

AMAZZING BLOG

Installation and configuration guide

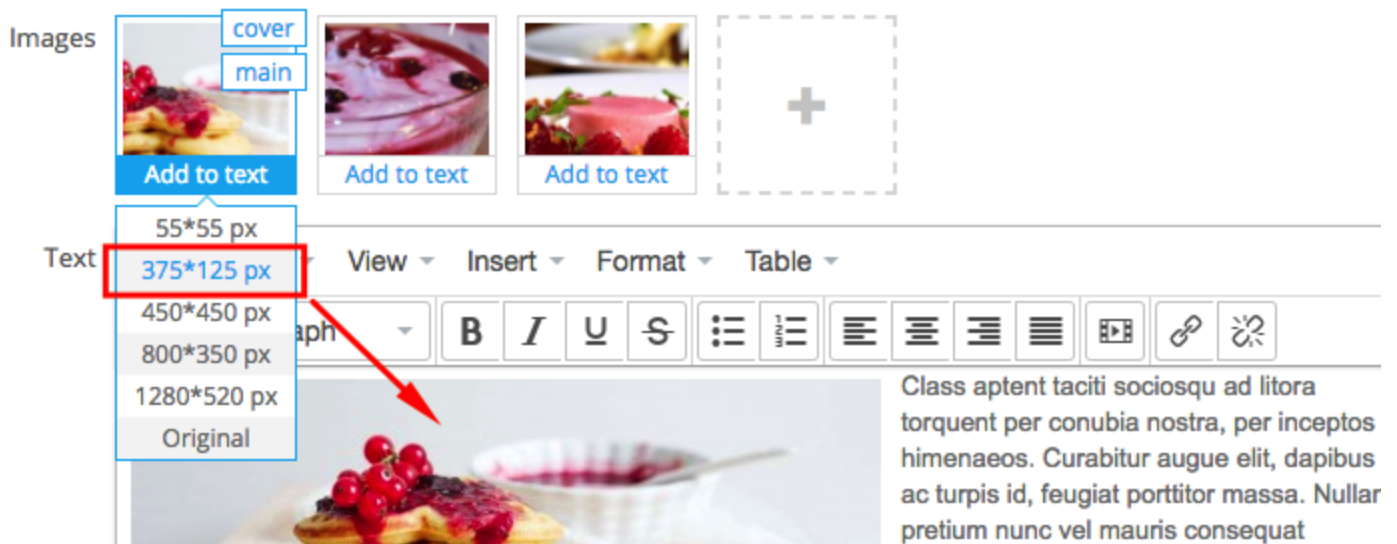
Installation

Module is installed in a regular way. Simply upload your archive and click install.

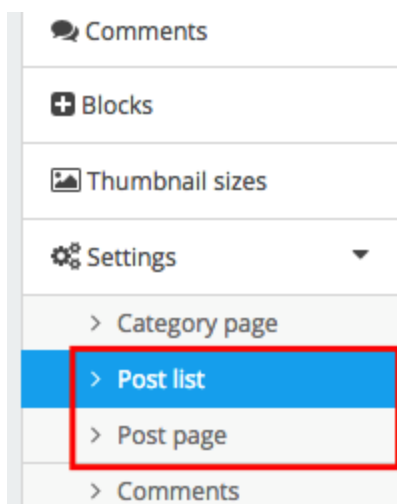
Posts

Most of post fields are self explanatory. The required fields are: **Title**, **friendly url** and **content**. In order to save the post, each of required fields needs to have a value at least in default language.

Post images: You can upload as many images as you need for each post. Once an image is uploaded you can use it as **cover** or **main** image, or insert it directly into editable text-area.



Cover image is displayed in all post-listings. **Main image** is displayed on post page. You can use same image as **cover** and **main**. In order to change cover/main images, just hover one of uploaded images and click "cover" or "main".



Post list settings and **post page settings** are available in the left menu. Here you can define sizes for cover/main images, lengths of title/introtext, sorting of posts etc...

NOTE: You can set sorting of posts by **forced positions**. These positions can different for each category.

If you want to set custom positions within a category, you should go to **Posts tab** of the left menu. Then you filter posts by required category and select "sort by position". After this you will see drag handlers at the right edge of each post. Now you can easily drag-n-drop them to arrange in required order.

Sort by: Position ↓ ---Desserts Filter by author + NEW POST

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Thumbnail sizes

When new image is uploaded to post or category, it is automatically resampled in predefined sizes, that can be used in different places of your store. For example, one size can be used for post previews on category page. Another size can be used for small post previews in left column. One more size can be used for larger post previews on main page etc... Moreover, when you insert uploaded images into text, you can select one of predefined sizes as well.

You can add as many custom thumbnail sizes as required. But keep in mind, that when you add/update a size, new dimensions will be applied to all **future** uploads. Images that were uploaded previously will stay unchanged. If you want to update sizes of existing images, you should **regenerate** them.

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| Medium | m | 450 | 450 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Large | l | 800 | 350 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Extra large | xl | 1280 | 520 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |

+ ADD NEW THUMBNAİL SIZE
All sizes
All resources
 Regenerate thumbnails

Categories



On categories tab you have all categories arranged in a structured tree-view. Here you add/edit/delete them.

Root category represents your main blog page. This is where you can define multilingual **title**, **slug** and **meta-tags** for your blog.

For example, it can be called "News", and be available at yoursite.com/en/news/

Category page settings are available in the left menu among other settings types.

BLOG ROOT CATEGORY

- Fashion
- Cooking  
 - Desserts
 - Appetizers
- Sports
- Art

User comments

User comments can be approved/edited/hidden/deleted on "Comments" tab.

Comments settings are available in the left menu. Most of these settings are self-explanatory. Here is the description of some specific options:

Instant publish: If this option is enabled, comments are published instantly, without pre-moderation. You can edit/hide/delete any comment after it has been published. If this option is disabled, comments are published only after approving by a shop employee.

Email for notifications: Each time a new comment is submitted a notification will be sent to e-mail specified in this field. If you don't want to receive any notifications, leave this field empty.

Max comments within 1 hour: Maximum number of comments that a user can post within an hour. This limitation is based on user IP address.


reCAPTCHA: This is a well known anti spam system that is used on many different sites. In order to use it on your blog, you should fill **site Key** and **site Secret** fields. Both of keys can be obtained [here](#). When you are prompted to select type of reCAPTCHA, select "Invisible reCAPTCHA". This is the newest type of reCAPTCHA. Same as previous versions it makes sure that comments are submitted by a human, but it doesn't require extra typing of blurred characters.

Comments can be enabled/disabled on [General settings tab](#).

NOTE: Comment authors are linked to customer/guest ids. If customer logs out and then logs in after some time, he will have same avatar and username. If customer/guest uploads a new avatar it will be applied to all his other comments.

Blocks

Blocks are used for displaying selected blog contents anywhere in your store, like on homepage, or in left column, or after product description etc...

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| Block Title | <input type="text" value="Latest blog posts"/> | <input type="button" value="en"/> |
| Block type | <input type="text" value="Latest posts"/> | |
| Display as | <input type="text" value="Carousel"/> |  |
| Container class | <input type="text"/> | |
| Total items | <input type="text" value="7"/> | |
| Cover image | <input type="text" value="Large (800*350)"/> | |

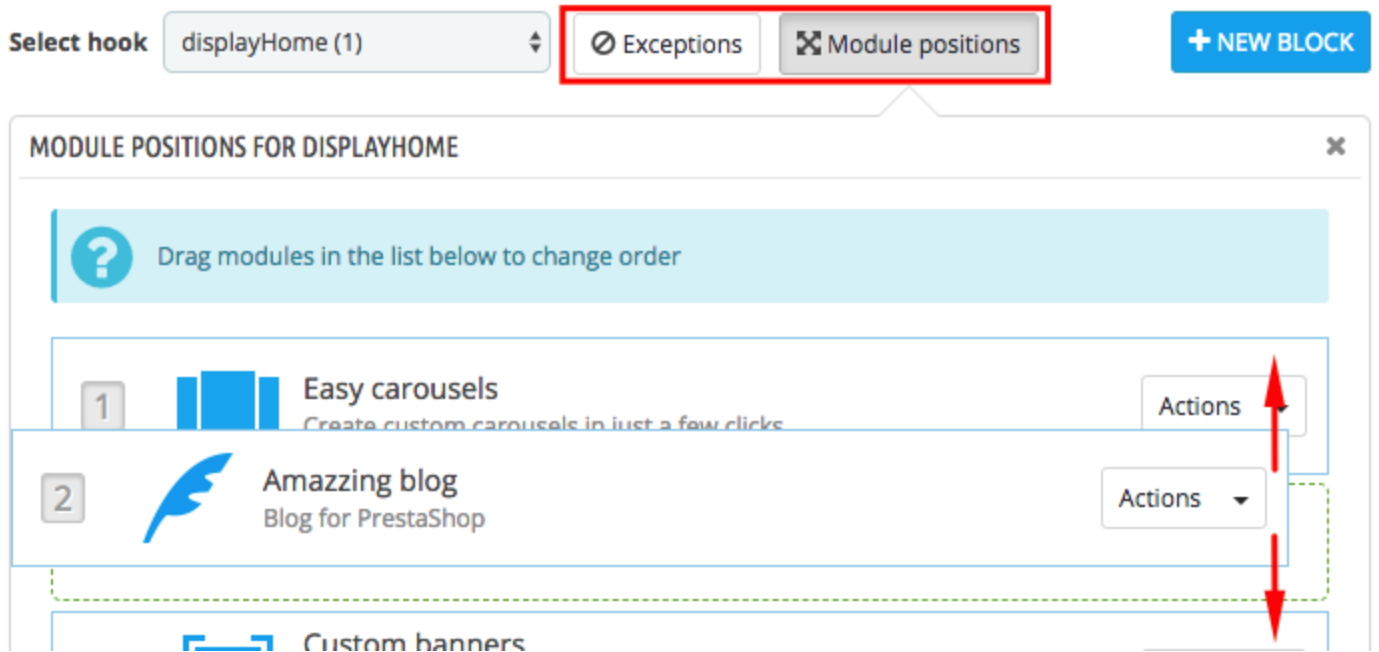
For example, you can display latest posts on homepage, or you can display most viewed posts in the left column on all pages. Moreover, blocks can be used for displaying blog categories or displaying products that are related to specific posts.

In order to add a block, first you should select a hook where you want to include this block and then click "new block". After this you can specify custom **title**, select **type** of displayed content (for example "Latest posts"), set **number of items** that should be displayed, select size of **cover** images, select the layout (**grid/list/carousel**), etc...

Besides prestashop native hooks, there are 3 custom hooks available : **displayBlog1/2/3**. These hooks can be placed anywhere on your site. In order to insert it in some specific place, find this place in your tpl file and add the following code there:

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{hook h='displayBlog1'} or {hook h='displayBlog2'} or {hook h='displayBlog3'}
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You can dynamically arrange **module positions** and set **page exceptions** for each hook. Both of these options work “on-the-fly”, without reloading page.



General settings

Most of settings are self explanatory. Here is the description of some specific options:

Include category parents in URLs: Optionally add parents in URLs of categories and posts. So, with this option, path to category looks like this: `/blog/category/subcategory_1/subcategory_2/`
Without this option path to same category will look like this: `/blog/subcategory_2/`

Load icon fonts: This option ensures proper display of icons for social networks, navigation arrows, post comments, post views etc. If you are sure that your theme supports 'icon-xx' classes, you can turn this option off. Pay attention to 'icon-google-plus' and 'icon-odnoklassniki'.

Import/Export data

You can export current blog data and use it later as a backup on the same store, or upload it to any other store with a compliant version of blog module.

In order to export current blog data, click "Export blog data" and save the file. This file contains data for posts, categories, settings and blocks including module positions and page exceptions.

In order to import data, click "Import blog data" and upload file, that was exported before. When you upload the file, data is processed in a smart way to synchronize with installed languages/shops.