

2014

Customer Group Restriction Magento Extension Guide



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OVERVIEW

Customer group restriction is an **open-source Magento module developed by Commerce Bees**. The primary focus of the module is to restrict the purchase of products from a particular group of customers.

FEATURES

- Restrict products individually from a group of customers
- Supports bulk updates (Update product attribute)
- Dynamically includes customer groups
- Product is not restricted completely; customers can still see the products. Only **Add to cart will not be available for the restricted customer groups**
- Supports product restriction for multiple groups

INSTALLATION

It is highly recommended to backup your files and database before installing this module. Commerce Bees are not responsible for any adverse effects. It is recommended to install this module in a test environment for initial testing, before implementing the same in your live environment.

- Extract the zip folder (if not installed via Magento Connect Manager)
- Copy the **app** folder and paste it in your site's document root
- Merge the files when asked
- Clear your **cache**
- Logout from the **admin** and login again

MODULE CONFLICTS

We have rewritten the following files in our module

app/code/core/Mage/Catalog/Model/Product.php

app/design/frontend/base/default/template/catalog/product/list.phtml

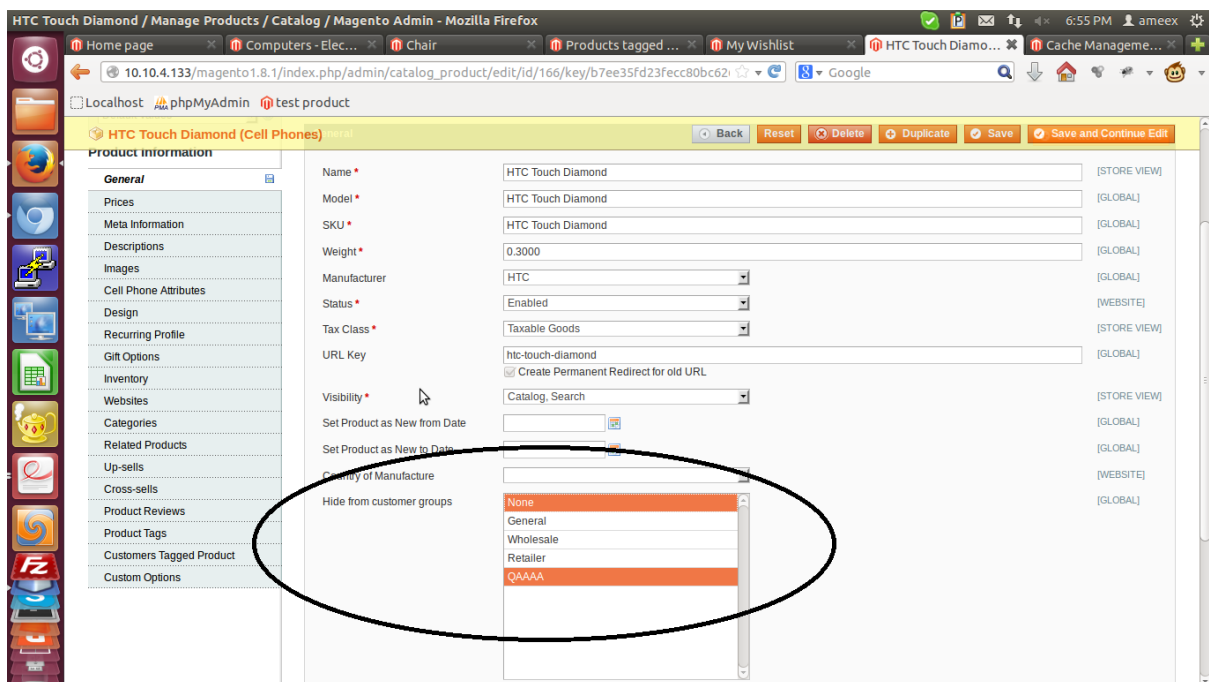
app/design/frontend/base/default/template/catalog/product/compare/list.phtml

app/design/frontend/base/default/template/checkout/cart/crosssell.phtml

If your Magento instance or any other module or theme or whichever you are using in your site is rewriting any of these files, it is highly recommended to follow the solution for Magento's module conflict problem or drop an e-mail about your problem at support@commercebees.com.

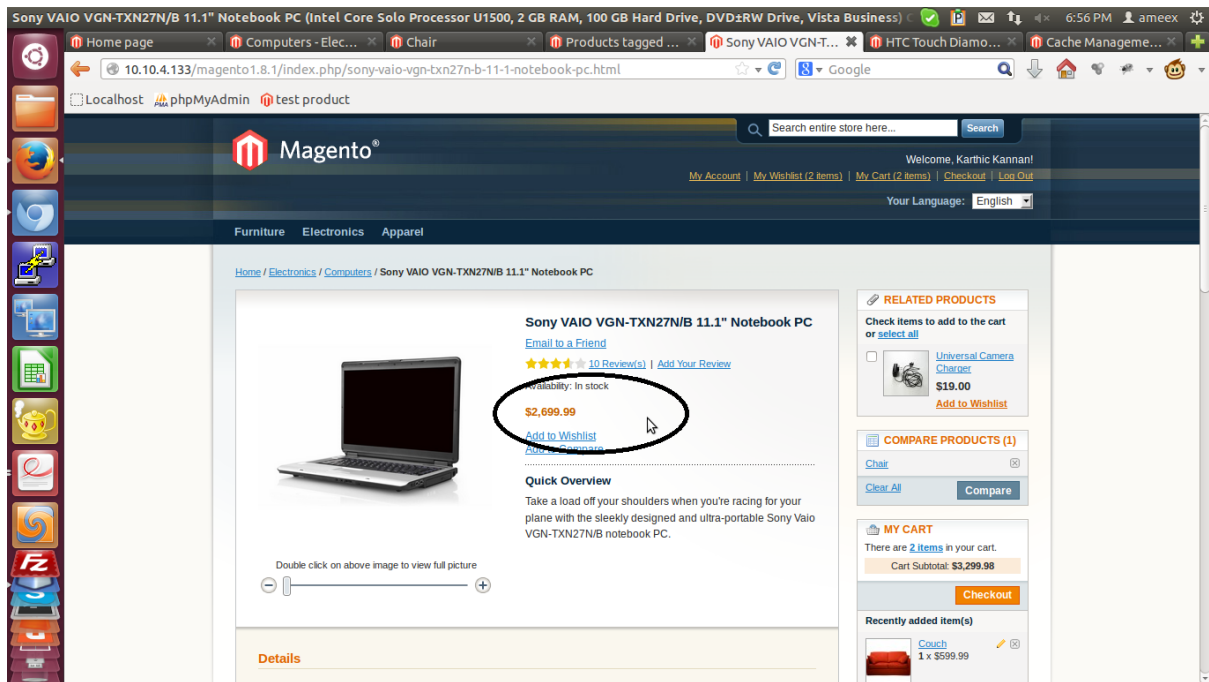
CONFIGURATION

- 1) Log into your site's admin panel. Go to **Catalog -> Manage Products**. Choose a product which you want to restrict from a customer group
- 2) Under the **General** tab, you can find an attribute named **Hide from customer groups**. It will list all the customer groups which are available at this time (*It will update the available customer groups automatically when you add a new customer group in future*)
- 3) Select the customer groups which you want to restrict. You can select more than one group by holding the **ctrl** key

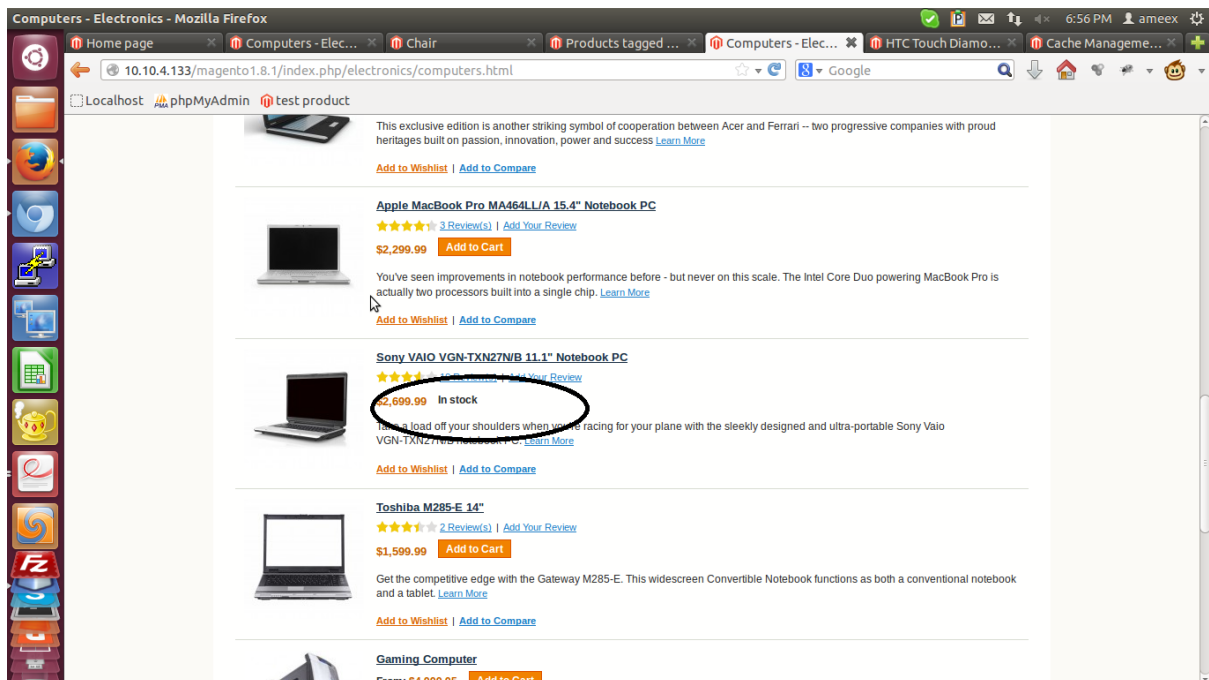


- 4) Save the settings
- 5) **Re-index and refresh the cache** (if prompted)
- 6) Go to your site and login as a user who belongs to the restricted customer group
- 7) Navigate to the product detail page and see the magic. The restricted customer can see that product but cannot buy it. **Add to cart button will not be available.**

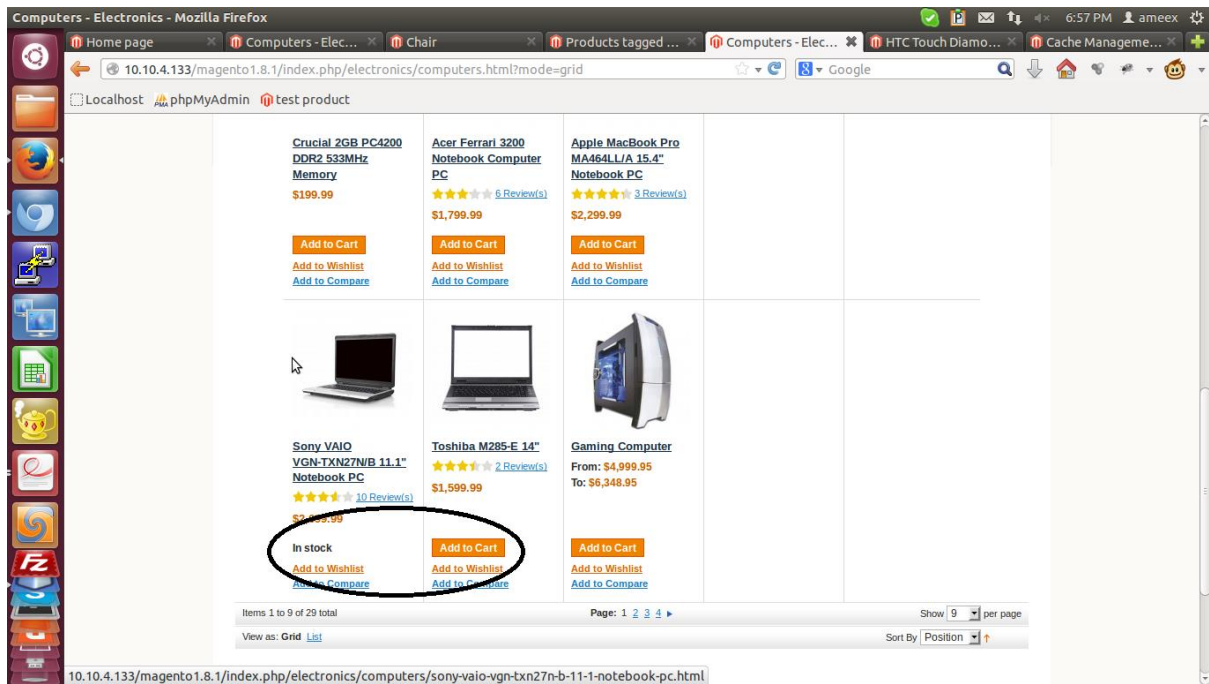
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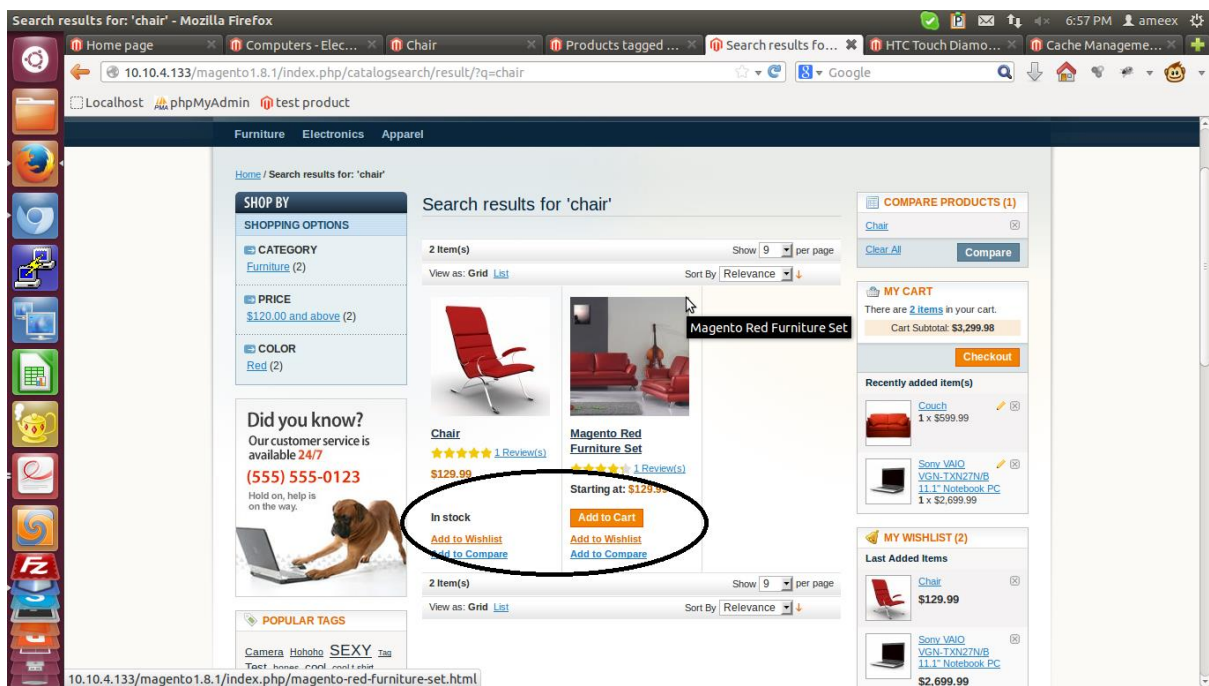
- 8) The same scenario can be seen in the following pages
- category page (both in list mode and grid mode)



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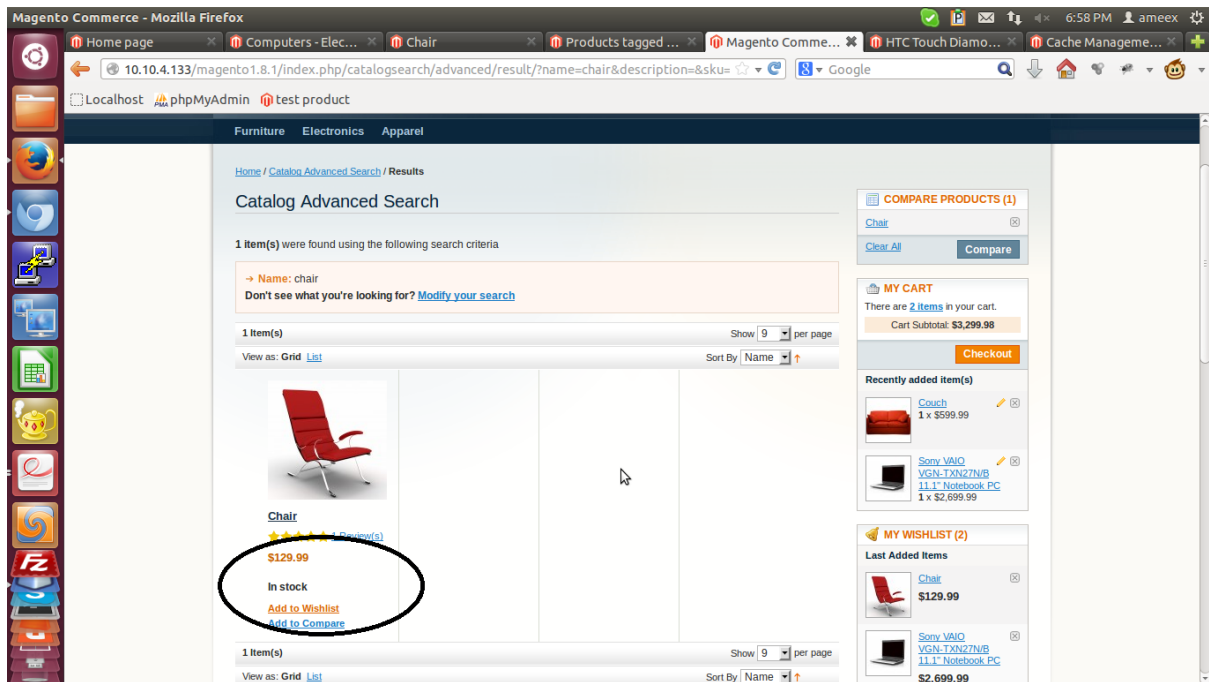


➤ search result page (both in list mode and grid mode)

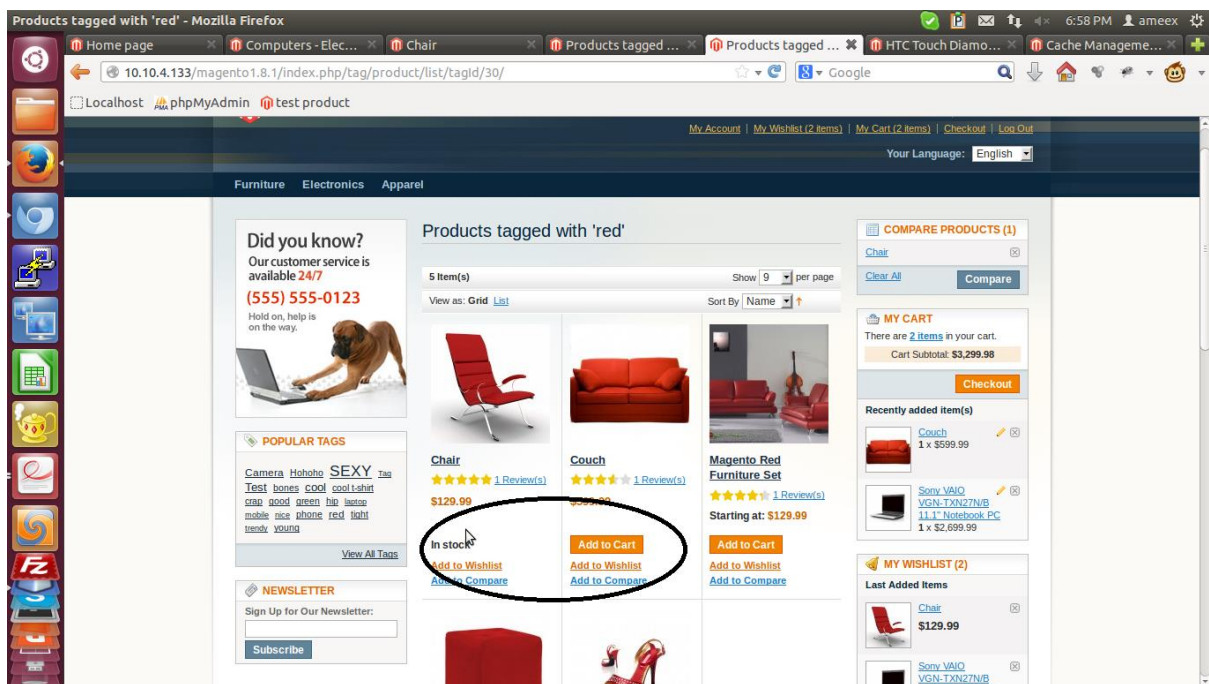


➤ advanced search result page (both in list mode and grid mode)

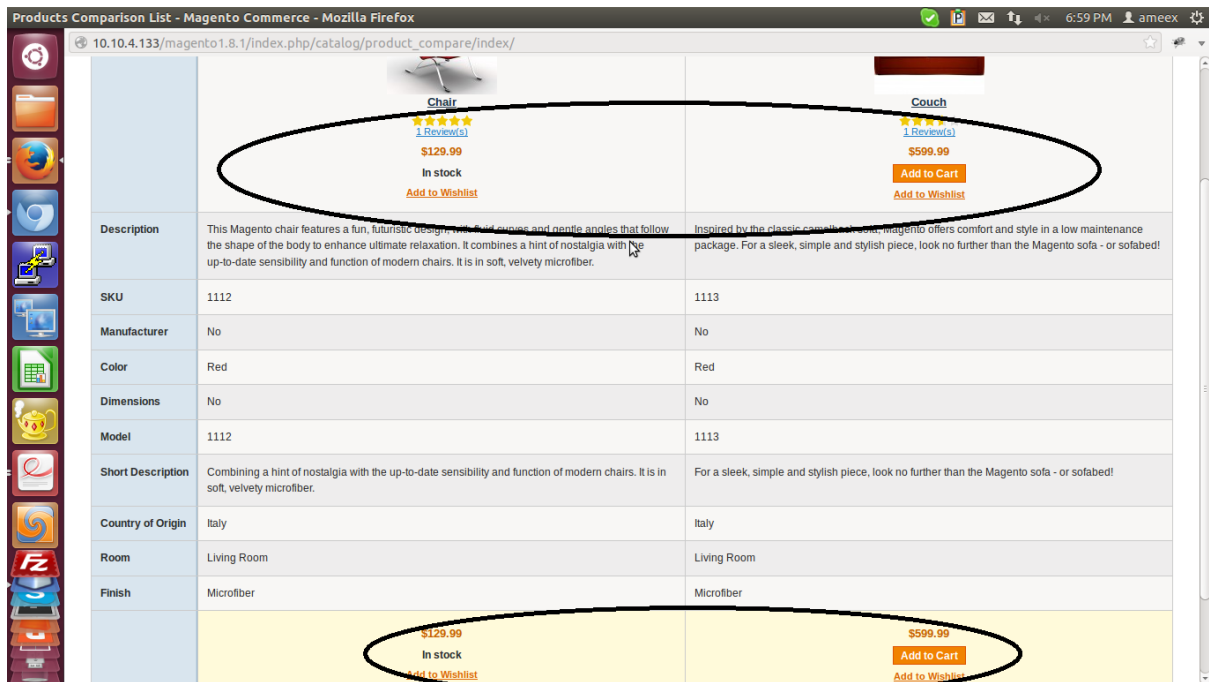
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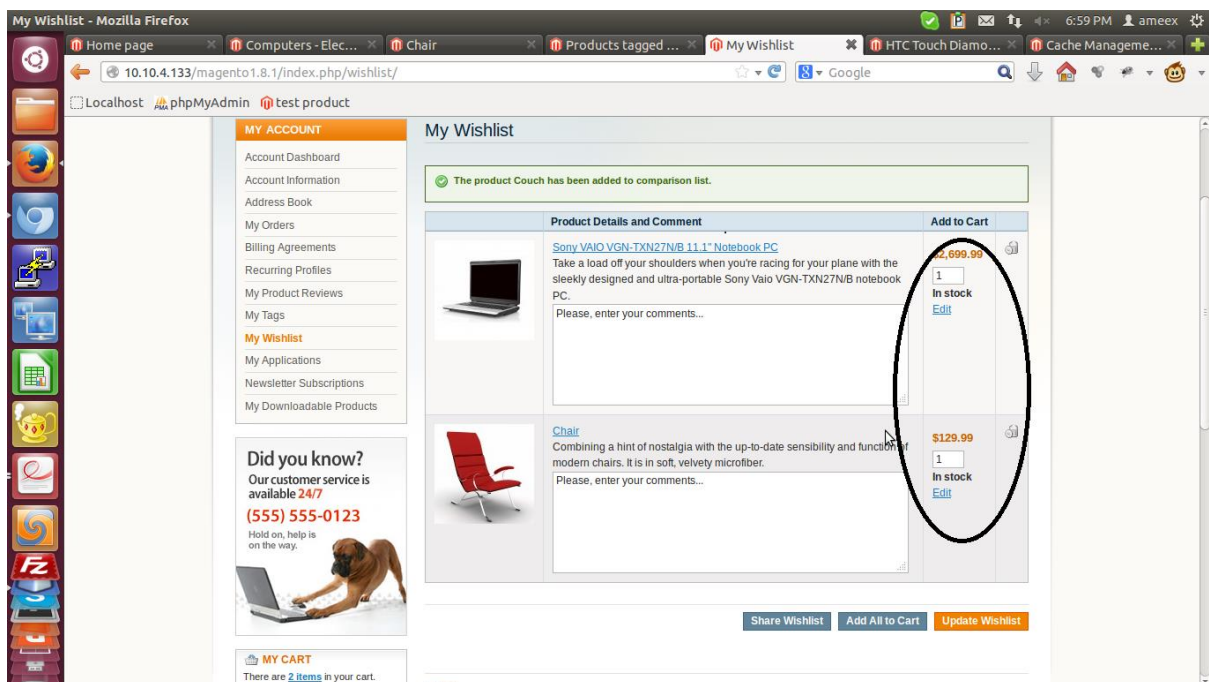
- products tag page (both in list mode and grid mode)

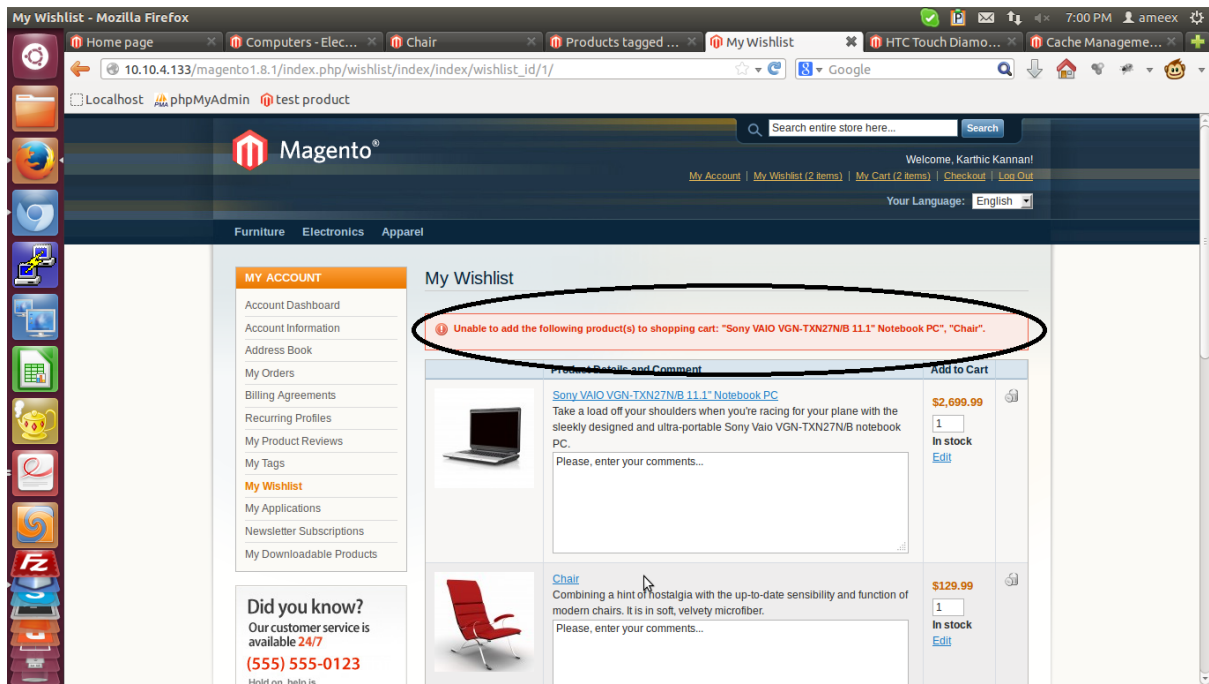


- products compare page

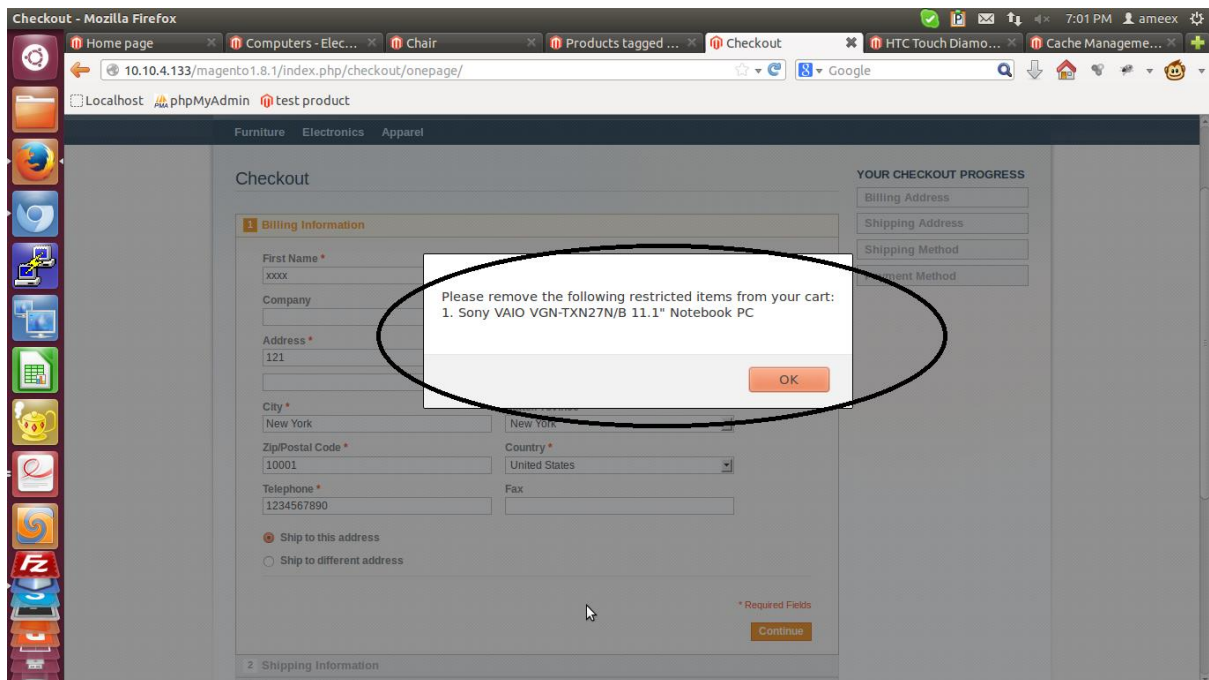


➤ when adding a restricted product from wish list to cart





➤ when checking out with a restricted product in cart



SUPPORT

If you have any questions or problems, please write to us at support@commercebees.com.
If you have any suggestions for improving this module's features, please feel free to write back to us, we will consider your thoughts during our next release.