



Blueknow Recommender

Installation guide

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Before to start

Read the following notes before starting to use Blueknow Recommender:

- Product recommendations are **NOT** visible until at least **24 hours**.
- If your are upgrading the extension, the changes introduced maybe are not visible. To
 fix the problem, refresh Magento's cache from Admin Panel, under the option system >
 Cache Management > Magento Flush Cache.
- If the configuration page of the extension is not shown as indicated on section *How to configure*, finish your current session (logout) and start a new one (login).



What about Blueknow Recommender

Blueknow has developed a recommender service that lets you discover interesting products for the users of your online store: **Blueknow Recommender**.

The goal of the recommender is to increase sales by up to **30%**, increasing the conversion in both online store and email marketing campaigns. It also helps customers find products they are probably interested in, improving their online buying experience.

To start using the service simply create a new account at www.blueknow.com/customers and then register the eCommerce(s) where you want to show recommendations.

You can get more detailed information at www.blueknow.com, reading more about the product, case studies and customers using the service.

Blueknow Recommender is based on users' behavior (visits, purchases, clicks, and so on) to build a model that find the best products for each one. This recommendation model is absolutely dynamic, adapting itself to the preferences of each individual user over time.

To facilitate the integration of **Blueknow Recommender** over an eCommerce platform so complex as **Magento**, **Blueknow** has developed a plugin that it does all the integration effort for you. Just spending a few <u>minutes</u>.

The current version of the plugin is **1.0.1** (stable), compatible with **Magento 1.4.x**.



What integrates

Components

With the aim of showcasing product recommendations in any eCommerce based on Magento, the plugin performs the integration of these components:

- **Blueknow Tracker Code** (BKTC), responsible for capturing behavioral events of any user of an eCommerce (anonymously).
- Blueknow Recommender Code (BKRC) establishes the communication between the eCommerce and recommender service, and finally renders the widget of recommended products.

Behavioral events

The plugin integrates the following behavioral events:

- Visited. This event registers the visit of a product. It is integrated into the product detail
 page.
- Purchased. This event registers any purchase of products. It is integrated into the successful purchase page. It considers both types of checkouts supported by Magento: single shipping and multishipping.
- Clicked. This event registers a click over a recommendations widget. It is integrated into the product detail page and into the shopping cart page (where recommendations are shown).
- **Discontinued**. This event is sent when a product is discontinued or out of stock. It is integrated into the product detail page and into the successful purchase page.
- **User logged**. This event registers any user login. It is integrated into the page immediately thereafter the login page (only if successful).



Product recommendations

The plugin integrates product recommendations as follows:

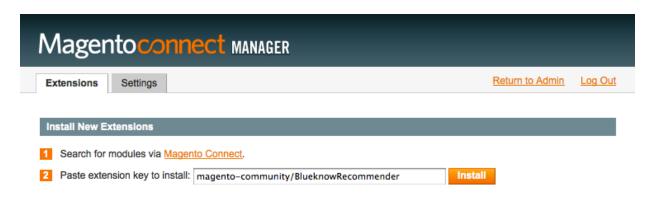
- Product detail page, taking current visited product as seed: cross-selling.
- Shopping cart page, taking the set of products inside it as seed: **up-selling**.



How to install

Installation via Magento Connect

The download and installation process is easily done via the **Magento Connect Manager** that can be found in the **System** tab of the *backend* menu. You must specify the extension key of the plugin magento-community/BlueknowRecommender and then start the installation process.



Installation via PEAR

If you have the installation file of the plugin you can proceed using PEAR, utility included within Magento distribution. For more detailed information, visit the official reference guide at: http://www.magentocommerce.com/wiki/groups/227/installing_magento_via_shell_ssh.

```
$ ./pear install BlueknowRecommender-1.0.1.tgz
install ok:
channel://connect.magentocommerce.com/community/BlueknowRecommender-1.0.1
```

On the other hand, if you want to uninstall the plugin, proceed as follows:

```
$ ./pear uninstall magento-community/BlueknowRecommender
uninstall ok:
channel://connect.magentocommerce.com/community/BlueknowRecommender-1.0.1
```



The shopping cart template

Once the plugin is installed and configured, any content is flushed immediately (product detail page, checkout page, and so on). But there is an exception. Due to the inflexibility of the shopping cart page, its layout has to be changed manually to include the container of the recommendations widget.

The affected file is:

app/design/frontend/<interface>/<theme>/template/checkout/cart.phtml

Where the addition of the following snippet is necessary:

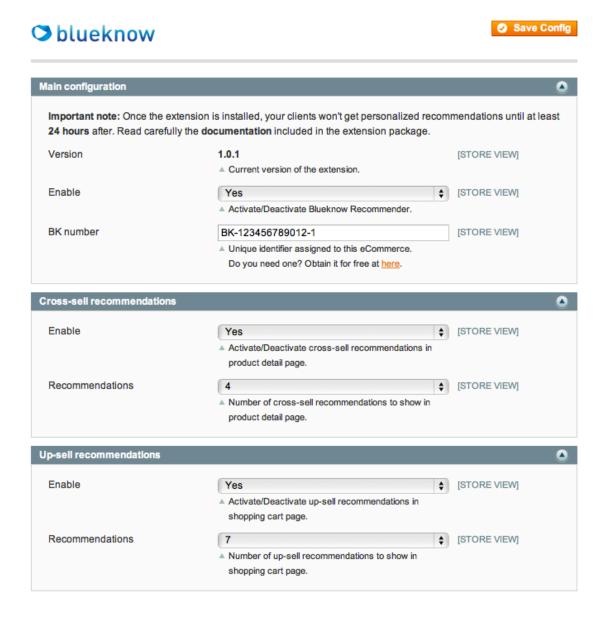
<?php echo \$this->getChildHtml('blueknow.cart.recommender.widget') ?>

Its location is completely free according to your needs.



How to configure

Once the plugin is installed, it must be configured. Simply use the Magento configuration interface which you can find following the menu links to System > Configuration > Services > Blueknow.





The configuration parameters are:

- Activate/Deactivate Blueknow Recommender.
- **BK number** assigned to the eCommerce at the moment of its registry. This is the unique required parameter to start using the service.
- Activate/Deactive cross-sell recommendations (product detail page).
- Number of cross-sell recommendations to request and show.
- Activate/Deactive up-sell recommendations (shopping cart page).
- Number of up-sell recommendations to request and show.



How to customize

Recommendations widgets styles

Widgets of recommended products shown, by default, have a very basic and similar styles to the template used in **Magento Demo Store**, being highly recommended its customization.

The affected files are:

app/design/frontend/default/default/template/blueknow/product/recommender_widget.phtml app/design/frontend/default/default/template/blueknow/cart/recommender_widget.phtml

Warning: before any upgrade in the future, backup extension files to avoid the loss of data.

Languages

The plugin includes the translation of texts for the following languages:

- Spanish (es ES).
- English (en US).
- French (fr FR).
- Portuguese (pt PT).
- **German** (de DE).

If your eCommerce uses a not supported language, it should be added as follows:

- 1. Create a new directory under app/locale (if it does not exist). The directory name should be formed by the ISO code, followed by country code.
- 2. Create the Blueknow_recommender.csv file taking a translation of another language included by default.
- 3. Translate it!

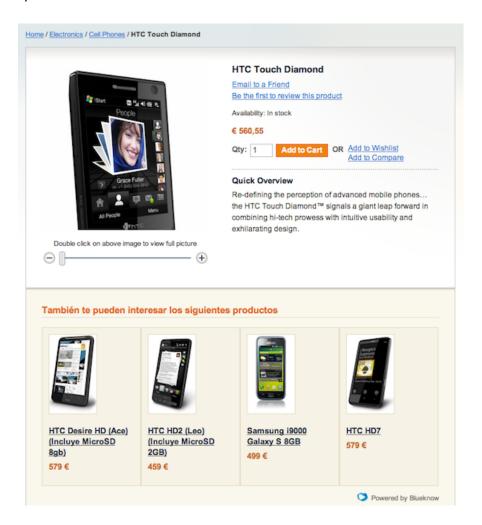


What is shown

Please, note that your eCommerce visitors will not see any recommendations at the beginning because the system needs to gather information for at least **24 hours**.

Product detail page

Inside any product detail page a collection of recommended products will be shown taking the current visited product as seed.





Shopping cart page

Inside the shopping cart page a collection of recommended products will be shown taking the whole cart as seed.

