 2012-02-14 14:51:00

Uh, aren't the phones being produced in China?

Helena posted on 2012-02-14 14:51:53

I'd get the \$29 model with 32 GB :)

Submit Comment

Name *

Email *

Comment *

* Required Fields

Submit Comment

Getting Help with Magento

CommerceLab offers 6 months of free support and 1 year of free extension updates from the date of purchase. If an extension is free, you can always download its latest version from our website.

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